

News from the Solid Waste Program

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Solid Waste Staff



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Honoring our Past with our Present Contributions

We've been told and can assume that our people once lived in a manner that was kind to our good Grandmother Earth. Perhaps as a people we were once conservative and less wasteful out of necessity, or maybe it was our love and respect for our Grandmother. Regardless, we can only make assumptions about the past because most of us have never had the opportunity to inhabit a more pristine land and participate in a simpler way of life. Because the way we feed, clothe, shelter, and entertain ourselves has evolved over the years, most of us now live in a time where waste is abundant and the land is often disregarded.

What can we do now? Although times have changed, it is not too late to act in the best interest of the land. Proper disposal and recycling of waste are two very easy practices that make a positive impact. Both require minimal effort and are readily available to you as residents of the Reservation. Please take a few moments to review our newsletter and you will find useful tips and information regarding services. Thank you for your cooperation and your efforts to honor the past with your present contribution!

--Division of Planning and Environmental Protection

RESPECT!!

REDUCE!! REUSE!! RECYCLE!!



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Household Hazardous Waste

There are some things that we generate in our waste that can not be placed in our garbage because they pose a potential threat to our health and environment. These items are known as household hazardous waste (HHW) and include things such as oil, paint, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, and electronic waste. You can identify HHW by reading the labels.

Look for the signal words: **CAUTION, DANGER, WARNING, POISON.** These words tell you that this product should be used as directed and may require special disposal. You can bring small quantities of HHW to the Environmental Management Center - Solid Waste Center located at 9835 142nd Rd between 8am-4pm. Just make sure that they are properly contained and labeled.



Symbols to look for:



COMMUNITY USE RECYCLING BINS NEW LOCATION!!!

THE COMMUNITY USE RECYCLING BINS HAVE MOVED TO A NEW LOCATION. THEY ARE NOW LOCATED IN FRONT OF THE WE-TA-SE BUILDING IN THE CEMENT PORTAL NEXT TO THE GREEN TRASH BIN.

BRING YOUR GENTLY USED CLOTHES/SHOES, CARDBOARD, PLASTICS, ALUMINUM PAPER AND NEWSPAPER!!

THERE ARE ALSO COMMUNITY USE RECYCLE BINS LOCATED AT THE BINGO HALL. SAME LOCATION AS BEFORE.



RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Since June 2010 we have been offering "Residential Curbside Recycling" to a limited amount of homes on the Reservation. We are pleased to report that so far this program has been a great success. We, as a department are still trying to figure out new ways to effectively serve our community. Due to the great success of the program and the large amount of materials that the community is recycling, we'll now be moving our recycling pick up routes to a weekly schedule instead of our current bi-weekly schedule to more efficiently meet your needs. Our new weekly schedule will begin on September 21, 2010. We hope that this change will better serve our community of recyclers.

The schedule will be as follows:

Every Tuesday

- **L Road – Pheasant Run & Quail Court Homes**
- **K-1 Lane – Transitional homes,**
- **156th Lane – Cluster 3 homes and Sr. Duplexes**
- **Prairie Village Senior – Meadow Lane, Tallgrass and Garden Apartments**
- **L Road – Buffalo Drive Duplexes and Apartments**

Your house?

Every Wednesday

- **Scattered homes under the Tribal Housing Department**

Every Thursday

- **152nd Lane – Cluster 1 homes**
- **L-4 Lane – Cluster 2 homes**
- **142nd Rd – N-1 Lane and N-2**

RECYCLING IS AS EASY AS...

1

PAPER PRODUCTS

- Newspaper
- Flyers
- Junk Mail
- Magazines
- Soft Book Covers
- Fine Paper
- Paper Egg Cartons
- Boxboard
i.e. cereal boxes



2

CARDBOARD



3

CONTAINERS

- Pop Cans
- Milk Cartons
- Metal Cans
- Plastic Bottles
i.e. drink bottles, soap



PLEASE

REMEMBER!!

- Bag your recyclables
- Place recycle bins out by the curb by 8 am
- Check acceptable recycling items from list
- Do not include household trash or non-recyclable items

Recyclable Items

Below is a current list of common household products that can be recycled.

