

# SAVE OUR PLANET

By reducing waste



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## 2024 How Do You Reduce Waste? 12-Month Calendar



FREE to Monongalia County residents from  
**Monongalia County**  
Solid Waste Authority

# About the 2024 How Do You Reduce Waste? 12-month Calendar

## Take the 2023 Reduce Waste Pledge Campaign

In January 2023, the Monongalia County Solid Waste Authority (MCSWA) started off the year with a focus on reducing waste going to the landfill. The MCSWA designed the *Take the 2023 Reduce Waste Pledge* campaign to encourage residents to take steps in 2023 to reduce waste going to the landfill.

## Tips to Reduce Waste Going to the Landfill Article and Blog Post

The MCSWA wrote *Tips to Reduce Waste Going to the Landfill*, which was published in the Dominion Post local newspaper, and was posted as a Blog post. Residents can still read the Blog post on our website.

## Take the 2023 Reduce Waste Pledge!

The Reduce Waste Tips provided valuable tips for residents to use to reduce waste but the first step in reducing waste was to take the 2023 Reduce Waste Pledge. The MCSWA knew this would help support residents with their efforts to begin reducing waste in 2023.

To take the pledge, residents visited the MCSWA website and completed the *Take the 2023 Reduce Waste Pledge!* form by selecting one, or more, of the twelve ways to reduce waste in 2023 and submitting the form.



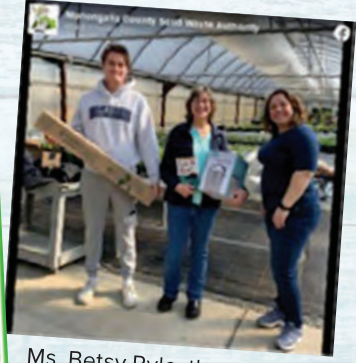
## The 2023 Reduce Waste Pledge Certificate

After submitting the form, residents received a *2023 Reduce Waste Pledge Certificate*, designed, and prepared, by our WVU School of Public Health Intern, Oliver Fletcher.

## Take the 2023 Reduce Waste Pledge! Drawing for a Free Composting Kit

In addition, residents participating in the *Take the 2023 Reduce Waste Pledge* were entered into a drawing for a Free Composting Kit. The composting kit was donated by Dr. Nikki Byrne-Hoffman, our partner with the WVU Campus Food Garden & Urban Farm.

The *Take the 2023 Reduce Waste Pledge* campaign began January 12, 2023, and ended February 27, 2023 with 58 residents selecting to Take the 2023 Reduce Waste Pledge!



Ms. Betsy Pyle, the winner of the free composting kit, with Oliver Fletcher and Dr. Nikki Byrne-Hoffman

# How Do You Reduce Waste? A Monongalia County Student Lesson Opportunity and MCSWA Calendar Contest Fall 2023



The MCSWA partnered with Ms. JoAnn Snoderly, District 1 Coordinator, of the WV Department of Environmental Protection Youth Environmental Program, to develop the How Do You Reduce Waste? Student Lesson opportunity and MCSWA Calendar Contest for fall 2023. The idea was to continue the MCSWA 2023 Reduce Waste theme by introducing the concept of reducing waste to students.

## How Do You Reduce Waste? Student Lesson Opportunity

The *How Do You Reduce Waste? Student Lesson Opportunity* was an opportunity for Monongalia County teachers to register to have Ms. Snoderly present a reducing waste lesson with 4th – 12th graders. The lesson ended with students creating artwork to reflect what they learned about how to reduce waste. The artwork was submitted to be entered into the MCSWA Calendar Contest.

## MCSWA Calendar Contest

Over 175 students participated in Ms. Davis’s 4th grade classes at Eastwood Elementary, Mr. Welker’s 7th grade class from Mountaineer Middle School, and Mrs. Pinn’s and Mrs. Gregory’s, 6th grade classes, from Suncrest Middle School.



The MCSWA Board of Directors, and Administrator, selected eight winners. Teachers were notified of the winners and presented Award Certificates for each winner. The student selected to have artwork on the cover had an additional ribbon to reflect being the front cover winner.



