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Recycling



“Reduce, reuse, recycle” has become the slogan for attempting to deal with the tons of solid waste that we produce each day that ends up in one of the many landfills (they release methane gas into the atmosphere) or incinerators (they also release pollutants into the air). This is a high priority topic for the RSVP Environmental Team and should be for all citizens. Are you doing your part?

The Pennsylvania Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act, generally known as Act 101, is the stimulus for creating recycling programs in the various municipalities in our Commonwealth to deal with common recyclable products (paper, glass, plastic and metals). Because municipalities have leeway as to implementation of rules, different plans exist in different areas – some have drop-off bins for recycled materials, some collect recycled materials that must be separated, and others have “single-stream” recycling, where all materials can be combined for collection. There is even a RecycleBank program in some areas, where points based on weight of materials can be exchanged for gift certificates – but, of course, there is a cost associated with participation in this program.



Another aspect of recycling that generates lots of questions involves Household Hazardous Waste and electronics recycling. Delaware County sponsors four HHW collections each year, all of which include motor oil, gasoline, kerosene, oil-based paint (latex-based paint is to be dried out and put out with the trash), pesticides, solvents, pool chemicals, antifreeze, mercury products, household batteries and cell phones.

Three of the collections also permit computers, scanners, printers, fax machines and portable TVs (maximum of 3 computers and/or TVs per vehicle). *(Continued on next page)*



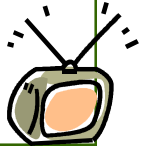
Two of the collections which permit all of the above are upcoming this fall:

- **Thursday, September 16, 2010 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Rose Tree Park, 1521 North Providence Road (Rte 252), Media, PA**
- **Saturday, October 9, 2010 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Upper Chichester Township Municipal Bldg., 8500 Furey Road (off Chichester Ave.), Boothwyn, PA**

See the Delaware County Household Hazardous Waste Collection website for additional details.



Many office products retailers also have kiosks for recycling printer cartridges, cell phones and recyclable batteries (rechargeable, lithium, Ni-Cad), but Best Buy has, in addition to the kiosk, a program available in all their stores whereby they will accept consumer electronics including TVs and computer monitors (up to 32"), DVD players, and desktop and/or laptop computers with the hard drive removed. See their website for instructions on how to remove your hard drive. **There is a \$10 fee at Best Buy for TVs and computer monitors, but a \$10 gift card for a future purchase at Best Buy is given for each one.**



Did You Know...?



... that a person dies every hour in the U.S. from melanoma, the most serious form of skin cancer? DON'T FORGET TO



USE SUNSCREEN, SUN GLASSES AND COVER-UPS DURING PEAK SUN HOURS!

... that thousands of children 5 and under are treated in ERs each year for accidental poisoning from household products, most commonly bleach? DON'T FORGET TO KEEP OUT OF REACH AND SUCH THINGS AS HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS, POISONS, POOL CHEMICALS AND PESTICIDES and DEPENDING ON THE PRODUCT, Keep them UNDER LOCK AND KEY!



... that the next meeting of the RSVP Environmental Team will be Wednesday, September 15 at 12:00 noon at Natural Lands Trust. WHY NOT COME AND SEE FIRST-HAND HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Please advise RSVP program coordinator Lynn Shelton at 610-565-5563, if you plan to attend, as lunch will be provided.