

PRESS RELEASE

The City of Oakwood
30 Park Avenue
Dayton, Ohio 45419

Subject: Montgomery County Solid Waste District Recycling Incentive Grant

Date: October 7, 2013

OAKWOOD, OHIO:

The city of Oakwood has been awarded a \$35,000 grant to promote recycling and to divert refuse away from the landfill stream and toward recycling programs. The city contributed \$15,000 in local match for a \$50,000 project. The grant was awarded by the Montgomery County Solid Waste District under the "2013 Incentive Grant" program. It provides for the purchase of the following items:

- 588 wheeled refuse waste containers produced from recycled material;
- Three recycled-content picnic tables;
- 57 containers for recycling.

The wheeled refuse containers have been distributed throughout the alleys in Oakwood. The containers are manufactured from 40% recycled plastic and are part of a program where the city now limits landfill containers to one 96-gallon wheeled container per alley property or three standard 35 gallon trash cans for all non-alley properties. This can limit is part of a program aimed at encouraging more recycling. While most Oakwood property owners currently participate in the city's comprehensive recycling program, city officials believe that a significant quantity of recyclable material still finds its way into the landfill. Under the modified program, residents may use as many 35-gallon recycling cans as are required to meet their needs.

The three picnic tables are also made from recycled plastic and are being installed at the Oakwood Dog Park at Creager Field. They will complement existing recycled-content park benches.

The 57 recycling containers will be used in Oakwood parks and other public areas throughout the city. Some will be permanently installed and others will be portable for use at various community events. "We pay significantly less to dispose of recyclable material than we do for landfill trash and it is much better for the environment" said Public Works Director Kevin Weaver. For more information about recycling and Oakwood's refuse collection and disposal services, please visit the city website at www.oakwoodohio.gov.



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