

# THE THREE R'S: REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Resources for Educators



Spring, 2020

## Let's Clean Up!



The 2020 Great American Cleanup begins taking registrations on Feb. 24. School groups, 4-H clubs, Boy Scout troops, and other volunteers are needed to help with this effort to improve our community. The Great American Cleanup is the nation's largest annual litter pickup, beautification, and community improvement program.

During the 2019 Great American Cleanup, volunteers picked up enough litter from public places in Clark County to fill more than 630 trash bags. We hope this year's Cleanup will remove even more trash and debris from our public spaces and make Clark County truly clean and green.

In 2019, the Great American Cleanup enlisted 1,112 volunteers in Clark County. Those people – both children and adults – gave 1,967 hours of their time.

School groups play a major role in the Great American Cleanup. Participating in the Cleanup can be an extension of classroom lessons about community service, nature, and the environment.

Keep Clark County Beautiful, the local affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, sponsors the Great American Cleanup in Clark County.



**Volunteers cleaning up along sidewalks and public spaces during the Great American Clean Up in 2019.**

### Join the Great American Cleanup

- Organize a group of volunteers, then pick a public place and a date (from March 1 through May 31) to clean it up.
- KCCB will provide each group with trash bags and gloves, a token prize for each volunteer, and help with pickup of collected litter, if needed.
- Register by filling out the form on page 2. You can also call 521-2021 to register.

**The Clark County Solid Waste District** is dedicated to providing resources and learning opportunities to promote waste reduction practices.

**For information** about the programs in this newsletter, contact Sam Perin at: 521-2022, or by mail at 1602 W. Main St., Springfield, OH 45504 or e-mail at [sperin@clarkcountyohio.gov](mailto:sperin@clarkcountyohio.gov).

### STYROFAOM RECYCLING

You can now recycle Styrofoam packaging material at the Clark County Solid Waste District.

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Register any time from February 24 through May 22, 2020.

Complete this form and return it to :

Keep Clark County Beautiful, 1602 W. Main St., Springfield, Ohio 45504

You can also fax to (937) 327-6648, or scan & email to lmittchell@clarkcountyohio.gov

Contact Name

Group name (if any)

Address

City / Zip

Phone

Email

Number of adult volunteers: \_\_\_\_\_ number of children: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of your cleanup: \_\_\_\_\_ (must be during March 1-May 31)

Location of your cleanup (public places only): \_\_\_\_\_

Date you will pick up supplies: (must be during Feb. 24-May 22) \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the location where your group will pick up supplies:

Pickups are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except Moorefield Twp., which is open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday and City of New Carlisle Monday - Friday 7 am - 4 p.m.

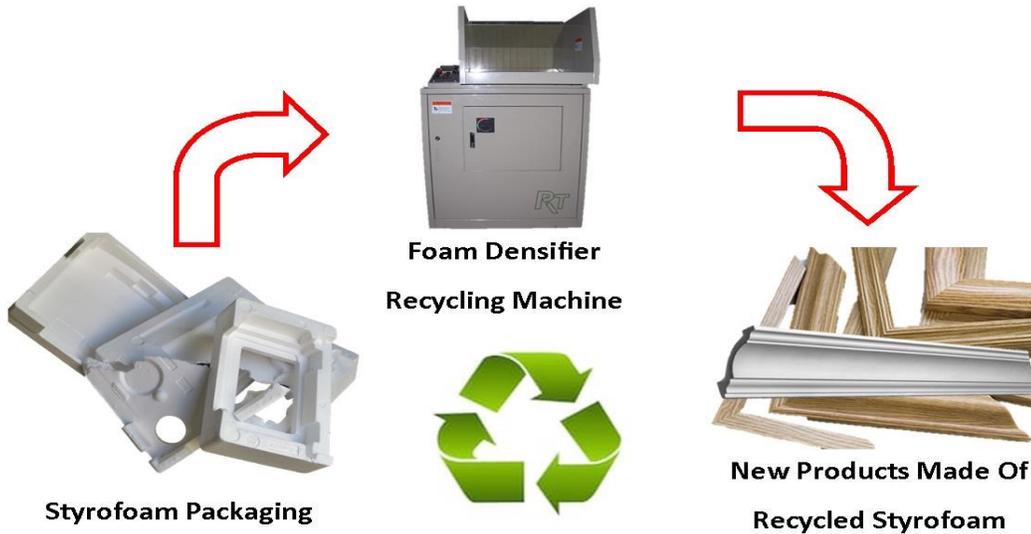
1. Clark Co. Solid Waste District  
1602 W. Main St.  
Springfield  
(937) 521-2023

