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REGIONAL SOLID WASTE PLAN

Regional Solid Waste Management District	Reporting Period
Ozark Mountain Solid Waste District	September 1, 2016- December 31, 2017

A. COLLECTION

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1. Weekly curbside/roadside and/or drop-off collection services should be made available for all household solid waste for residential dwellings within the state by city, county or private collection.

Has the District achieved this state goal?
 Yes. Each of our six counties have easily accessed drop off collection centers, strategically located in high population areas. Our rural citizens are served by satellite drop off locations scattered throughout the District, as well as by robust roadside/curbside pick-up.

b. If not, what is the District's target date to achieve this state goal?

A minimum of semi-monthly yard waste collection services should be provided for all residential dwelling within the state. Collected yard wastes must be managed at a Class CY compost facility or an alternative approved pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §8-6-220 (b). Each district should include the schedule of implementation within its solid waste plan, beginning with the larger cities.

- a. Has the District achieved this state goal?
 Not yet. Most of our counties report community drop off locations for composting. The City of Harrison, and Carroll County have robust drop off locations, and periodic curbside yard debris pick up, which is turned into mulch and compost, free for the community. The City of Mt. Home is now offered curbside compost pick up for a charge.
- b. What is the District's target date to achieve state goal? 2020
- c. What actions will you implement to achieve your target date? We will continue to find ways for our counties to afford the equipment required to run a composting program.
- d. If completed, attach your schedule of implementation.
- Collection services or a suitable alternative (transfer stations or community based drop-off locations) for bulky items should be made available for all residential dwellings within the state. Implementation of the program should be included in each district's plan and be based upon population.
 - Has the District achieved this state goal? Yes. All of the counties within our District receive bulky items at their recycling centers. Private industry throughout the District also provides residents many options for responsible bulky waste disposal.
 - b. What is the District's target date to achieve state goal?
 - c. What actions will you implement to achieve your target date.

B. DISPOSAL

- 1. Evaluate the disposal capacity of permitted landfills. Establish a seven-year minimum of disposal capacity for each district. If a district has no existing Class 1 landfill or has a facility with less than seven years' capacity, it can partner with an adjoining district or neighboring state to offer low cost disposal for their residents.
 - a. How much disposal capacity is available in your District?

OMSWD does not have a functioning landfill.

- b. If disposal capacity is under 7 years, what is the District's target date to achieve this state goal?
- c. What actions will you implement to achieve your target date?
- 2. Evaluate the waste stream in the geographical area of each district through an annual waste audit. Develop a business plan for the diversion and recycling of waste based on the audit results.

a. Has the District achieved this state goal? No.

b. What is the District's target date to achieve this state goal? 2020

c. What actions will you implement to achieve your target date? Through collaboration of specific haulers in the area, OMSWD will conduct waste audits at respective transfer stations. With the help of area stakeholders, trash will be separated, measured, and weighed to define accurate waste stream volumes. Waste audits will occur within each county. The information gathered will inform decisions concerning expanded waste diversion services within the District.

- d. If completed, attach a copy of the business plan.
- 3.

Require districts to establish a household hazardous waste program (either permanent sites or collection events) within their boundaries. This action item is currently <u>mandated</u> by Ark. Code Ann. §8-6-714 (a)(1)(B)(ii) for districts that charge up to \$2 per ton under the authority of that same provision and is a <u>goal</u> for districts that do not access this fee.

a. Does your District access the \$2 fee under Ark. Code Ann. §8-6-714? No.

b. Has the District achieved this state goal or mandate?

OMSWD has HHW locations in 5 of its 6 counties. Located in Eureka Springs, Harrison, Yellville, Mt. Home, and Jasper, each of our facilities responsibly receive and dispose of HHW material. Periodically, county officials sponsor HHW round ups in their respective counties and receive large volumes of HHW for proper disposal.

c. What is the District's target date to achieve this state goal or mandate?

d. What actions will you implement to achieve your target date?
 We will begin work in Searcy County toward opening a HHW Collection site. Research into costs, secure locations, and management will precede implementation.