## Winners of the MCSWA Calendar Contest



Adalyn Carpenter-Bowen



Zahra Abbas



Anna Haynie



Mumayyaz Tazmeen Alam

### Zahra Abbas

6th grade, Suncrest Middle School, Teacher: Mrs. Gregory

### Mumayyaz Tazmeen Alam

6th grade, Suncrest Middle School, Teacher: Mrs. Gregory

### Adalyn Carpenter-Bowen

6th grade, Suncrest Middle School, Teacher: Mrs. Pinn

### Kennedy Godfrey

6th grade, Suncrest Middle School, Teacher: Mrs. Pinn

### Anna Haynie

6th grade, Suncrest Middle School, Teacher: Mrs. Gregory

### Emily Moore

6th grade, Suncrest Middle School, Teacher: Mrs. Gregory

### Ava M.

6th grade, Suncrest Middle School, Teacher: Mrs. Pinn

### Brayden Rickman

7th grade, Mountaineer Middle School, Teacher: Mr. Welker



Emily Moore



Brayden Rickman



Ava M.



Kennedy Godfrey

## Congratulations to all the winners!

# THINK GREEN BEFORE YOU SHOP

## Reduce Waste Tips:

- Wait** to replace the product.
- You'll save money and natural resources.
  - You'll extend the life of the landfill.

## Borrow, Lend, Give - look for Lending or Community Giving or Blessing Boxes and Tools to Borrow or Other Items to Borrow.

- The **Community Giving and Blessing Boxes** include food, hygiene items, pet food and other helpful products for people in need.
- There are several in **Monongalia County.**



- The **Little Free Library** - [littlefreelibrary.org/](http://littlefreelibrary.org/) lists local book boxes to lend, give or borrow a book.
- There are several in **Monongalia County** or *start your own!*



## Repair

- There are over 2,500 Repair Cafés worldwide.

## REPAIR CAFE

- Check out Scotts Run Resonance Repair Café for their next event or start your own!

SCOTTS RUN  
RESONANCE-  
PASSING IT FORWARD  
says

check out the movement at [www.repaircafe.org](http://www.repaircafe.org)

### Don't throw THAT away!

Do you love something that needs repair and you don't want to toss it? We are lining up people who know how to fix stuff like we did before we lived in a plastic world. We want to exchange knowledge between generations.

We can **FIX** it...at the

## REPAIR CAFE



- **Tools or Other Items to Borrow** - communities are partnering to lend tools and other items to residents. **ToolBank** ([toolbank.org](http://toolbank.org)) is a national entity that will help set up programs locally.
- **Morgantown and Cheat Lake Library locations** lend games and specialty kits - like bird watching kits.



# January 2024



Monongalia County  
Solid Waste Authority

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6
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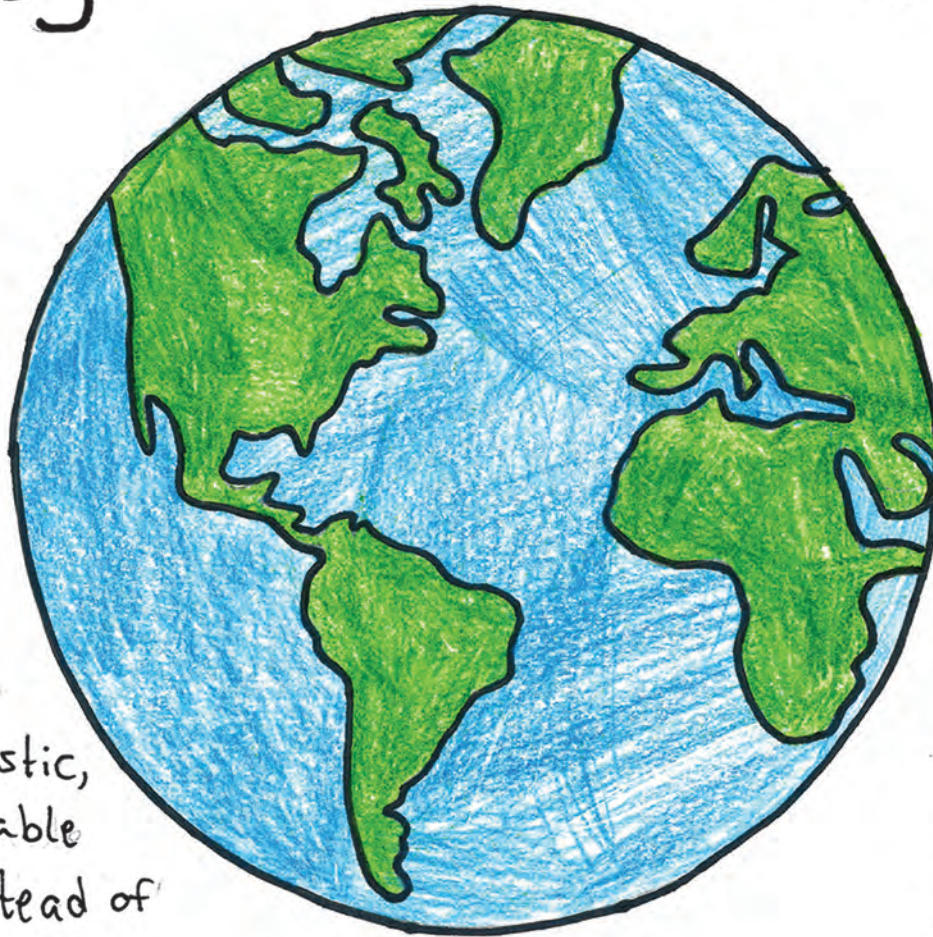
**Did you know?** The WV Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) REAP sponsors a **WV Make It Shine Statewide Clean Up** assistance program. Visit [dep.wv.gov](http://dep.wv.gov) for more information.

