

April 13, 2015

Dear Residents:

In a collaborative effort between the Village of Westphalia, Westphalia Township, Clinton County, and Granger Waste Services, recycling is returning to Westphalia! On the first weekend of each month beginning in May, a recycle container will be located behind the DPW Building – near the base of the water tower. The container will be delivered on Friday and retrieved on Monday. NO GLASS is permitted in this program. However, other items do not need to be separated as everything goes into one container. Flyers and on-site signage will be available to help you better understand what can be recycled through the program.

Although paper can be brought to this site, I would encourage residents to use the Paper Gators located by the church and school for these items. It will help reduce the amount of recycle at the municipal site and the school receives a financial benefit from the recycled paper.

I would like to acknowledge those who have been involved in bringing recycling back to our area. First, the Village Council and Westphalia Township Board for their support of the recycling program. Secondly, the Clinton County Department of Waste Management and Granger Waste Services for all their help and guidance in establishing the new program. Last, but certainly not least, our own DPW for all their cost-saving work on this project. For example, instead of building new platforms for the recycle container, Jim and Steve were able to secure used ones from the county and with a little touch-up they should work just fine. They are also going to prep and pour the concrete pad needed for the large recycle container. These two items alone will save the Village a couple thousand dollars in recycling site infrastructure costs. Thank you guys!

Although maybe not a perfect solution, we hope the new program makes recycling efforts easier and more convenient for our area residence. Please help keep the recycling site clean & orderly.

Also on the topic of recycling, the first Clean Community Event sponsored by the Clinton County Department of Waste Management will be held in St. Johns on April 25 from 8:00–2:00. This is great way to safely and responsibly dispose of hazardous waste and other items. Appointments are required. More information is available at www.Clinton-County.org under Department of Waste Management; or call 989-224-5186; or email recycle@clinton-county.org.

Sincerely,

Dean Kohagen, President Village of Westphalia