

2019 CLEANSWEEP REPORT

Hazardous waste and other items were brought to Cleansweep on June 18. Cleansweep is an annual hazardous waste collection for residents, businesses and farmers where they can dispose of their hazardous items safely and at little to no cost. The collection was held at the Rusk County Highway Shop with 193 attending. This year Cleansweep was held on a weeknight and lines were long for a good portion of the event. There were also additional collections for tires, pharmaceuticals, sharps, electronics and appliances. Cleansweep is funded by county levy dollars so donations are always welcome.

This collection was sponsored by Northwest Regional Planning Commission, Rusk County Recycling and North Central Recyclers, Inc. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped staff this event and make it a success. If you missed Cleansweep and still have items, please call the Rusk County Recycling Department at 715-532-2167 for information on other area hazardous waste collections.



182 households, 3 farms, 8 businesses and municipalities brought in hazardous waste to Cleansweep. 61% percent of those attending brought in electronics & appliances and 59% brought in HHW. All collected waste is sorted by chemical type and then safely disposed of. For a list of items that are hazardous, contact the Rusk County Recycling Dept. at 715-532-2167. A lot of items that are considered hazardous are used in meth production so it is important that these items be taken to a household waste collection. Other items accepted were non-latex paint, fluorescent bulbs, oil filters, and rechargeable batteries.

Pharmacist Dave Werner collected 91 lbs. of medications under the supervision by Deputy Engle from the Rusk County Sheriff's Department. 30 participants brought medications including meds from pets to the event. 7 gallons of sharps were collected. This year Rusk County Youth Council handed out medication disposal pouches and medication lock boxes and bags for year round help in disposing of medication for those that may be shut ins or don't have access to the drop off boxes. For information on safe medication and sharps disposal year round, contact the Recycling Dept. at 715-532-2167.



Al Rathsack, Brett Bechtel, Bruce Thorpe and Ron Freeman were busy collecting tires while James "Lobster" Riddle weighed tires by the truckload on the scale. Once the tires are collected they go to Bee Line Tire Recycling where they get made into a high quality crumb rubber that is used as raw materials for athletic fields, playgrounds and landscaping amongst others. This year we collected 7.16 tons of tires.

North Central Recyclers. had a busy afternoon unloading lots of appliance and electronics. There were charges for TV's, monitors, freon appliances and vacuums but many items you could bring for free. Collection totals include 112 CRT's, 35 LCDs, 166 small electronics, 27 Microwaves, 9 Non-freon appliances, 17 freon appliances, 20 vacuums and other miscellaneous items. A total of 13,150 pounds were collected.



COLLECTION TOTALS:

HAZARDOUS WASTE

Paint Related Materials – 2325 lb
 Flammable Liquids – 304 lb
 Mercury – 10 lb
 Corrosives – 306 lb
 Aerosols – 393 lb
 1 lb cylinders – 98 lb
 Pesticides/Toxic Liquids – 507 lb
 Oxidizer – 20 lb
 Ethylene Glycol – 474 lb
 Non Reg Resins – 620 lb
Total 5,057 lbs – decrease of 811 lbs

OTHER HHW & UNIVERSAL WASTE

Batteries – 141 lbs
 Bulbs <4' – 515
 Bulbs > 4' – 31
 HID Blubs - 3
 Oil Filters – 25
 PCB Ballasts - 31
 Non-PCB Ballasts – 16 lbs
 Non-controlled Medications – 89 lbs
 Controlled Medications – 2 lbs



Kathy Vacho and Karrie Grootousen checked everyone in and told them where to go. This is how we get our attendance & % totals.



ELECTRONICS & APPLIANCES

CRT TVs – 3,432 lbs
 CRT Monitors – 2,006 lbs
 LCD Monitors & TVs – 628 lbs
 PCs – 560 lbs
 Printers/Copiers – 672 lbs
 Microwaves – 706 lbs
 Non-Freon Units – 874 lbs
 Freon Units – 1,136 lbs
 Small Elec. – 3,136 lbs

In 4 hours they collected 23 pallets full!

TIRE RECYCLING

			Weight of ≥ 20" or large quantities
\$2.00	\$3.00	\$6.00	
Tires ≤ 12"	Tires 13"-15"	Tires 16-19"	
14	74	12	10,340

- Collected 7.16 tons of tires during the Tuesday collection. This was 4.06 less tons than last year. Another pickup was 9.33 tons from the Highway Shop. Overall there were 16.49 tons of tires collected.
- We used a different hauler this year so tire prices were down to \$200/ton. We slightly raised the prices of tires ≤ 12" and charged \$.11/lb which is equivalent to \$220/ton to offset expenses. 9% of those bringing tires got them weighed.
- Revenue was \$4079.60 minus tire expenses of \$3298.00 for a profit of \$781.60. It helped to raise rates a little since the tire collection has a history of not offsetting all of its costs.