

DELAWARE SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY'S

# Trash Tracks



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## CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION DEBRIS PROGRAM CHANGE

Beginning January 1, 2008, The Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA) will no longer be accepting loads of construction and demolition debris (C&D) or any loads mixed with C&D and municipal solid waste (MSW) at its three transfer stations. The transfer stations include; The Pine Tree Corners Transfer Station in Townsend, Milford Transfer Station on Rt. 113 in Milford, and The Rt. 5 Transfer Station in Harbeson. C&D creates several problems at the transfer stations. Wallboard is a common component of C&D, and at this time DSWA is making an effort to keep wallboard out of the landfill by recycling the material. When C&D is loaded with other waste at the transfer station, it is very difficult to pull out the wallboard. Since, DSWA recycles the C&D as alternate daily cover for the landfills, the removal of wallboard from the C&D greatly enhances the product and minimizes odor potential. C&D, when dumped from a roll-off truck, also creates large amounts of dust, which potentially can be a safety hazard inside the transfer station. Lastly, C&D contributes to the wear and tear on the transfer station tipping floor. For more information, please call our Citizens' Response Line at 1-800-404-7080 or visit our website at [www.dswa.com](http://www.dswa.com).

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE UPDATES

The Delaware Solid Waste Authority has updated their Holiday Schedule. Your regularly scheduled DSWA curbside pick-up of recyclables will change during the following holidays:

New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day

If the holiday falls on your scheduled pick-up day, your recyclables will be picked up on the following day. All remaining pick-ups for that week will be a day later. Please have your recyclables at the curb no later than 7:00 am.



## SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING IS HERE!

The Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA) is excited to be making a new change to its existing curbside recycling program. All Delaware residents will be able to sign-up for single-stream curbside recycling. Single-Stream recycling is a process in which materials are collected mixed together with no sorting required by individual recyclers. This means cans and bottles can be recycled together with newspaper, cardboard, and many other approved recyclables. Residents will receive a 65-gallon cart on wheels. This cart will be used for the collection of recyclable materials accepted by DSWA. There is no need to separate any material that goes into this new cart. Single-stream curbside recycling will cost residents \$6 per month. Residents are billed twice a year, \$36 per bill. Customers will have their recyclables collected every other week by DSWA. For more information on this program, please call the Citizens' Response Line at 1-800-404-7080.



# YARD WASTE BAN

**Beginning January 24, 2008**, the Yard Waste Ban for New Castle County Residents will go into effect. This means that residents may no longer be able to combine yard waste with their household garbage. Restricting yard waste from the Cherry Island Landfill remains a permit condition that the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) issued to the Delaware Solid Waste Authority. Current estimates based on DSWA's recent statewide waste characterization study place yard waste at approximately 16.4% of residential waste. By diverting yard waste from the landfill, the life expectancy of the landfill will be extended.

There will be a number of options available for the disposal of yard waste. First, residents are encouraged to check with their current trash hauler to determine if they will have any special pick-ups available. Residents may also sign-up for DSWA's improved yard waste collection program. This new program is a Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) system. Residents will purchase stickers for a \$1 a bag and place yard waste at the curb for pick-up by DSWA. Stickers must be bought in \$10 increments. Lawn and leaf bags can be purchased from most home improvement or hardware stores. These should not exceed a maximum size of 39 gallons and at least 1 mil. in thickness. A mil is one-thousandth of an inch and should be labeled by the bag maker. Weekly pick-up will occur during the months of April through December and every other week during the months of January through March.

Residents may also continue to bring loads of yard waste to the Cherry Island Landfill where it will be recycled into mulch or compost. Yard waste is accepted at the normal tipping fee of \$61.50 per ton.

DNREC has opened two free yard waste drop-off sites in order to give residents more options. 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 U.S. Rt. 13 and Rt. 72 near Bear; it is easily accessible from U.S. Rt. 13 South. The second site is located on Polly Drummond Hill Road directly across from the entrance to the Judge Morris Estate. Yard waste will be ground into usable landscape mulch. New Castle County residents can pick-up free mulch when it is available. A third yard waste drop-off site is scheduled to open in January in northern New Castle County. If you would like more information on these sites or to find out when mulch will be available, please call DNREC at 739-9403 or visit the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control at [www.dnrec.delaware.gov](http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov).

A final option for residents is composting. Residents can set up their own composting pile in their yard. DSWA and the University of Delaware Extension Offices are selling backyard composting bins for \$10.00. The bin can be expanded to three feet in diameter. If residents need any more information on the upcoming yard waste ban, please contact DSWA's Citizens' Response Line at 1-800-404-7080.

## OIL FILTER PROGRAM CHANGE

For years, the Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA) has provided free collection of oil filters for both residents and businesses in the state of Delaware. In order to sustain the oil filter program, DSWA found it necessary to make some changes to the program. Residents will still be able to dispose of used motor oil filters at several of the voluntary DSWA Drop-off Centers at no cost. Businesses who are part of the oil filter collection program will now be asked to pay \$25 per pick-up for used oil filters. DSWA will provide each business that chooses to participate with three 55-gallon drums for their oil filters. Current participating businesses were sent a letter from DSWA explaining the changes to the program. Businesses will be provided with three collection options; weekly pick-up service, every other week pick-up service, or an on call pick-up basis. For more information on this program change, please call the Citizens' Response Line at 1-800-404-7080.

