

Highland Heights Green Task Force



Spring 2013 Newsletter

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Why is it important to recycle, you might ask....

Recycling not only helps the environment but also each one of us. When we don't recycle, it has a negative impact on both. Please refer to the list on the left for recycling information from Kimble, our rubbish collection provider in Highland Hts. Some of our group took a tour of the new Kimble Recycling and Transfer Station last fall. We were able to witness first hand the amazing technology and see how items collected in our community are actually recycled!

Don't forget that **REDUCE** and **REUSE** should come before **RECYCLE**. Recycling is necessary, but it's not the only solution to our problems. We need to first reduce the amount of stuff we buy and reuse things we already have. Each year, an estimated 500 billion to 1 trillion plastic bags are consumed worldwide and billions end up as litter or in landfills! In addition, nearly 80% of all water bottles are not recycled and end up in landfills. Let's all try to use our reusable bags when we shop, and recycle, or better yet, use refillable water bottles.

Here are some great reasons why recycling is important. Recycling:

- Saves the Earth
- Saves Energy
- Helps Mitigate Global Warming and Reduce
- Pollution
- Reduces Waste Products in Landfills
- Helps Save you Money

If enough Highland Heights residents commit to recycling, we CAN make a difference!

RECYCLABLE ITEMS:

- Non-Fiber:
- Aluminum Cans
- Aluminum Trays, Aluminum Foil, Cat Food Cans
- Bi-Metal Cans and Food Containers
- Empty Aerosol Cans
- Clear, Brown, and Green Glass Jars and Bottles
- Plastic Containers marked #1 to #7

Fiber:

- Newspaper

- Magazines
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Telephone Books
- Catalogues
- Mail
- Printer/Copier Paper
- Chipped Board (Cereal Boxes)

WE DO NOT RECYCLE:

- Paint Cans
- Anti-Freeze and Motor Oil Containers
- Wax Cartons
- Batteries
- Light Bulbs
- Wire Hangers
- Styrofoam
- Plastic Bags
- Plastic Utensils

Recyclable items must be placed in blue recycling bags or in a recycling bin available from the Highland Hts. Service Dept. and placed curbside for pickup on your normal rubbish collection day.

All non-fiber recyclables (glass, aluminum, plastic, etc.) may be combined in blue bags or a recycling bin. However, fiber recyclables (newspapers, etc.) should be recycled separately placed in paper bags.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Held at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center

- April 3 - DEER POPULATION w/ODNR Div. of Wildlife Geoffrey Westerfield
- May 1 - CEVEC Recycling Program - Bridget Scafidi
- June 5 - GREEN BOOK CLUB - HHGTF members

FREecycle AND E-WASTE RECYCLE DRIVE

June 23 - 10:00 - 3:00

Highland Hts. Community Park

Pass along or collect usable, unwanted items for free and recycle small appliances (FREON and mercury free) and electronics. There is a \$15 fee for CRT monitors and non-flat screen TV's.

Thank you to all for continuing to be interested in our shared environment and how to keep it and ourselves healthy.

Please visit www.highlandhtsgreen.com, or email hhgreentaskforce@yahoo.com or call Judy Dearden @ 440-646-9820 for more information.