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# February 2024



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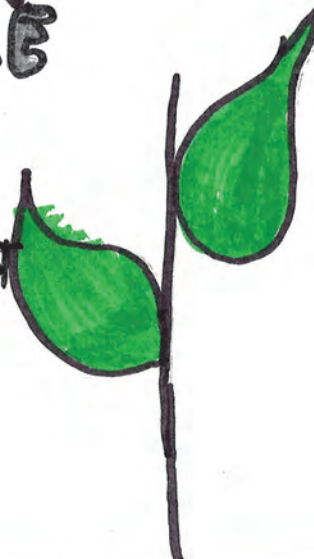
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Scotts Run Resonance Repair Café
11	12	13	14 Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day	15	16	17
18 National Battery Day	19 Presidents' Day	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

**Did you know?** The **Adopt-A-Highway Program** holds spring and fall events. You can register for your **Adopt-A-Highway Program** at [dep.wv.gov](http://dep.wv.gov).

# HOW TO BE awesome



AND ALSO COMPOST



Artwork by:  
**Zahra Abbas**  
6th grade  
Suncrest Middle School  
Teacher: Mrs. Gregory



# March 2024



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10 Daylight Saving Time Begins	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Global Recycling Day	19	20	21	22 World Water Day	23
24 Palm Sunday	25	26	27	28	29 Good Friday	30
31 Easter						

***Did you know?*** The Youth Environmental Program is available for **FREE** to existing youth groups to unite to **Making West Virginia Shine!** Visit [dep.wv.gov](http://dep.wv.gov) to learn more.

# Reduce Waste Tips

**Plan Meals** and make a list to purchase only what you need to reduce food waste.

## For Reducing Waste and Composting

Read our How to Reduce Food Waste article and advertisement for more tips to reduce food waste going to the landfill. Visit our website to read or print a PDF copy.

# How To Reduce Food Waste

Did you know that almost 40% of waste going to the landfill is wasted food? Thirty-eight percent of it is edible food that could have been eaten. There was nothing wrong with it other than maybe it was ugly, damaged packaging, lack of interest or not knowing what to do with leftovers or a misunderstanding of food labels. Besides the importance of not throwing away perfectly good food, grocery bills are going up and with more people in need of help with food, this is a good time to look at How to Reduce Wasting Food.

### Plan Meals

First, make a list by taking a look around the cupboards and fridge to see what you already have and can use. It might be that you already have an ingredient or can use those leftovers to make a meal. Make sure to shop and buy only what you need and then use what you buy. Check out [Savethefood.com](http://Savethefood.com) for an easy-to-use Meal Prep Mate.

### Buy the Ugly Fruits and Vegetables

The trend is changing but some stores still reject imperfect "ugly" produce. These fruits and vegetables are still delicious so give them a try and keep them from being wasted.

### Donate

If you ended up buying too much food that you will not eat soon consider donating to a local food pantry. Contact the pantry directly to learn the items they accept and when.

### Chill the Fridge Out

Is your fridge at the right temperature? The FDA recommends your fridge is at 40 degrees or below

and your freezer at 0 degrees to protect your food and keep your food safe and fresh for longer. Your food can last at least three days longer in the fridge and even longer in the freezer. Purchase a small thermometer to keep in the fridge and freezer and monitor the temperature often. If you are not sure how to set the temperature in your fridge contact the manufacturer.

