



Township Talk

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It is with considerable pleasure that we announce the launch of a Township-wide Yard Waste Recycling Program. A major benefit of yard waste recycling is the reduction of significant amounts of the Township's solid waste from ending up in the landfill.

It is the environmental benefits resulting from recycling of yard waste and the encouragement of Township residents that have provided the incentive for the Lawrence Township Board of Trustees to estab-

lish yard waste recycling operations.

Yard waste dropped off at the Township collection center will be applied directly to local farmland. In addition to being low cost, this method of recycling has the potential for improving the soil quality of local farmland. Addition of organic matter can increase the nutrient and water retention characteristics of our sandy soils.

Brief Program Description

Residents are encouraged to bring their yard waste to the Township building and

dump or debag it in a pile in the designated area. Once a sufficient amount of yard waste has accumulated, Township staff will haul it to the designated farm for direct land application later by the farmer. All Township residents are encouraged to take advantage of this new service free of charge.

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Lawrence Township Yard Waste Recycling Program



The Township has received a grant from the Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Joint Solid Waste Management District to establish a yard waste recycling program. Grant funds will be used to operate a Yard Waste Drop-Off and Recycling Program for all Township

residents for an initial period of one year. The program is scheduled to begin on May 3 and continue throughout the summer months until November. If the response by Lawrence Township residents is as expected, the Township intends to offer this pro-

gram annually.

Beginning May 3, 2008, Lawrence Township residents may drop off rakeable yard waste at the collection center located at the rear of the Township building in the Industrial Park, 10867 Industrial Parkway NW, Bolivar.



Collection Center

Drop-off location site at the rear of the Township building will be the **MIDDLE** empty salt bay. A sign reading "**Compost Bay**" will be hanging for ease of identification.

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Days & Hours of Operation
Monday thru Friday
from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM, plus Saturday from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM.
This program is being offered to all Lawrence Township Lawn care & Landscaping businesses as well!
Acceptable yard waste items are grass clippings,

leaves, yard and garden waste, pruning debris, wood debris, and brush.
Please note that brush and branches must be **less than 4"** wide and 4 foot long.
Unacceptable yard waste items, include: food scraps, animal waste and sod. Please note, dirt and clay are also unac-

ceptable items. If any unacceptable items are observed in the yard waste brought to the collection center, you will not be permitted to off load at the site.
Yard waste must be off-loaded by the concerned resident at the collection center. If residents choose to use plastic bags they must empty

contents from bags and take empty plastic bags home for proper disposal. For more information, please call the Township office 330 874 2731.
Also, check the Township website at :www.lawrencetownship.org for more information about his program and other recycling opportunities.

You Can Do It!

This is the first in a four-part series of recycling self-help articles. Your comments, suggestions and feedback are welcome.



Home Made Compost Bin
For Do-It-Yourself plans to build a home compost bin click on the above photo.

Backyard composting makes good sense – and good dollars and cents. Rather than taking your

yard waste for processing or simply putting out with your trash, you can recycle this material into a rich, dark humus material for use as a soil amendment.
All you need to get started is a compost bin or a pile of yard waste and a basic understanding of the composting process.

MOISTURE
Decomposer organisms need water to compost efficiently. The compost pile should be watered periodically, depending upon temperatures and rainfall. A moisture content of 40% is desired. This is the moisture con-

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tent of a damp sponge.

AIR
Like most living creatures, the decomposer organisms need oxygen to survive. A properly aerated (aerobic) pile will compost faster and more thoroughly than an oxygen-starved (anaerobic) pile. The pile is aerated when you turn and mix the material. The pile should be turned every one to two weeks to maintain proper aeration.

SURFACE AREA
It is best to have your materials properly shredded before putting them into a compost pile. Doing so will increase the surface area that the decomposer organisms have to feed

upon, which makes the organisms more efficient and able to create compost faster. Always mow or chop up material before it is added to the compost pile. Proper particle size reduction can be explained by an analogy using a block of ice. A block of ice will melt very slowly. Crush that same amount of ice, and it will melt much more quickly. The same principle works for a compost pile. A large piece of organic material will decompose slowly, taking longer to compost.

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That same item, when chopped up, will decompose much more quickly.

Composting Questions & Answers

Q: How long does it take to produce compost?

A: Composting happens, but your level of labor dictates how quickly. Generally, it should take from three to six months to make a single batch of compost, depending upon the blend of materials, how often the pile is turned, and the moisture content.

Q: Why should I compost?

