



# Recycle Morrow County!

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Summer 2024



## Summer Events and Raffle Winners

### Residential Summer Events

#### Community 1st Project: Plant in a boot

Morrow County Recycling and Keep Morrow County Beautiful is offering a Community First Project – Plant in a Boot at Groovy Plants Ranch\* on June 8 at 11am. Registration is required and spaces are limited. Cost of the workshop is \$25 but with a donation of a pair of gently worn socks, enrollment is only \$20.

Register at <https://morrowcountyohio.gov/recycling/index.php>

What you will need: an old pair of shoes or boots preferably with holes drilled in the bottom for good drainage (no hole drilling will be allowed on site), and a pair of gently worn socks for workshop cost reduction.\*\*

Keep a footwear planter for yourself and donate one to Safe Harbor.\*\*\*

Pay at the beginning of the event (no credit card payments accepted) or stop by 480 Douglas Street, Mt. Gilead Ohio, but call first to make sure someone is there!

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\*Groovy Plants Ranch, 4140 County Rd 15, Marengo, OH 43334

\*\*Safe Harbor offers Peer Support Services in a drop-in free of charge peer support recovery center. Safe Harbor's goal is to increase the level of self-esteem, independence, and quality of life for those who have experienced any type of behavioral health issue.

With peer support, the Safe Harbor Community: Creates a bond that supports learning together, shares new ideas and ways of being; breaks away from the limitations of stigmas. Help provide a positive cheerful environment to Safe harbor with your boot donation to Safe Harbor.

\*\*\*Sock donations will go to either Safe Harbor or Goodwill of Marion, Delaware, and Morrow County. Wearable socks are one of the least donated and most sought out item requested by those in need.

Included in the workshop is a brief discussion on the importance of reuse and repurpose in regards to living in a circular economy and as it relates to sustainability. Groovy Plants Ranch is graciously providing not only the workshop space, soil and plants, but a discussion on the proper care of your plant in your boot/shoe planter.

Program sponsored by Groovy Plants Ranch and Goodwill of Marion, Delaware, and Morrow County.

## Basics of Composting



~ Learn the basics of back yard composting and different composting techniques to turn your kitchen and yard waste into a nutritious treasure! Join Carri Jagger with the OSU Extension and Kristin Ruth with Morrow County Recycling on June 20 at 6:30 PM at Headwaters Outdoor Education Center, 151 Home Rd, Mt. Gilead, OH. No pre-registration required. (Program made possible by local levy funds)



**FREE Yard Waste Facility**

Morrow County Recycling offers a facility for yard waste for RESIDENTS of the DKMM District (Delaware, Knox, Marion, and Morrow Counties). It is located off of Township Road 127 or Loren Road and is behind the water treatment plant.

**Hours:** Open Year Round (Weather Permitting)

**Acceptable Items:**

Tree limbs under 10” in diameter.  
Brush, Shrubs, Leaves and Grass Clippings.

**Unacceptable Items:**

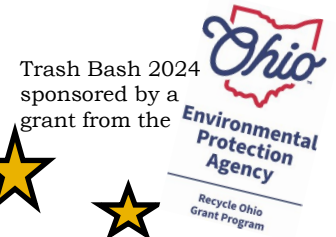
No food, animal or barn waste, or household trash. No tree limbs over 10” in diameter, No tree trunk roots, treated timbers and no wood of any kind. No Straw and Sod.

**Violators will be prosecuted.**



The Ohio Revised Code prohibits littering and illegal dumping regardless of whether or not it was intentional. Littering is a serious offense, punishable by fines of up to \$500 and 60 days in jail.

Do not leave recyclables and other materials on the ground. This is littering. If recycling bins are full, call 419-946-6400 to have them emptied. Then return to the bin to properly dispose of your household recyclables (...and take home those patio chairs—that’s considered trash and litter and a \$500 fine).



**Trash Bash Total Solar Eclipse Raffle Winners**



Morrow County’s Trash Bash Total Solar Eclipse helped to build a community of care during April’s litter pick-up. Since 2020 and due to the COVID years, Morrow County’s annual litter pick-up has dropped in participation, resulting in year-ly averages of 353 volunteers cleaning up 89 miles of road.

In 2023, 3, 464 pounds of trash were picked up and 491 pounds of recyclables. So far in 2024, 4,395 lbs of trash and 1,059 lbs of recyclables have been collected by 484 volunteers. Approximately 83 miles of road have been cleaned as well as 30 public spaces. Not all the numbers are in yet. Trash Bash is still in full swing. The season ends June 2. To help with the beautification of Morrow County, please call 419-946-6400 – Prizes are still being awarded to participating 4-H clubs.

Current Winners of the 2024 Trash Bash Total Solar Eclipse Raffle include Barbara Patterson, Michelangelo Ferretti, and Lauri Lovell. They received a recycling travel set. Shelly Adkins and Martha Wall received Groovy Plants Gift Card sets. Jean Smith won the Pollinator house and kitchen counter composter. Jean Smith won the Groovy Plants Ranch plant gardening set. Finally, the Mt. Gilead State Park won the June billboard. Be on the lookout for it! It will be located at State Rt 95, .3 miles of I-71.

Winners were randomly picked by Morrow County Commissioners and the Board Members of Keep Morrow County Beautiful.

In addition to these winners, 400 litter kits found their way into the willing arms of dedicated community volunteers, and several participants received cash prizes, McDonalds Gift Cards and more during their 2024 Trash Bash experience. And don’t forget, Morrow County wins when roads are free of litter.

If you are looking to give back to the community but are unable to participate in Trash Bash 2024, then consider participating in our Community First Project – Plant in a Boot with Groovy Plants Ranch on June 8 at 11am. Please call 419-946-6400 for details or check out the webpage: [morrowcountyohio.gov/recycling](http://morrowcountyohio.gov/recycling)

**Congratulations to all!**