### Organize Your Fridge

Practice "First In First Out" (FIFO) by shifting the older foods to the front of the fridge, freezer or pantry and put new ones in the back so you remember to eat them before they spoil and go bad. Set up, and label an "Eat Soon" or "Eat First" section shelf, or bin dedicated to items that need to be eaten soon. For families, make sure the shelf is where the kids can see it and get them involved!

### Use Leftovers

Leftovers, and foods needing to be eaten soon and overripe fruits and vegetables, can be mixed together to make another meal! There are recipes, and programs, to help you. Check out Hellmann's Make Taste, Not Waste campaign, Save the Food or Love Food Hate Waste websites for some tasty recipes.

### How Long to Keep Food to Avoid Wasting It

You likely can see and smell that some foods are no longer good to eat. But what about other food? Check out the Food Safety.gov FoodKeeper tool or try the Save the Food Storage Interactive Storage Guide.

### Food Product Dating Labels

Confused by those "Sell By," "Best if Used By/Before," "Use By" or "Freeze

By" date labels on food packages? You are not alone. Except for infant formula, the dates on packaging are not safety dates. See the USDA's explanation for each.

**"Best if Used By/Before"** date indicates when a product will be of best flavor or quality. It is not a purchase or safety date.

**"Sell-By"** date tells the store how long to display the product for sale for inventory management. It is not a safety date.

**"Use-By"** date is the last date recommended for the use of the product while at peak quality. It is not a safety date except for when used on infant formulas.

### Grow Your Own

Another cost saving approach is to grow your own food. Check out WVU Extension Gardening Guide which includes container gardening and gardening with limited space and WVU Campus Food Garden and Urban Farm. Both are available to the public.

### Compost

Composting is another way to reduce food waste going to the landfill. Start at home or consider a community composting area. The WVU Campus Food Garden and Urban Farm not only shows you how to grow your own food but they offer composting classes too.

To learn more about how to reduce food waste visit our website [monongaliacountyswa.com](http://monongaliacountyswa.com), subscribe to our e-newsletter or follow us on Facebook or Nextdoor.

**Confused about what the date labels on food packages mean?**

Here's what you should know:

**Best if Used By/Before**  
Labels often include phrases like "Use By" or "Best if used by" but may only have a date. Other than infant formula, date labels are not required by federal law on packaged foods.

**Sell-By**  
Manufacturers often apply a date to inform consumers and retailers when the food will be at its best quality. Food packages may also have a date to indicate when the food was first produced or packed.

**Use-By**  
date indicates when a product will be of best flavor or quality. It is not a purchase or safety date.

**Extend shelf life**  
Freezing is a good option for extending the shelf life of many packaged foods. Use the USDA's FoodKeeper App for information on how to safely store different foods to maintain freshness and quality.

**Chill the Fridge Out**  
Do you think I'm ugly?

**Reduce food waste.**

**Love Food**

**Chill the Fridge Out**

**Do you think I'm ugly?**

**Extend shelf life**

**Use-By**

**Grow Your Own**

**Compost**

**For more information and resources about food waste visit: [www.monongaliacountyswa.com](http://www.monongaliacountyswa.com)**

**Compost**  
start a community composting program or purchase a composting bin.

## FIFTY YEARS OF EARTH DAY 10 REASONS TO COMPOST

- 1) Improves plant growth
- 2) Reduces soil erosion
- 3) Allows soil to retain more water
- 4) Enhances soil fertility
- 5) Reduces waste landfilled & burned
- 6) Benefits soil structure
- 7) Allows soil to retain more nutrients
- 8) Stores carbon in soil to protect the climate
- 9) Builds community resilience & power
- 10) Is something everyone can do!



IISR INSTITUTE FOR Local Self-Reliance  
Learn how: [iisr.org/composting](http://iisr.org/composting)

## Leave Grass Clippings and Yard Waste on the Lawn

- Leaves form a natural mulch that helps suppress weeds and at the same time fertilize the soil as they break down.
- Removing leaves from your yard takes away important wildlife habitat.
- Wildlife rely on leaf litter for food, shelter and nesting material.
- Use the "browns" for composting!



## Monongalia County Solid Waste Authority

304-292-3801

[www.monongaliacountyswa.com](http://www.monongaliacountyswa.com)

[moncountyswa@gmail.com](mailto:moncountyswa@gmail.com)

A resource for Monongalia County residents to learn about solid waste issues, recycling events, and where to properly dispose of or recycle solid waste items.



