

Trash Tracks



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Logan V. Miller New Chief of Facilities



Mr. Logan V. Miller, P.E., BCEE has been appointed the Delaware Solid Waste Authority's (DSWA) Chief of Facilities Management. Mr. Miller received a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science from Wesley College and a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Technologies and Technical Management from the University of Delaware. He has been employed at the DSWA since 1986. He has served as a Facility Manager for DSWA's Sandtown

Landfill, Pine Tree Corners Transfer Station, and Milford Transfer Station since 1997. As Facility Manager, Mr. Miller was responsible for overseeing facility operations and personnel. Mr. Miller is a Professional Engineer in Delaware and a Board Certified Environmental Engineer with the American Academy of Environmental Engineers. In his new position, he will oversee the management of all DSWA operating facilities. When asked about his new position, Mr. Miller said, "Working at DSWA is truly a fantastic opportunity to work with a talented group of people. I look forward to working together to meet the many challenges that await us in this ever changing business."

DSWA Mercantile Store Closes



The Delaware Solid Waste Authority closed the doors to the Mercantile store on January 1, 2008. The store was located on Lambsons Lane in New Castle. Due to the store closing, DSWA will no longer be accepting donations for items to sell. DSWA would like to thank all the residents that visited the store or donated items to be sold while the store was open.



HHW Schedule

- **March 1, 2008**
Frawley Stadium
(Blue Rocks) Parking Lot,
8am-4pm
- **April 5, 2008**
Pine Tree Corners
Transfer Station,
8am-4pm
- **May 3, 2008**
Jones Crossroads Landfill,
8am-4pm

Special HHW Event

On January 26, 2008, DSWA held a special household hazardous waste event at the Pine Tree Corners Transfer Station. The special event was actually the idea of 17-year old Meagan Santangelo. Meagan is working towards her Gold Award. The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award that a Girl Scout between the ages of 14 and 18 can achieve. The main focus of a Gold Award is the service project chosen and run by the girl. A minimum of 65 hours must be spent on this part of the project alone. Meagan chose to focus her project on household hazardous waste. Prior to the event, Meagan passed out flyers to all of her neighbors and at various schools. On the day of the event along

Pictured below:
Girl Scout Megan Santangelo with Representative Richard Cathcart & DSWA Board Member, Mr. Toby Ryan



with House Majority Leader Richard Cathcart and other members of her Girl Scout troop, Meagan surveyed each resident that came to the event and gave each of them a thank you card. The event was a great success with 176 residents dropping off hazardous waste during the four-hour period.

Compost Bins

Residents who are interested in composting at their home can purchase composting bins from DSWA. DSWA has bins available to the public for \$10.00. The bins will expand out to three feet wide and are made from recycled materials. They are easy to move to different locations within your property so it makes it easier to use the compost once it is ready. The bins are currently available at four locations. Residents in New Castle County can purchase the composting bins at the University of Delaware Extension Office at 461 Wyoming Road in Newark. Residents in Kent County can purchase the bins at the DSWA Administration Office at 1128 S. Bradford Street in Dover or the University of Delaware Extension Office at 69 Transportation Circle in Dover. Residents in Sussex County can purchase the bins at the University of Delaware Extension Office at 16483 County Seat Hwy. in Georgetown. If you have questions regarding the bins, please contact our CITIZENS' RESPONSE LINE at 1-800-404-7080.



Yard Waste Ban

The New Castle County Yard Waste Ban went into effect on January 24, 2008. Residents in northern New Castle County are no longer able to mix yard waste with their normal household garbage. There are several different options for these residents. DSWA has a Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) program where residents can purchase stickers at \$1.00 each and must be purchased in increments of 10. These fluorescent pink stickers must be put on their yard waste bags and DSWA will pick them up. Residents will be required to supply their own bags for this program. Bags should be no larger than 39 gallons and be a minimum thickness of 1 mil. Once residents purchase these stickers they will be put on a regular route, which will bring the yard waste to the Cherry Island Landfill for recycling.

