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Region I Report

East Central Solid Waste Management District -Region I Serving Franklin, Lincoln, Montgomery & Warren Counties

Free Pesticide Collection for Missouri Households & Farmers



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Saturday, Sept. 25 8:00 a.m. to noon MFA Agri Services

304 Depot St. Marthasville, Missouri

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources Pesticide Collection Program provides free collection events for farmers and households throughout the state of Missouri to properly dispose of unwanted waste pesticides. One of these collections has been scheduled to occur in the Region I Solid Waste Management District this year. It will take place on Saturday, September 25, 2021 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm in Marthasville.

Please share information about this free opportunity to properly dispose of unwanted



waste pesticides including herbicides, insecticides, rodenticides and fungicides with residents. Pesticides from businesses will NOT be accepted.

Visit https://boonslick.org to link to a flyer with more information.

DID YOU KNOW?

There are several ways to control weeds. Rather than making chemicals your go-to solution, you may want to try other methods first.

- Keep turf healthy and dense to prevent weeds from getting started. Mowing at the proper height will help keep grass healthy.
- In landscape beds, plant closely enough to shade out competing weeds.
- Use landscape fabric in beds and cover the fabric with mulch to block weeds.
- Keep unwanted plants from getting established and spreading by pulling them before they go to seed. Dandelions are a good example.
- If you determine chemicals are needed, read the label to make sure what you chose will address the problem. Buy only what you need, keep out of reach of children, and dispose of properly.

The Region I Solid
Waste Management
District includes the
counties of Franklin,
Lincoln, Montgomery,
and Warren.
Cities within those
counties with a
population of
500 or more are
also members.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Gerald New Haven Oak Grove Village Pacific St. Clair Union Washington

LINCOLN COUNTY

Elsberry Hawk Point Moscow Mills Troy Winfield

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Jonesburg Montgomery City New Florence Wellsville

WARREN COUNTY

Innsbrook Marthasville Truesdale Warrenton Wright City

SAVE THE DATE

Region I SWMD Annual Meeting

Tuesday, November 16, 2021 12:00 p.m.

We hope you can join us! Details to follow.



Keep America Beautiful® Hosting 3rd Annual TrashDash



TrashDash is a national event in the month of September. Individuals are plogging—picking up litter while jogging— to clean up and beautify their local communities. Ploggers are invited to register on the Keep America Beautiful website.

Keep America Beautiful works to end litter

because it affects environmental, community, and individual health. The organization's 2020 National Litter Study provides details about the quantity, composition, and sources of litter across the United States. Findings estimate there are nearly 50 billion pieces of litter along U.S. roadways and waterways, with slightly more along waterways (approximately 2,000 pieces of litter per mile).

Cigarette butts, and plastic film (both general use and food-packaging film) represent the most littered items in America. Although cigarette butt litter has decreased since the 2009 survey, there was an increased amount of cardboard, food packaging film, and containers for beer, sports drinks, and water.

Because the study was conducted in 2020, it provides the country's only estimate of personal protective equipment (PPE) littered at the time of the study during the COVID-19 pandemic. The study estimates 207.1 million PPE items were littered along U.S. roadways and waterways. PPE glove litter was twice as likely to be found along waterways, while PPE mask litter was similar along roadways and waterways. This suggests that a significant proportion of waste that is littered in our communities and along our roads will end up along waterways.

Ninety percent of U.S. residents reported that litter is a problem in their state. Large majorities recognize that litter negatively affects the environment, waterways, property taxes, home values, tourism and business, quality of life, and health and safety in their communities. Cleaning up public spaces and providing infrastructure for waste are activities that can change littering behavior.

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