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Montgomery County Grant Helps Businesses Recycle More for Less

Public-Private Partnership Targets Glass Recycling to Meet Manufacturing Demand

Dayton, Ohio (Jan 13, 2016) – The Montgomery County Solid Waste District is now offering a Recycling Service Business Grant to encourage businesses in downtown Dayton and the Oregon Historical District to sign up for new recycling services and help meet a critical state-wide demand for recycled glass.

"Recycling is good for the environment and good for business," said Judy Dodge, president of the Montgomery County Board of County Commissioners. "With this grant program, we hope to reduce energy costs, decrease landfill use, preserve local manufacturing jobs, and increase the availability of recycled glass in the region."

As part of the grant program, the district will pay for the first year of a three-year contract for any downtown business that signs up for new on-site recycling service with a provider of their choice. The Montgomery County Solid Waste District currently has $50,000 available to assist businesses with recycling.

Rumpke Waste & Recycling will run a curbside recycling service twice a week for businesses that sign on for service in downtown Dayton and the Oregon Historical District. Businesses can customize their recycling services to address their specific industry or business needs, such as recycling only cardboard, only glass, or a mix of recyclable materials.

"We are looking forward to providing excellent recycling services at affordable prices to some wonderful businesses in and around downtown Dayton and the Oregon Historical District," said Mike Bramkamp, Regional Vice President of Rumpke Waste & Recycling. "We encourage other businesses to start recycling because it makes better sense for their customers, the environment, and their bottom line."

Interior and exterior recycling containers will also be provided at no cost to local bars and restaurants, thanks to a generous grant from Ohio EPA to help increase recycling in bars and restaurants and glass recovery.

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"This is an excellent example of a public-private partnership that is providing real value to our local residents and businesses," Commissioner Dodge said. "The Montgomery County Board of County Commissioners is committed to fostering local collaboration and operational efficiencies."

This program has been funded in part by a $23,000 Ohio EPA State Glass Initiative Grant. Montgomery County used the grant to purchase a glass-only recycling container for county residents at the Montgomery County Solid Waste District Transfer and Recycling Facility, which is open six days a week and is free to county residents. Grant funds were also used to purchase containers for recycling at bars and restaurants in downtown Dayton and the Oregon Historical District.

Ohio manufacturers need recycled glass to produce new glass products, such as glass bottles, tiles, countertops and fiberglass. Recycled glass costs less than raw materials by reducing energy demands. However, about 90 percent of glass containers end up in landfills instead of being recycled and reused. Currently, these industries need more than 275,000 tons of recycled glass per year and they must import most of that glass from out of state, according to Ohio EPA.

"It doesn't make sense to import recycled glass from out of state when we have so many local businesses that could help meet that need," said Ohio EPA Director Craig W. Butler. "We would love to see more glass being recycled and processed in Ohio, like our bar and restaurant programs in Cincinnati, Springfield and Columbus."

All collected glass is transported to Rumpke's glass recycling plant in Dayton, Ohio. The Rumpke glass recycling plant processes about 25 tons of glass per hour through these steps:

- Screens remove other materials before the broken and mixed glass is dried.
- The glass is then separated by size. Pieces smaller than a half-inch are ground into a fine, sand-like mixture that will be used by fiberglass insulation manufacturers.
- Larger pieces pass through a series of optical scanners to identify color. Amber and flint (clear) glass will be used by container glass manufacturers.
- The purity of each product is tested at regular intervals to meet rigid specifications.
- More about this process is available by watching this video (http://youtu.be/46hc0X25WkQ).

To submit a grant application, contact Barbara Asberry at (937) 781 3062 or *AsberryB@mcohio.org*.

About the Montgomery County Solid Waste District
The Montgomery County Solid Waste District is an innovative collaboration between all of the jurisdictions in Montgomery County, who came together to manage solid waste and recycling for their citizens in a responsible and environmentally-sound manner. The District members include: Butler Township, City of Brookville, City of Centerville, City of Clayton, City of Dayton, City of Englewood, City of Huber Heights, City of Kettering, City of

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About Rumpke Waste & Recycling
Rumpke Waste & Recycling has been committed to keeping neighborhoods and businesses clean and green since 1932 by providing environmentally friendly waste and recycling solutions. Employing more than 3,000 people, Ohio-based Rumpke is one of the nation's largest privately owned residential and commercial waste and recycling firms, providing service to areas of Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and West Virginia. In Dayton, Ohio alone, Rumpke employs more than 200 people and is a DRG3 Green Certified Business. Annually, more than 40,000 tons of glass bottles and jars collected from homes, restaurants, bars and other venues are processed at Rumpke Recycling's one-of-a-kind glass plant in Dayton. Rumpke has operated its award-winning glass facility for more than 10 years. Other Rumpke divisions include Rumpke Portable Restrooms, The William-Thomas Group and Rumpke Hydraulics. For more information, *visit www.rumpke.com.*

About Ohio EPA
The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency was created in 1972 to consolidate efforts to protect and improve air quality, water quality and waste management in Ohio. Since then, air pollutants dropped by as much as 90 percent; large rivers meeting standards improved from 21 percent to 89 percent; and hundreds of polluting, open dumps were replaced with engineered landfills and an increased emphasis on waste reduction and recycling.

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