# April 2024

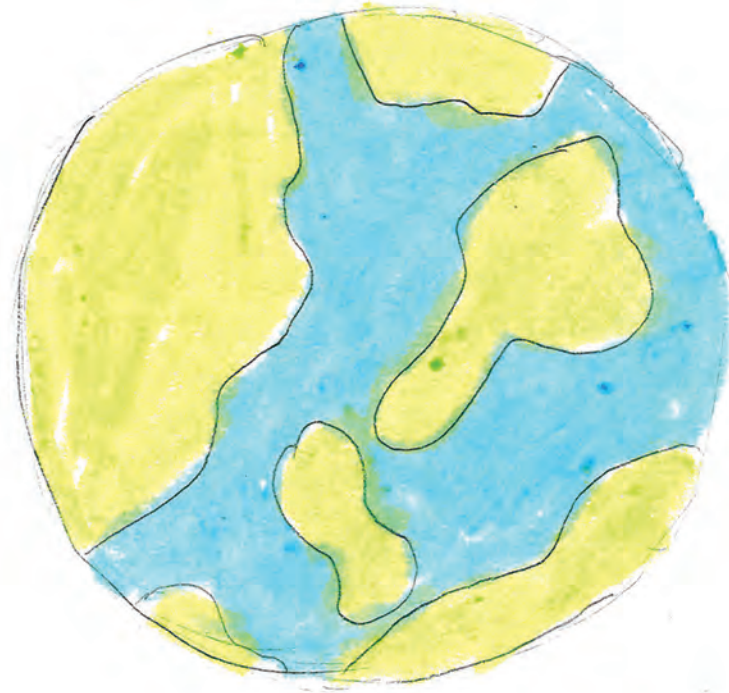


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	1 April Fools' Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 West Virginia Arbor Day	13 Mon Co. Solid Waste Authority Paper Shredding Event
14	15 Tax Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Earth Day	23	24	25	26 National Arbor Day	27
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***Did you know?*** The Recycling Coalition of WV, Inc. "It All Comes Back to You" has educational resources, programs, and the Take the Recycling Pledge. Visit [wvrecycles.com](http://wvrecycles.com) to learn more.

**R**educe



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# May 2024



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5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18 Armed Forces Day
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

***Did you know?*** The Youth Environmental Program holds an annual fall weekend Youth Environmental Conference where youth learn about conservation and the environment. Visit [dep.wv.gov](http://dep.wv.gov) to learn more.



Reuse



Recycle



Compost



Less plastic



Old



New

Reduce

# June 2024



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2	3	4	5 World Environment Day	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Flag Day	15
16 Father's Day	17	18	19 Juneteenth	20 West Virginia Day First Day of Summer	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

***Did you know?*** The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Kids Environment has Kids Health Reduce, Reuse, Recycle information. View <https://kids.niehs.nih.gov/topics/reduce> to learn more.

# Plan Ahead Collection Events & More



**Monongalia County  
Solid Waste Authority**

will be holding a

## PAPER SHREDDING FREE Event

**Saturday, April 13, 2024  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm**



**889 Mylan Park Ln.  
Morgantown, WV**



**Monongalia County  
Solid Waste Authority**

will be holding an

## ELECTRONICS Recycling Event

**Times & Locations TBD**

**FREE EVENT for Monongalia County residents.**  
Check the Monongalia County  
Solid Waste Authority's website  
to find a list of accepted items.



**Monongalia County  
Solid Waste Authority**

will be holding a

## PESTICIDES Collection Event

**Times & Locations TBD**

**FREE EVENT for Monongalia County residents.** No fertilizer or cleaning products will be collected.

**SCOTTS RUN  
RESONANCE-**  
PASSING IT FORWARD says

check out the movement at [www.repaircafe.org](http://www.repaircafe.org)

**Don't throw THAT away!**

Do you love something that needs repair and you don't want to toss it? We are living up people who know how to fix stuff like we did before we lived in a plastic world. We want to exchange knowledge between generations.

