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A GREENER HALLOWEEN

Halloween is right around the corner! Before the costumes come out and the candy starts flowing, take a minute to think about what happens to all the stuff left behind.



Reuse decorations and costumes when you can, and when it's time to clean up, sort your waste before tossing it. Clean cardboard boxes can go in your recycling, while candy wrappers, fake spiderwebs, plastic decorations, and most costumes belong in the trash or should be reused or donated.

Have fun, celebrate, and make a little less waste along the way!

DID YOU KNOW??

Not all Halloween plastic is recyclable. Plastic pumpkins, candy wrappers, fake spiderwebs, and many Halloween decorations are not accepted in household recycling bins.
When in doubt, check before you toss!



MCSW DIRECTOR'S CORNER

As we move into the fall season, it's great to be back and see the Solid Waste & Recycling Department continuing its work for Madison County. **I want to take this opportunity to personally and publicly thank our staff for their hard work and dedication throughout September during my absence.** I appreciate their continued commitment to keeping our department running smoothly and providing dependable service to the residents of Madison County. **(#SOLIDWASTESTRONG)**

Hurricane season is still underway, so now is a good time to secure loose items around your property and stay prepared for changing weather conditions. **If a hurricane impacts Madison County, please follow local guidance for storm debris and disposal to help keep roads, yards, and drainage areas clear.** Before the next storm, take a few minutes to prepare your property, secure loose items, and make a plan for debris. Working together helps keep our community safe, clean, and ready.

Scan the QR code to open a link to with more information about our collection sites

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Meet the Solid Waste Team



Robert Clouthier

Barn Employee

Q: How long have you worked for the county?
A: 10 years as of this month
Q: What brought you to work for Madison County Solid Waste & Recycling?
A: I needed a job with the opportunity to retire
Q: What's one thing people may not realize about what you do?
A: I am an animal lover
Q: What's the most unusual thing you've seen someone bring to a site?
A: A resident tried to put a possum in a container- it was alive!!
Q: What's the most common question you get from residents?
A: "Are ya'll open?"
Q: What's one thing you wish more people knew before coming to the site?
A: What actually goes in the recycling bins
Q: What's your favorite part of your job?
A: It's different every day
Q: What hobbies do you enjoy outside of work?
A: Hunting with my dog
Q: Do you have any pets?
A: Yes, an American Bulldog named Huckleberry
Q: What's your favorite local restaurant or place to visit?
A: Wherever my wife tells me to go
Q: What's one piece of advice you'd give a new MCSW employee?
A: Stay calm, remain professional, and approach every situation with residents with patience and a level head.



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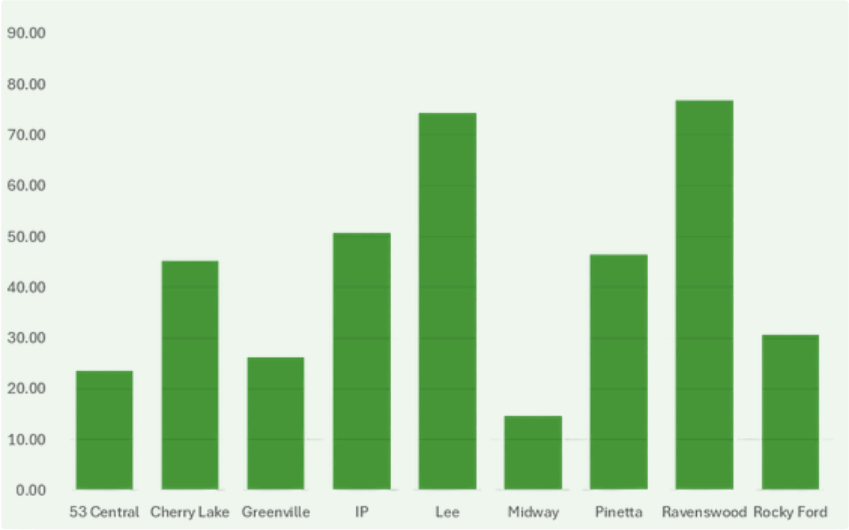
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Septemeber by the Numbers

& WHERE OUR WASTE GOES

in tons



Have you ever stopped to think about how much trash our community produces in a month? Every bag dropped off at a collection site contributes to the bigger picture of waste management here in Madison County.
In September, the amount of waste sent to the landfill varied across our collection sites. Lee and Ravenswood recorded the highest totals, while Midway had the lowest.

Each location serves its own part of the community, and together, these numbers show just how much material moves through our local waste system every month.

Once trash leaves our collection sites, it doesn't simply disappear. It has to be transported and managed at the landfill, which is one reason reducing unnecessary waste matters. Recycling eligible materials, reusing what we can, and avoiding unnecessary single-use items are a few simple ways we can help reduce the amount of trash we throw away. **We may not be able to eliminate trash completely, but small changes in our everyday habits can add up over time. The next time you're about to toss something, consider whether it could be reused or recycled instead!**



We're here to help!
Have questions about container rental, proper waste disposal, or our collection sites? Contact us!

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