2. City of New Carlisle  
331 S. Church St.  
New Carlisle  
(937) 845-9492

3. Moorefield Township  
1616 Moorefield Rd.  
Springfield  
(937) 390-9972

Questions? Call (937) 521-2021

# Styrofoam Recycling Now Available!



The Clark County Solid Waste District is now offering Styrofoam recycling! Thanks to a grant from the Ohio EPA, the district can now accept Styrofoam packaging material to be recycled. NO food grade Styrofoam can be accepted. For more information on participating in the program please contact the Clark County Solid Waste District by calling 937-521-2025.



## KCCB seeks youth representative

The Keep Clark County Beautiful (KCCB) board is seeking a youth representative. Any Clark County high school student with a GPA of at least 3.0 (on 4-point scale) is eligible.

The youth representative will be expected to attend board meetings six times a year, serve on a subcommittee, and volunteer for events as available. The term is from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021.

KCCB is the local affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, the nation's largest volunteer-based

organization, that focuses on litter prevention, waste reduction, and beautification.

Applications for this position are available through high school counselors or by calling Sam Perin at 521-2022.

Candidates should apply by **April 17** to Sam Perin, Keep Clark County Beautiful, 1602 W. Main St., Springfield, OH 45504. If applying electronically, send your email by 4:30 p.m. April 17 to [sperin@clarkcountyohio.gov](mailto:sperin@clarkcountyohio.gov).

# Decorate grocery bags for Earth Day

## Kroger stores will distribute the paper sacks to shoppers the week Earth Day

A paper grocery bag can become a medium for a young person's environmental message in the Earth Day Groceries Project. The Clark County Solid Waste District works with Kroger to provide the bags.

To participate in this free activity, a school or other organization should designate a coordinator and fill out the form below. Requests should be made **no later than Feb. 21st**. Call Linda Mitchell at 521-2023, or email to [lmitchell@clarkcountyohio.gov](mailto:lmitchell@clarkcountyohio.gov).

The paper grocery bags will be delivered to your school the week of March 2-6. Once the bags are decorated, someone from your school should take them to the S. Limestone St. or Bechtle Ave. Kroger store during the week of April 13-17. The store will distribute the bags to shoppers during the week of Earth Day.

The Solid Waste District distributed a little over 2,245 bags to 15 schools and Scout Troops in 2019. Thousands more participated in this project nationwide.

Students can be as creative as they want in sharing their thoughts on how to respect the Earth. We do ask that teachers review what students create to be sure the message is a positive one. For ideas, check out [www.earthdaybags.org](http://www.earthdaybags.org).



**Kindergarten students from Kenwood Elementary show off the grocery bags they decorated with environmental messages for Earth Day 2019.**

This activity is also open to organizations other than schools. Cub Scout packs, 4-H groups, home-schooling groups, after-school programs, and many others can join in. All are welcome!

### Earth Day Grocery Bag Request

School/Group: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Bag Delivery Instructions, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

When is your spring break? \_\_\_\_\_

# of students participating \_\_\_\_\_ # of bags requested \_\_\_\_\_

**Call 521-2023 or email: [lmitchell@clarkcountyohio.gov](mailto:lmitchell@clarkcountyohio.gov) to participate.**



**Earth Day is April 22.**

