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WHAT'S IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

Are you using your community resources wisely? Fall is here and it's time to find out. Whether you have a new job/old one, new home/apartment or old, it really doesn't matter because fall, electrifying fall, is a time to find out all the organizations and services in your community that can help you. The "District," Monroe County Solid Waste Management District, is one organization that can do just that.

Whatever community you live in, you want that community to be just right for you. What services does the community have? Entertainment? Restaurants? Sports? What are the people like? What outdoor recreational options are available and how sustainable is the community with their services because as Media & Education Director states, "If it's not sustainable, nothing will be there for long." Waste management is one of those basics. Pokral says, "Residents in Monroe County are fortunate to have a variety of sustainable services which include the District. With five recycling centers, the District has much to offer Monroe County residents and services are for both rural and urban residents. Many District customers live within the City of Bloomington."

Of course, if you live in Bloomington, the City provides curbside recycling as part of its sanitation services. The City provides its sanitation customers with a 96 gallon tote for curbside recycling collection or you can contact the City of Bloomington to request a smaller size. However, Pokral says, "All Monroe County residents can use District services. At the District, it's one stop for recyclables and trash disposal for the four Rural Recycling Centers. By putting your trash in orange bags that are available in major grocery and hardware stores, you can save money on trash disposal!" Additionally, electronics, used motor oil, and antifreeze are accepted at all five recycling centers. However, electronics with a screen are only accepted at the South Walnut Recycling Center for a \$20 recycling fee per item.

At the South Walnut Recycling Center Pokral says a wide variety of household hazardous waste (HHW) is accepted from paints, cleaners to pharmaceuticals and vitamins and if you wish, you can take some items free of charge from the Haz bin room (previously used HHW).

Pokral says it is important to review the waste you have in homes and businesses. “At District recycling centers, you can drop off paper, cardboard, glass bottles, plastics 1-7, metal, and more. As she explains, when you do, who knows, you may meet a new friend or see an old one. You will find others who also take actions to promote a healthy, sustainable community, who know the connections between soil, water, air, land health, and everyone’s health. So electrify your fall! Reexamine your daily routines and actions. Pokral says, “Let’s be electrifying and electrify the Monroe County community, making use of all the sustainable community resources we have! We look forward to helping you.” District Gogreen Guides may be picked up at any of the recycling centers. You can also call 812-349-2020 or look on-line for more information at gogreendistrict.com.

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