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**County Solid Waste District and City of Ashtabula Team Up To Continue Recycling**

The City of Ashtabula and the Ashtabula County Solid Waste District have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to allow the City's Transfer Station to remain open on Saturday's from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. starting this Saturday in an effort to promote recycling in Ashtabula County. This is in addition to its regular hours Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

"The City is working on a plan to offer curbside recycling for our residents and we understand its importance. When the Solid Waste District discontinued its drop-off points because of the cost and some abuse of the sites, they contacted us about opening on Saturday's. By having the Recycling Center staffed, we can eliminate the issues we have had throughout the County with contamination in the recycling streams," said Jim Timonere, Ashtabula City Manager. "We are always looking for ways to help each other out, and this partnership with the County is another example of our willingness to work with our neighbors."

"We are thankful that the City of Ashtabula is willing to provide recycling opportunities to County as well as City residents and are pleased we have found a way to allow the City of Ashtabula to open their recycling facility on Saturdays for those who are unable to take recycling there during the week," said Janice Switzer, Solid Waste District Coordinator for the Ashtabula County Solid Waste District.

The following are the procedures you should follow when utilizing this Recycling Drop Off Center located on W. 24<sup>th</sup> Street:

- Prepare and separate recyclables properly. All material should be placed loose in the appropriate containers. Do not put plastic bags full of recyclables in any container.

- Mixed Recycling – The following materials should be placed loose in the container for Plastic/Cardboard:
  - #1 & #2 Plastics (water, soda, milk and detergent bottles) – rinse container and remove caps
  - Paperboard (Cereal boxes) – Remove and discard liner and flatten boxes
- Glass - Rinse all containers; please loose in appropriate containers and separate by color.
  - Separate by clear glass, brown glass and green glass
- Metals – Rinse all containers; place loose in appropriate bin.
  - Aluminum cans
  - Steel cans
- Mixed Paper – The following materials may be placed in the paper Gaylord boxes:
  - Newspaper
  - Magazines
  - Office paper
  - Junk mail

In addition to the Recycling Center, the Transfer Station will be open for bulk item and refuse disposal at the same time on Saturdays. Visitors must be weighed and will be charged accordingly for disposal. In the near future, the City will be adding a new scale and redesigning the flow of traffic for easier use.

More information is available on the City of Ashtabula website under the Sanitation tab in City Departments.

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