## ELECTRONIC GOODS RECYCLING PROGRAM CHANGE

Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA) is also making a change to its Electronic Goods Recycling program for businesses. Currently, businesses are not charged for the recycling of their electronics. In order to sustain this program, DSWA has found it necessary to begin to charge a fee for businesses. Effective January 1, 2008, DSWA will no longer be able to supply a pick-up service for electronics from businesses. Electronics must be delivered to the Delaware Recycling Center at 1101 Lambsons Lane in New Castle. DSWA is asking that appointments are made before arriving at the facility. Upon delivery of electronics, DSWA will charge a fee of \$0.15 per pound or a minimum charge of \$10.00. For more information on this program change, please call the Citizens' Response Line at 1-800-404-7080.



### 1st Grade

1st Place- Kaylee Skye

### 2nd Grade

1st Place- Allie Staman  
2nd Place- Madison Keister  
3rd Place- Katie Capristo

### 3rd Grade

1st Place and Overall Winner  
Erica Bundschuh  
2nd Place- Rohan Narayan  
3rd Place- Hayley Whiting

### 4th Grade

1st Place- Skylar Stowell  
2nd Place- Jenni Todd  
3rd Place- Tyler Ward

### 5th Grade

1st Place- Nahsir Jackson  
2nd Place- Jonathan Kozel  
3rd Place- Nasir Wilson

## DSWA's 2007 Clean-Up Kids Poster Contest

The Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA) held its sixth annual poster contest. Students were asked to draw a picture about "how they felt composting makes our Earth grow." Posters were viewed and voted on by DSWA staff members. The winners of the contest will be featured in the 2008 Trash Can and the Clean Up Kids Calendar. First place winners were also awarded a Discovery Star Home Planetarium and a \$50 Book store gift card, Second Place winners were awarded a \$50 book store gift card, and Third Place winners were awarded a \$25 book store gift card. DSWA would like to congratulate all of its winners and thank everyone for their participation.





## HHW EVENT LIST...

DSWA operates a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program free for all Delaware residents. Check the schedule to the right for the next HHW collection event in your county.

### **"TRASH TRACKS" NOW ONLINE!**

Delaware Solid Waste Authority's (DSWA) Quarterly Newsletter "Trash Tracks" is now available online. "Trash Tracks" keeps Delaware Residents up to date on DSWA's various recycling and educational programs and other happenings at DSWA.

#### NEW CASTLE COUNTY

January 26, 2008 • 8 am - 12 pm

Pine Tree Corners Transfer Station, Townsend, DE

March 1, 2008 • 8 am - 4 pm

Frawley Stadium (Blue Rocks), Wilmington, DE

April 5, 2008 • 8 am - 4 pm

Pine Tree Corners Transfer Station, Townsend, DE

September 6, 2008 • 8 am - 4 pm

Old Curtis Paper Mill, Newark, DE

November 1, 2008 • 8 am - 4 pm

Frawley Stadium (Blue Rocks), Wilmington, DE

#### KENT COUNTY

October 4, 2008 • 8 am - 4 pm

Cheswold Collection Station, Cheswold, DE

#### SUSSEX COUNTY

May 3, 2008 • 8 am - 4 pm

Jones Crossroads Landfill, Georgetown, DE

## America Recycles Day

**T**he Annual America Recycles Day was celebrated on November 15.

This year members of the Delaware Solid Waste Authority's (DSWA) Public Information Group hit the streets to find Delawareans recycling. DSWA visited Drop-off Centers from Hockessin to Gumboro looking for recyclers. Residents were thanked for their support of DSWA's recycling program and given gifts, which included frisbees made from recycled plastic and sun catchers made from recycled glass bottles. DSWA also stopped in on the Middletown office of Dental Associates of Delaware where Dr. Greg Hansen's passion for recycling has filtered into his office. Harrington resident, Gary Graves, turned things around on DSWA by thanking them for providing residents with a place to take their recyclables. DSWA was proud to see that Delaware residents are so dedicated to recycling that not even the rain, wind, or cold could keep them away from the recycling centers. This goes to show that Delawareans are truly committed to recycling and protecting our environment.



**DSWA is the leading recycler in Delaware** with 140 Drop-off Centers along with a voluntary statewide curbside recycling program. DSWA is also proud to be able to provide recycling of electronic goods, used motor oil and oil filters to both residents and businesses.

**America Recycles Day is the only nationally recognized day** dedicated to encouraging Americans to recycle and to buy recycled products. Through America Recycles Day, the National Recycling Coalition supports local communities and raises awareness by educating citizens about the benefits of recycling. DSWA is also an advocate for educating the public on recycling. DSWA visits an average of 1,000 students each month and also gives several tours of its facilities. For more information on any of DSWA's recycling programs, please call the Citizens' Response Line at 1-800-404-7080.