**We can FIX it...at the**

## REPAIR CAFE

**Feb 10, 10-12 at the SHACK**

We will have tables for **Shoe Care**, **Android/Bikes/Chip Warming**, **Clothing repair and hemming**, **Chairlifts**, **Knife sharpening**, **Ryan Sommercorn**, **Photo Repair**, **Photoblog/Eve Faulkes**, **Wiring for lamps**, **Furniture repair**, **Larry Goodwin**, **Cast Iron Skillet repair/DJ Caswell**, **Phone confusion**, **Charles Forney**, **Hand repair**, **Insulation**, **Pam Turman** and more... We can't do things with gasoline since we are indoors! **Plus food, coffee, friendship, and live music!** (Live repair lineup will be updated)

**Call us if you have something else you need repaired not covered by our folks and we'll find another fixer!** 304 918 8662 or [DJGCassell@gmail.com](mailto:DJGCassell@gmail.com)

**Also CALL to sign up at a table to get your item fixed.** You can just show up and enjoy the conversation and cafe, but signups will be taken first for those and it's just going on for two hours! This is our first REPAIR CAFE, but it's a worldwide movement, and Scotts Run knows how to Make Do or Do Without...by repairing it. JOIN US Saturday July 15.

This project is made possible by the Mt Atlantic Arts Central Appalachia Living Traditions grant awarded to the Scotts Run Resonance project with the partners of the Scotts Run Settlement House, The Scotts Run Museum and Trail, and THE SHACK



## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Event August 3 • 8am-11am



**Morgantown Utility Board  
278 Green Bag Road**

Contact **MUB** for more information.

List of Accepted Items:

- Anti-freeze
- Arts/Crafts Supplies
- Batteries (All types)
- Bleaches
- Drain/Oven/Floor cleaners
- Fluorescent Bulbs - including CFLs
- Freon (Canisters Only)
- Hydrochloric Acid
- Lawn & Garden Chemicals
- Lighter Fluid
- Motor Oil (Used)
- Gasoline (including that mixed with oil)
- Photo Chemicals
- Rodent Killers
- Mercury Thermometers
- Oil Filters (used)
- Propane Cylinders
- Fire Extinguishers
- Rust Preventatives
- Septic (cesspool) Cleaners
- Swimming Pool Chemicals
- Transmission Fluid
- Wood Preservatives
- Oil-Based Paints (NO LATEX PAINT)\*

## Monthly Tire Collection for WV Residents

- Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month
- 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Limit up to 10 tires at each event
- Off the rim
- Proof of WV residency required
- Not open to businesses



Location:  
**City of Morgantown  
Garage  
200 M-Tec Drive**

## DEA NATIONAL Rx TAKEBACK

Too often, unused prescription drugs find their way into the wrong hands. That's dangerous and often tragic. That's why it's great to see thousands of folks from across the country clean out their medicine cabinets and turn in - safely and anonymously - their unused prescription drugs.

Visit [DEATakeBack.com](http://DEATakeBack.com) for a collection site near you.

Turn in unneeded medication for safe disposal.

Look out for this year's **TAKE BACK** dates!

Keep them safe.  
Clean them out.  
Take them back.



## City of Morgantown Residents within City Limits Monthly E-waste Must call 304-366-8900 to arrange a pick up.

- The Electronics Recycling (e-waste) truck route runs on the last Friday of every month and goes to pick up all E-waste that were called in from the last 30-days.



## Friends of Deckers Creek PAINT EXCHANGE

Date & Time:  
**TBD**

Location:



**278 Green Bag Road**





# More Recycle and Disposal Information

## How To Recycle or Properly Dispose of Non-working and Unusable Large Items



### To Recycle Non-working Appliances:

Drop off, for free, your washers, dryers, dishwashers, stoves, and water heaters at **Appliance Discounters** in Westover.

To properly dispose of non-working appliances and other unusable large household items (instead of recycling):

- Contact your trash hauler to learn how to set up a bulky goods pick-up
- Ask your municipality about special bulky goods pick-up event(s) held yearly
- Take it to the **Mountaineer Transfer Station** in the Industrial Park, in Westover

## Mountaineer Transfer Station **FREE DAY**

**FREE Day** is the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month.

For more information about the Mountaineer Transfer Station visit our website.

The Mountaineer Transfer Station is owned and operated by Republic Services.

## APPLIANCES WITH FREON

Appliances that have freon are refrigerators, freezers, window air conditioners and dehumidifiers.

### How to Properly Dispose of or Recycle

- Drop off an appliance at **Appliance Discounters**, located in Westover, for free and they will properly recycle or dispose of the appliance.
- Contact your local waste haulers or metal recyclers to properly dispose of an appliance.
- Most appliance retailers will haul away an appliance for a small fee when you purchase a new one.



