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Ohio EPA Participates in America Recycles Day

Today is America Recycles Day, and Ohio EPA invites Ohioans to recycle, reuse and reduce waste in the most environmentally responsible way.

Ohio EPA offers you these tips:

- Reduce waste by buying durable items instead of disposables; buy and use only what you need; and make careful purchasing decisions aimed at less packaging and less toxic chemicals.
- Reuse items instead of throwing them away. Some examples are to clean and reuse food and beverage containers; reuse boxes, plastic and paper bags; participate in paint and chemical collection drives; and donate extra materials to someone who can use them, such as a charitable organization or school.
- Recycle by taking materials to recycling centers or by participating in curbside recycling. Contact your local solid waste management district office or visit its website to find out what materials are taken and where and when recycling drives are being held. Recycle at home by composting yard wastes and food scraps. Then purchase materials made from recycled products to close the loop.

Ohio EPA is participating today in the Progressive Field National Recycling Day event. The Cleveland Indians and Natural Resources Defense Council will promote how jobs in the recycling industry can be created if minimum recycling standards are established. In addition, various organizations involved with recycling will set up displays and interact with area 6th through 10th graders.

To learn more about events in your area today, visit www.americarecyclesday.org.

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