Residents can also bring their yard waste directly to the Cherry Island Landfill to have it recycled. The cost to drop-off yard waste to the landfill is \$61.50 per ton. A portion of this yard waste will be shredded to produce mulch, which will be available free for residents at DNREC's yard waste drop-off sites. Another portion of yard waste will be composted and used on site at Cherry Island Landfill for landscaping.

Another option available to residents is from the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC). They have opened three free yard waste drop-off sites within the county. The sites are open every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The first site is located at DART's mid-county facility at the southwest corner of Rt. 13 and Rt. 72 near Bear. The second site is located on Polly Drummond Hill Road directly across from the entrance to the Judge Morris Estate. The third site is located on the north side of Cauffiel Parkway, approximately 100 yards east of the Cauffiel Parkway and Philadelphia Pike (Business Route 13) intersection. Yard waste will be ground into mulch and will be free to residents when it is available. If you would like more information on these sites or to find out when mulch will be available, please call DNREC at 739-9403.



Kent County Single-Stream Recycling Program Takes Off!

On January 1, 2008, DSWA started a new single-stream curbside program available to Kent County trash district residents. The program included approximately 10,000 residents and will be paid for through their county taxes. In this program, residents went from twice a week trash pickup to once a week trash pickup and once every other week recycling pickup. Residents were delivered blue and yellow 65-gallon carts on wheels for all their recycling. This new single-stream program requires no separating of recyclables materials. The program has been a huge success with 75% participation within the trash district. DSWA collects approximately eleven tons of recyclables within the trash district on a daily basis.

Senator Tom Carper collects Curbside Recycling with DSWA!



On Friday, February 15, Senator Tom Carper joined the Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA) to collect curbside recyclables from residents in Kent County. Senator Carper is an avid recycler and wanted to show his support for DSWA's program. Pictured above are Senator Tom Carper, DSWA Curbside Recycling Technician Jeremy Hannah, and DSWA Curbside Recycling Technician Jesse Dale.

DSWA gets a NEW website!



The Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA) launched the new website on February 1, 2008. The new site features pull-down menus for all DSWA topics. There is an online store available where residents can sign-up for curbside recycling and order yard waste stickers and collection station tickets. The home page will always feature the latest news from DSWA. Residents can also easily email questions or comments to the authority right from the site. The site can be found at www.dswa.com.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TRASH CAN DAN!

On January 31, 2008, Trash Can Dan celebrated his 25 birthday. Trash Can Dan is part of the DSWA family and has been since 1983. Throughout the years, Trash Can Dan has become a familiar character for families throughout the state. He is an important part of the Public Information Group and their mission to educate the public about the importance of the environment. Trash Can Dan spends his days visiting schools and special events to promote DSWA's mission. Trash Can Dan stars in numerous educational books for children. He also is happy to have his own club, The Clean Up Kids Club with over 9,000 members. Trash Can Dan is looking forward to another great year!



COMING SOON DSWA'S EARTH DAY FESTIVAL!

April 19, 2008 is DSWA's 8th Annual Earth Day!



DSWA's Eighth Annual Earth Day Festival will be held on Saturday, April 19, 2008 at Killens Pond State Park in Felton. The event will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This year's theme is "We only have one...Protect It!" Children in attendance will be able to follow their Earth Day passport to various booths in the park to learn more about Earth Day and the environment. There will be a lot of fun things for them to do such as inflatables and pony rides, just to name a few. There will also be several different food booths with all proceeds going to various groups and charities.



Single-Stream IS HERE!

Residents may have noticed a change in their local recycling drop-off centers. There have been bright yellow decals put on the recycling bins because the drop-off centers are now single-stream. This means that items being recycled no longer need to be separated. DSWA has also added the collection of paperboard to the recycling program. Items such as cereal and tissue boxes can now be accepted at our drop-off centers. Cardboard, household batteries, motor oil, textiles, and oil filters will still be collected at the drop-off sites. These materials will continue to be collected in separate containers due to their size or special nature.

"TRASH TRACKS" ***now online!***

Delaware Solid Waste Authority's (DSWA) Quarterly Newsletter "Trash Tracks" is now available online. DSWA has switched to a paper-free version of its newsletter in order to preserve trees. "Trash Tracks" keeps Delaware Residents up to date on DSWA's various recycling and educational program and other happenings at DSWA.