For more information about these events and more contact us



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DON'T Buy 

REDUCE

What You DON'T Need

# July 2024

## PLASTICS-FREE JULY



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Solid Waste Authority

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7th grade, Mountaineer Middle School, Teacher: Mr. Welker

# August 2024



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**Did you know?** World Wild Life has a **Be a Food Waste Warrior** Teaching Resources Toolkits. Visit [www.worldwildlife.org/teaching-resources/toolkits/be-a-food-waste-warrior](http://www.worldwildlife.org/teaching-resources/toolkits/be-a-food-waste-warrior) to learn more.

# Reduce Waste Tips

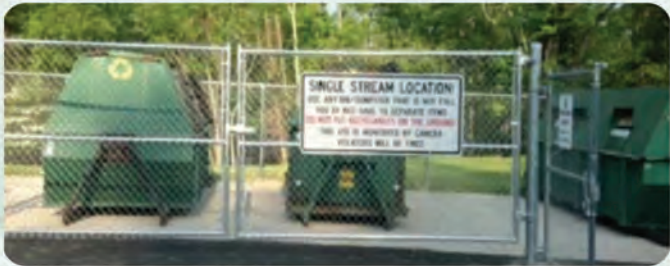
**Recycle** the product if possible.

**General Recycling** Below are the current Monongalia County options to recycle most items like paper, bottles, plastics, newspaper, magazines and aluminum cans.

## Monongalia County Commission Recycling Drop-off Site

Single stream recycling

Open Monday - Friday  
7:00 am - 3:30 pm  
500 Dupont Road, Westover  
For more information  
[moncountyclecycling.com](http://moncountyclecycling.com)



## The Dominion Post On-site Recycling

Recycle paper, newspaper, and magazines.  
NOTE: magazines must be separated from newspaper  
1251 Earl L Core Rd  
(back side of building)  
Open 7:00 am - 3:00 pm  
For more information call  
Chris @ 304-291-9479



## Western Monongalia County Recycling

Source separated recycling  
4120 Fairmont Road  
Open 24/7  
For more information  
Marion County Solid Waste Authority  
304-825-1976

For more information about these options visit the Monongalia County Solid Waste Authority website under Recycling, Disposal and Events.

[monongaliacountyswa.com](http://monongaliacountyswa.com)



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## Hard to Recycle or Dispose of Items or Reduce Waste Events

Check our website for Hard to Recycle Items Events for Household Hazardous Waste, E-cycle, Reduce Waste Events and more.



## Morgantown Residents within City Limits Only Monthly Recycling

Single stream Drop-off  
Available Second (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Saturday of the month  
Open 11:30 am - 2:00 pm  
I.D. is required to verify address  
Mountaineer Transfer Station  
2130 Rail Street  
Westover, WV 26501  
For more information  
City of Morgantown  
304-284-7405



SCOTTS RUN  
RESONANCE-  
PASSING IT FORWARD  
says

Don't throw THAT away!

Do you love something that needs repair and you don't want to toss it? We are lining up people who know how to fix stuff like we did before we lived in a plastic world. We want to exchange knowledge between generations.

We can FIX it...at the

**REPAIR CAFE**

## Mail-in Options

TerraCycle and other companies provide some free and options-to-buy shipping to recycle a ton of hard to recycle items.

# September 2024



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***Did you know?*** The 3RC has Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Compost Teach Engineering lessons.  
[www.teachengineering.org/lessons/view/cub\\_environ\\_lesson05](http://www.teachengineering.org/lessons/view/cub_environ_lesson05)



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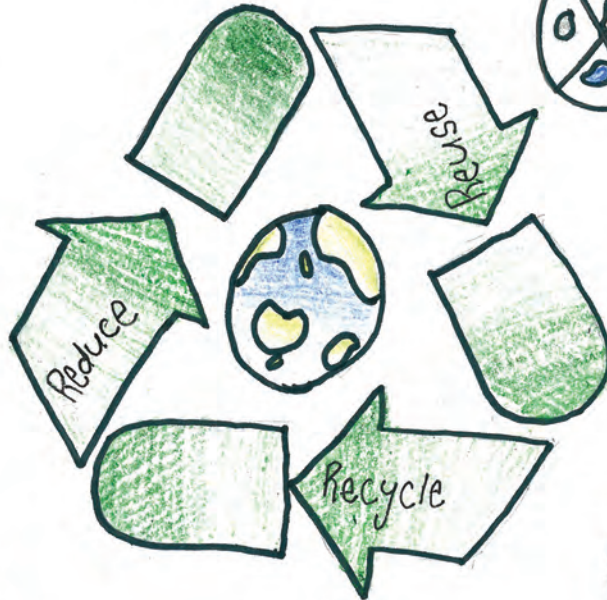
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**Did you know?** The Institute for Local Self Reliance has Community Composting Training and more. Learn more at <https://ilsr.org/composting/community-composters/>



