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### **Athens-Hocking Solid Waste District Celebrates 2021 Recycling Week**

In Celebration of National Recycling Day, the Athens-Hocking Solid Waste District announces the 2021 Recycling Heroes, who have served our communities to further recycling in our region. The District also urges citizens to take the "2021 Recycling Pledge" to demonstrate their commitment to recycling in our District and will be passing out upcycled Feed bags to recyclers around the two county area at drop-off sites.

The Athens-Hocking Solid Waste District recognizes those organizations, townships and cities which host and support recycling in our community. Attached is the list of "2021 Recycling Heroes" and made a difference in our district over the last year.

"We thank each one of these Heroes, who support, educate and host recycling locations and all residents who recycle everyday. We salute their dedication to preserving materials, water and energy resources and making the Athens-Hocking Solid Waste District the most beautiful district in all of Ohio, said Jane Forrest Redfern, Athens-Hocking Solid Waste District Coordinator. "Recycling is so important because materials are so hard to get now and by recycling we are contributing to the solution of material shortages by providing materials to get recycled into new products."

The Solid Waste District is asking residents to take the 2021 Recycling Pledge to reduce, refuse, reuse, repair and recycle as much as they can in the upcoming year. Citizens just need to visit [www.ahswd.org](http://www.ahswd.org) to take the pledge to continue or begin to their recycle their materials so they can be made into new items preserving water, energy and resources.

During National Recycling Week, volunteers and Drop-Off hosts in the two county area will be giving upcycled feed bags to recyclers to encourage people to use reusable containers (Boxes, Totes, Garbage Cans or Feed-bags) at the drop-off locations instead of wasting plastic bags. The upcycled feedbags were upcycled by members of Athens Rethink Plastics and others in our community and paid for by the Athens-Hocking Solid District Waste District to reduce plastic bags in the recycling stream.

The Athens-Hocking Solid Waste District's mission is to provide for safe disposal of solid waste and recycling in both Athens and Hocking Counties. The Solid Waste District will announce their 2022 schedule of collections events and a new drop-off site in January of 2022.

(more: List of Recycling Heroes)



## 2021 Athens-Hocking Recycling Heroes

**Green Township Trustees, Hocking County** for hosting the #1 site in Hocking County and the District by recycling 200 tons of recycling and cardboard over the last year at Green Township, Hocking County located at 20995 County Road. 33B.

**Lee Township/Albany** for hosting the #1 site in Athens County with over 128 Tons of recycling and Cardboard at the location at 2013 Mill Street at the Lee Twp. Building.

**Richland Avenue Volunteer Fire Department-Athens Township, Athens County** for hosting the one of the emerging sites recycling a total of 121 tons at the Athens Township site at 9255 Hooper Road.

**Dropoff Location Site Sponsors** for their dedication of providing a safe home for the 21 Drop off sites throughout Hocking and Athens Counties where the public can drop off recycling for free. 1,443 tons were recycled in the last 12 months at these sites alone.

### HOCKING COUNTY

### ATHENS COUNTY

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benton Twp. – St. Rte. 664 Twp. Bldg.</li> <li>• Carbon Hill – Twp. Bldg.</li> <li>• Gibisonville Community Center</li> <li>• Hocking Valley Community Hospital</li> <li>• Laurelville – 16005 Main St.</li> <li>• Logan – 33845 Sutton Rd.</li> <li>• Marion Twp. Community Center</li> <li>• Murray City – Old School Bldg.</li> <li>• Rockbridge – 26836 Main St.</li> <li>• Starr Twp. – St. Rte. 328 Twp. Bldg</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amesville – 6 East Main St. Country Eng. Outpost</li> <li>• Buchtel – Village Hall Parking Lot</li> <li>• Canaan Twp. – Twp. Garage</li> <li>• Glouster – 3 Cardaras Dr.</li> <li>• Guysville – US 50 Marathon Station</li> <li>• New Marshfield – Twp. Bldg., 8224 Hawk Road</li> <li>• Shade Community Center</li> <li>• Troy Twp. – Twp. Garage Behind GoMart</li> </ul>
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**Athens and Hocking County Residents:** The individuals, organizations and businesses who recycled 5501 tons over the last year which got processed at the Athens Hocking Recycling Center.

**Lions Clubs and Kiwanians Clubs and their partners,** who kick started plastic film and bag recycling collecting over 50,000 lbs. of bags over the last year and received recycled plastic benches for the community.

**Athens Rethink Plastics,** an organization in the district, who organized educational programming and upcycling Animal and Bird Feed Bags to provide a reusable bags to library patrons and the community to rethink single use plastics;

**Rural Action-Zero Waste,** an organization that began holding Medical Equipment Collection Drives to provide an outlet for those and to provide them to those in need;

**The Kilbarger Family,** who served as the owner and operator of the Athens Reclamation Center for last four decades.