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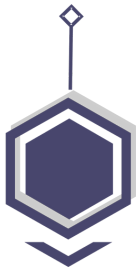


2022 Numbers At-A-Glance

338,482
pounds
electronics
recycled

15
Waste haulers
licensed

337
Households
attending
Shred/Med Day



315
Households using
household
chemical
collections

431,180
pounds of recyclables
collected from
drop-offs

222
pounds of
medication disposed
of at 2 Drug Take-
Back events

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPRING Shred/Med Day:
April 22

Household Chemical
Collection: June 24

Check page 3 for more info!

Be among the first to know about upcoming events. Our scheduling app will allow users to see and schedule times for JCHD events from one location. This app can be downloaded by using the QR code below or visiting www.RecycleJacksonCounty.org.



Thank you, Jackson County, for making our 2022 recycling program a great success! We hope 2023 will be just as successful in keeping recyclables out of the landfill!

What is Open Dumping?

Illinois law prohibits anyone from causing or allowing illegal (“open”) dumping of any waste material to occur. Individuals are not allowed to dump or bury waste on their own property or another’s property, and cannot allow others to dump or bury waste on their property. Waste must be either recycled or disposed at a permitted landfill. Waste includes any material not currently being used or protected for an intended, near-future use. Wastes include household refuse, electronics, furniture, construction & demolition material, old tires, and more.

When people open dump waste, they create risks to public health and safety. These risks can include: health risks, harboring disease-carrying mosquitoes, flies & rodents, fire & explosions, release of toxic materials, or contamination of wells or surface water caused by run-off from dump sites.

If you have materials , such as demolition debris or old tires, that you’d like to keep for a future use, then heed the following advice: Keep the material sorted and organized, elevated off the ground, and under cover, such as a shed or tarp. These actions help demonstrate that the materials have value and are not waste materials which should be disposed of. Also, have a plan for how and when they will be utilized.



What if you find yourself with a citation from the JCHD?

Open dumping sites are usually found through a citizen’s complaint or communication with another government agency. Upon notification an inspection/investigation is conducted by the Jackson County Solid Waste Compliance Specialist. Depending on the type of violation observed, we proceed with education and, if appropriate, enforcement action. If violations are found, the site is ordered to be cleaned up. If none are found, the matter is dropped. Should a site be found that is only marginally out of compliance, the site owner is contacted and given information to help them bring the site into compliance. Non-compliant sites may face civil penalties (fines starting at \$1,500) should they refuse to take action or allow a site to become non-compliant again.

For additional information, please contact Aaron Kelley at aaronk@jchdonline.org or at 618-684-3143 ext. 138.

Upcoming Events

Spring Shred/Med Day

Sat. April 22 8:00am-12:00pm Jackson Co. Health Dept.

- Confidential document shredding
- Medication disposal
- Appointment required

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Sat. June 24 8:00am-3:30pm Banterra Center Parking Lot

- Safely dispose of: oil, gas, aerosols, household chemicals, pesticides, herbicides, insecticides, oil based paint, antifreeze, degreasers, and more.
- Appointment required

To schedule an appointment for Shred/Med Day visit

<https://JCHDonline.as.me/ShredMed2023>

For more information please scan QR code, call

618-684-3143 ext. 128 or visit

www.recyclejacksoncounty.org



New Recycling Resource Available: "Black Faces in Green Spaces: The Journeys of Black Professionals in Green Careers"



This new display resource is available for local educators, homeschool groups, and community organizations. The resource was recently released by the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI), Project Learning Tree (PLT), and Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences (MANRRS) to highlight 22 Black Americans who share personal stories about their passions and overcoming challenges and finding careers in the conservation sector.

If you would like more information, please contact Angie Kuehl, Recycling Educator, at angiek@jchdonline.org or 618-684-3143 x 157.



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