Acceptable recyclable Item:

- Aluminum cans
- Beverage cans
- Milk jugs
- Pop/water plastic bottles
- Brochures
- Household batteries



Non-recyclable items:

- Styrofoam
- Glass
- Animal waste
- Carpet
- Cigarette butts
- Dirt/cement/rock
- Flooring
- Mirrors
- Plastic toys
- Toothpaste tubes
- Cat litter
- Dishes
- Disposable diapers
- Food waste
- Rags/sponges
- Soiled paper plates
- Window glass
- Waxed paper
- Carbon paper
- No plastic food container

- Grocery Plastic bags
- Cardboard cereal boxes (remove lining)
- Computer paper
- Coupons
- Cardboard egg cartons
- Food cans
- Laundry bottles (remove caps & lids)
- Ledger paper
- Magazines

- Newspaper
- Paper
- Paper tubes
- Phone books
- Tin cans
- Tissue boxes
- Used envelopes
- Wrapping paper
- Junk Mail
- Empty Medicine bottles

One can make a difference

- Reduce your waste production
- Think before you buy – look for products with little packaging.
- Buy in bulk or use reusable containers
- Buy locally manufactured/grown materials and products
- Use reusable containers and bags for lunches and when shopping



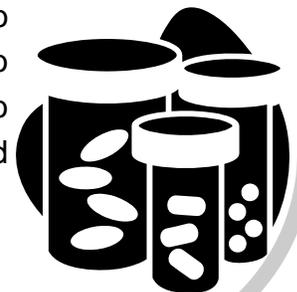
Medication Disposal Program

Recent studies have shown that medications that are disposed of by flushing into the sewage system are surviving

treatment methods and are being reintroduced into our water bodies. In an effort to prevent this from occurring the PBP Health Center Pharmacy is offering to dispose of these medications for you at no cost.

What we do: Collect your unused, unneeded, or expired medications and dispose of them by a method that is safe to the environment by sending them to a hazardous waste processing facility.

Why this is important: This is a way to not only protect our environment but also to prevent unintentional exposures to medications within your household and community.



PBP Family Health Center
11400 158th Rd. Mayetta, KS 66509
785-966-8200

Wastewater Services Policy

The Division of Planning & Environmental Protection is now equipped to empty residential sludge. All wastewater service requests to empty residential septic tanks are to be made through the Division of Planning & Environmental Protection and will only serve residents of the Potawatomi Reservation.

The fee associated with this service is as follows:

Reduced Rate Requirements:

- 1) Must be 55 + years of age and reside on the Reservation.
- 2) Must be an Enrolled PBPN Tribal Member meeting age requirements: Widow meeting age

Public Use Trailer Policy

As a service we provide to the public is the use of our department trailer to haul household trash from a resident's home to Rolling Meadows in Topeka. All public use trailer service request form and policy can be obtained by stopping by our office.

A request and deposit (if applicable) must be filled out prior to being placed on the list to deliver the trailer to a residence. The PBPN Division of Planning and Environmental Protection public use trailer request service will only serve residents of the Potawatomi Reservation.

Items accepted: Household waste only.

(Example—trash, washer/dryer, beds, mattresses, dishwasher, fridge and metal)

No Hazardous Waste will be accepted.

The fee associated with this service is as follows:

Reduced Rate Requirements:

- Must be 55 + years of age and reside on the Reservation.
- Must be an Enrolled PBPN Tribal Member

requirement of an enrolled member, spouse of enrolled member meeting age requirements.

If you do not meet the above requirements, then a fee for the wastewater service request will be as follows:

- \$80.00 per load to empty residential septic tank – if drain opening is accessible
- \$40.00 per additional equipment needed to access drain (ex. Locate & uncover access service cover, with back hoe)
- \$40.00 Maintenance Fee (minimum charge)

Payment: Payment due at time of request.

Contact our office for more information: 966-2946

Did you know by recycling your aluminum cans, plastic bottles, milk jugs, newspaper and magazines, that you could significantly reduce the volume of your garbage??

meeting age requirements: Widow meeting age requirement of an enrolled member, spouse of enrolled member meeting age requirements.

If you do not meet the above requirements, then a fee for the public use trailer service will be as follows:

- \$50.00 deposit to be paid for 1 load - Must be paid at time of request to be put on the waiting list.
- Trailer can only be kept for a maximum of one (1) week per residence.

After one load has been taken to Rowling Meadows, another request form and deposit must be filed with the PBPN Division of Planning and Environmental Protection to be put back on the waiting list.

Contact our office for more information: 966-2946

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
Division of Planning & Environmental Protection

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Mayetta, KS 66509
Office: 966-2946
Solid Waste Center: 966-2773
Wastewater Treatment Plant: 966-0111

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are a major source of
litter in **our** commu-
nity. Re-use if you
can!

RESIDENT
Rural Route 2
Box Holder
Mayetta, KS 66509

We're on the web!

www.pbpindiantribe.com/epa.aspx



**ORCHARD
NEWS!!**

- Apples, black-berries and grapes are ready!!
- Gooseberries will be ready soon!!