# SAVE OUR PIANET



# ~ BY REDUCING

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**Kennedy Godfrey**  
6th grade  
Suncrest Middle School  
Teacher: Mrs. Pinn

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**Did you know?** The US EPA has Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Resources for Students and Educators and the Tools to Reduce Waste in Schools.

Visit [www.epa.gov/recycle/reduce-reuse-recycle-resources-students-and-educators](http://www.epa.gov/recycle/reduce-reuse-recycle-resources-students-and-educators) to learn more.

# Reduce Waste Tips

## Use Reusable and Rechargeable Products



Purchase reusable travel mugs, water bottles, bags, rechargeable batteries and more.

**Repurpose** by upcycling and DIY by making other products to reuse in a new way.

- Check out ways to repurpose items to create your **Little Free Library**



**Donate** your clean and gently used items to local charities.

## Refuse single-use items like

- straws
- utensils
- bags (plastic & paper)
- Shop for items with less packaging.
- Shop the Farmers' Market where there is less packaging.
- Forget your bags? Add "Bags" to the top of your list.



## Swap

- Look for local companies holding Swap Events.
- Hold a Community Outerwear Clothing or General Swap Event where clothing, or a variety of clean and reusable items are swapped for FREE!
- Check out [GrowNYC.org/Swap](https://www.grownyc.org/swap) Hosting Your Own Swap A GrowNYC DIY Guide for ideas on how to get started!



# December 2024



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1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
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***Did you know?*** The WVU Extension Service has  
**Composting for Beginners.** <https://extension.wvu.edu/natural-resources/soil-water/composting-for-beginners#how-compost-works>

# Fun Page for Kids!

## Happy Earth Day

FROM EPA



### What can you do?



- Word List**  
 compost  
 learn  
 pick up waste  
 plant a tree  
 recycle  
 ride a bike  
 save water  
 turn off lights  
 volunteer

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List 5 things you will do to help protect the environment

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# About the Monongalia County Solid Waste Authority



The Monongalia County Solid Waste Authority (MCSWA) was created by the West Virginia Legislature on January 1, 1989, as a public agency in accordance with WV Code §22C-4-3. The purpose of the MCSWA is to protect the public health and welfare by providing for a comprehensive program of solid waste collection, processing, recycling, and disposal. Further, the MCSWA exists to establish programs based on source reduction, recycling, reuse, material recovery and lastly, landfilling.

The MCSWA has a five-member board of directors who are in charge of managing the powers and duties of the MCSWA. The current Board of Directors are H. R. Scott, Chairman, David Custer, Co-chairman, Eldon A. Callen, Board member, Hayward Helmick, Board member, and Mike McCawley, Board member. The MCSWA Administrator is Lynn Castro.

## A thank you from the Monongalia County Solid Waste Authority Board of Directors and Administrator

The MCSWA Board of Directors and Administrator would like to thank Monongalia County residents, Oliver Fletcher, and Dr. Nikki Byrne-Hoffman for helping make our 2023 Reduce Waste Campaign successful. We also want to thank Ms. JoAnn Snoderly for her partnership on the Student Lesson Opportunity and support of the MCSWA Calendar Contest. Thank you also to the teachers who participated in the Student Lesson Opportunity. We could not have done this without you. We especially want to thank all of the students for submitting their artwork into the MCSWA Calendar Contest. We were excited about all of the entries and enjoyed seeing the reduce waste artwork! We believe the winning artwork contributes to the quality of this calendar and makes it even better.

### For more Information

For more resources, and to learn more about ways to reduce waste, collection events and other activity in the county, visit our website and consider subscribing to our monthly Electronic Newsletter (e-newsletter) or follow us on our social media platforms Nextdoor, Facebook, and Twitter.





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# 2024 How Do You Reduce Waste? Calendar Winners!



February



March



May



June



July



August



October



November



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