A: Backyard composting allows you to recycle your yard clippings and fruit and vegetable scraps into a valuable soil amendment right in your own yard. It is a great way to save money, reduce the amount of waste that is disposed or processed, and improve the quality of your environment.

ORGANIC MATERIALS

These are your yard clippings and the food that the decomposer feeds on, turning them into compost. The materials that are suitable for composting are either carbon materials (brown and dry) or nitrogen materials (green and moist).

Carbon materials include

fallen leaves, sawdust, straw, and dry grass clippings.

Nitrogen materials include freshly cut green grass and fruit and vegetable scraps.

Keep in mind that composting is a very basic process. You can simply put yard clippings into a pile and let nature do the rest in its own time. Compost will happen; yet it will happen very slowly. You can help it along by providing a balanced diet and an enriched environment for the organisms that do the work of composting.

Decomposer organisms are made up of bacteria, and macroorganisms, such as worms. Supplying them with their basic needs—food, water, and air, will increase the ef-



The Lawrence Township Board of Trustees and staff invite Township residents young and old to visit us at the Township office and workshop complex on May 3, 2008. We are located at 10867 Industrial Parkway NW, Bolivar. Visitors are welcome from 10 am until 2 pm on May 3rd. Free food and drinks will be served.

Come meet your Township Trustees, Fiscal Officer, road crew and zoning inspector and get a free tour of the Township office and workshop complex.

Learn about our first-class fire and emergency medical response programs. Bolivar and Zoar Fire fighters and Bolivar Emergency Medical personnel will be on hand to show you their state of the art fire fighting and emergency medical vehicles and equipment and answer all your questions.

Meet your Township Deputy Sheriff, get a look inside our new police cruiser and learn about how the internet super highway will make us all safer.

Bring the kids and grandkids—we'll show them the shiny red snow-plow trucks, tractors, yellow road-grader, mowers and more.

May the 3rd also marks the beginning of our new **YARD WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM**. You are encouraged to bring your rakeable yard waste, pruning debris, wood debris, and brush to our new drop-off center at the Township building.

Look forward to seeing you all at the open house.

DO COMPOST

NITROGEN

- Barnyard manure
- Coffee grounds
- Flowers
- Fruit and vegetable trimmings
- Grass clippings
- Green leaves
- Sod
- Weeds

CARBON

- Ash – small amounts
- Bread
- Coffee filters
- Dry leaves
- Eggshells
- Hair
- Lint
- Paper with no ink, small amounts
- Sawdust
- Straw
- Tea leaves with bags
- Wood shavings

DO NOT COMPOST

- Bones
- Butter
- Cat litter
- Cheese
- Chicken
- Diapers
- Diseased plants
- Dog or cat feces
- Fish
- Greasy foods
- Invasive weeds
- Lard
- Meat
- Milk products
- Oils
- Peanut butter
- Salad dressing
- Sour cream
- Unchopped woody waste
- Vegetable oil

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YARD WASTE RECYCLING SPECIAL

Glen Park Drive Emergency Access Road

This past March marked the second time in three years that our community suffered a major flood event. In January 2005, several thousand residents of Wilkshire Hills were forced to evacuate their homes when flood waters submerged portions of Glen Park Drive. Fortunately, this time around we were prepared to meet the challenge.

Anticipating an increase in the frequency of major flood events, the Trustees obtained a grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission to relocate approximately 600 feet of Glen Park Drive prone to flooding.

Approval to begin work on this project was received on March 1, 2008, just two weeks before flood waters from the Tuscarawas River once again submerged portions of Glen Park Drive. The Tuscarawas County Emergency Management Agency announced on March 17th that major flooding was imminent in the Bolivar/Wilkshire Hills area.

At the direction of the Trustees and under the able leadership of Charles Meiser, Road Superintendent, Township employees, Todd Reynolds and Chuck McNutt, work began im-

mediately to create an emergency access route. In the true spirit of cooperation, the Tuscarawas County Engineer (Mr. Joe Bachman), Franklin and Dover Townships worked hand in hand with Lawrence Township Trustees and employees to ensure that the Glen Park Drive emergency access road was completed on time. In less than two full days, the road was completed and open to traffic. In addition to residential traffic, this road also served as the sole route during the peak of



Todd Reynolds, Lawrence Township employee directing Dover Township truck dumping aggregate on emergency roadbed. Click on the Above photo to view slide show.

flooding for many thousands of tons of stone transported for the Army Corps of Engineer's emergency repair of the Zoar levee.

Now that the flood waters have receded, the Township will, over the course of the summer, bring this road up to the standard required by the OPWC. All expenses incurred on this project, including salaries, are reimbursable by OPWC.