

DISTRICT PROFILE

January 2019

Vanderburgh County Solid Waste Management District
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2019 Board meetings will be held at 2:30 p.m. in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex on the following dates: January 8, February 12, March 12, April 16, May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10, October 15, November 12 and December 10.

District Goals

To develop recycling programs in conjunction with the private sector which are necessary to implement the Solid Waste Plan. To develop an education program that improves the awareness and understanding of solid waste management activities, including waste reduction, recycling, and household hazardous waste.

Program Summaries

Recycling: Curbside recycling is provided to most city residents every other week. To complement the city curbside recycling program, there are private companies and not-for-profit organizations where one can drop off various recyclables. The district provides information to the public about the curbside program and maintains a current list of the drop-off centers. In addition, the District works with other area businesses and community groups on a wide variety of recycling projects.

Drop-Off Recycle Days: The District sponsors drop-off recycle days throughout the year at two locations in Vanderburgh County. The goal of these drop-off days is to make recycling service more accessible to residents who don't have curbside recycling service, especially those who live outside the city limits and those who live in apartments. Material collected at the drop-off days includes: cardboard, mixed paper, magazines & catalogs, newspaper, aluminum cans, steel/tin cans and #1 - #7 plastic containers. At an early January program, residents can have their Christmas trees mulched and are able to take the mulch home with them. In 2018, approximately 4000 vehicles brought materials to be recycled.

Tires: Used tires can be brought to the District's Tire Recycling Day which is held in April. This program provides an environmentally proper method of disposal so that tires are kept out of the landfill and are not illegally dumped. Many Neighborhood Associations and other civic groups find this to be a beneficial program and a great way to clean up the community. In 2018, 800 tires were collected.

Household Hazardous Waste: The District's annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program, or Tox-Away Day, is held each year in September. This program offers residents a safe disposal option for household hazardous chemicals as well as an opportunity for them to learn about ways to properly store, handle and dispose of these materials. Items such as oil-based paint, used motor oil, antifreeze, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, pesticides and other hazardous materials are collected at this very popular event. 658 vehicles brought 30 tons of household hazardous waste to the program in 2018.

Computer & Electronics: The District conducted two computer and electronics recycling programs at C&I Electronics in May and September of 2018. A total of 151,963 pounds of items were collected. This included 395 computers, 103 monitors, and 507 televisions collected at the May recycling days and 489 computers, 158 monitors and 580 televisions collected at the September recycling days. The cost for this program in 2018 was \$47,991.

Shred Day: The District, in conjunction with Piranha Mobile Shredding Service, conducted 2 shred days at Wesselman Park, one in April and one in October. In April, 311 vehicles brought 17,000 pounds of paper to be shredded. In October, 292 vehicles brought 14,400 pounds of paper to be shredded and recycled.

Education: The district develops and distributes educational materials to citizens and businesses on waste reduction, recycling, composting, hazardous waste, improper disposal and other issues. Tri-State Resource Recovery, along with the District, operates a recycling education center for schools and civic organizations. District staff speak to students at area schools and are available to speak to businesses, civic groups and neighborhood associations.

Final Disposal: There is one privately-owned disposal site in Vanderburgh County. Republic Waste Services (formerly Allied Waste/BFI) owns and operates Laubscher Meadows landfill. In 2018, approximately 56% of the residential, commercial, and industrial waste in Vanderburgh County, including that from the City of Evansville residential contract, was disposed in this landfill. Republic Waste Services handles approximately 225,000 tons of waste annually at this landfill from Vanderburgh and the surrounding counties (Posey, Gibson, Warrick and Henderson).

Advanced Disposal (formerly Veolia Environmental Services) operates a transfer station in the northeast part of Vanderburgh County. In 2018, approximately 44% of the waste in Vanderburgh County was shipped to Advanced Disposal's Blackfoot landfill in Pike County.

District Budget and Funding: The Vanderburgh County Solid Waste Management District's 2019 annual budget is \$433,367. The District is funded by a \$2.00 per ton surcharge on waste dumped at the Laubscher Meadows landfill.

District Staff

Joseph Ballard, Executive Director

Jean Carlson, Administrator

Citizens Advisory Committee The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) is comprised of various members of the community with diverse backgrounds and expertise. The CAC role is to discuss solid waste issues and provide input to the Board and staff on implementation of the Solid Waste Plan.

CAC members:

- Todd Chamberlain, Republic Services
- Dan Elpers, Buchta Trucking
- Shelby Hall, Wesselman Nature Society
- Cedric Hustace, Artist
- Doug Ohning, Evansville Water & Sewer Utility
- Stephanie Sanderson, Mesker Park Zoo
- Brian Whitesell, Tri-State Resource Recovery