C. RECYCLING

- 1. All municipal waste recycling programs should evaluate the economic viability of accepting the following items: paper products including new print, cardboard, white office paper, mixed paper, magazines, junk mail catalogs, phone books, boxboard and chipboard; metals, both steel and aluminum cans; plastic #1PET, #2 HDPE and others where possible; clear and colored glass (no window glass, glass ceramics, light bulbs or ovenware); and white goods (large residential appliances).
 - a. How many items does each of your recycling programs accept? Attach an addendum listing District recycling drop-off locations with the types of items accepted at each.

Please reference attached Addendum.

b. What recyclable materials has the District evaluated for accepting in this reporting period?

Please reference attached Addendum.

c. What recyclable materials has the District started accepting this reporting period that it didn't accept before this reporting period?

Some centers have expanded their plastics to include #1-7.

- d. What actions will you implement to achieve your target date?
- 2. All incorporated cities with a population of 5,000 or more will offer residential curbside recycling. Communities of this size must work with the districts to make available convenient opportunities for commercial and multi-family recycling. A minimum of semimonthly collection services or a suitable alternative system (e.g. transfer stations) for recyclable material collection should be made available for all residential dwellings within the state. Cities should be required to implement a curbside recycling program, beginning with the most populated cities and eventually including cities of all sizes. The implementation schedule should become part of each districts plan
 - a. Has the District achieved any part of this state goal?

Yes. OMSWD has curbside service in all of our larger incorporated cities, ranging from curbside totes to 95-gallon recycle containers city –wide. These services within our District are the most easy and accessible. For the population that lives beyond these opportunities, OMSWD has satellite drop off locations, recycling center access, and remote recycling trailers for regular round ups District wide. Our District aspires to make recycling accessible to all the citizens within our remote, six county region.

b. How many of cities in your district offer residential curbside recycling?

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- c. What is the District's target date to achieve the state goal listed above (residential curbside recycling, commercial and multi-family recycling, and semimonthly collection services for recyclable material collection)?
- d. What action will you implement to achieve your target date?
- e. Attach an implementation schedule.
- 3. Districts will encourage the development and implementation of public venue/special event recycling programs. Districts will offer guidance for best management practices, education assistance and information, along with collection and marketing strategies for public venue facilities and special events. Districts will discourage use of non-recyclable items like Styrofoam cups.
 - a. Has the District achieved any part of this state goal? Yes. Such programs are in place in all of our counties.
 - b. What is the District's target date to achieve this state goal?
 - c. What actions will you implement to achieve your target date?

D. SPECIAL RECOVERABLE MATERIALS

- 1. Encourage districts to exercise due diligence in the selection, use and operation of recycling and disposal facilities.
 - a. Has the District achieved any part of this state goal?
 Yes. OMSWD has excellent collection centers in each of our counties. Each center
 - receives an impressive range of recyclable materials, and is operated and managed with highly qualified staff. Please reference the attached addendum as well as our website <u>www.ozarkmountainsolidwaste.com</u> for a complete listing of items collected in each of our centers, and nours of operation in each of our centers. As markets appear in the future for additional waste diversion items that can be recycled, each or centers will work diligently to accommodate those expanded service options.
 - b. What is the District's target date to achieve this state goal?
 - 2. Develop an illegal dump program that provides additional resources to identify and remediate illegal dumps, while providing education and enforcement to prevent future dumping.
 - Does the District have an illegal dump program? Yes
 - b. Explain the education and enforcement instituted by the District to prevent future dumping.

When OMSWD receives an illegal dumps complaint, it is referred to the respective law enforcement agency for investigation. In the case of identification being found, violators are notified, required to clean up the debris, properly dispose at a transfer station. In some violators are fined, with the case referred to the prosecuting attorney. Illegal dumping is addressed in our website, and local law officials and elected officials endorse the ramifications and consequences of illegal dumping on a regular basis to their constituents.

c. Explain the additional resources the District provides to identify and remediate illegal dumps.

The District has no additional financial resources to assist in remediation of illegal dumps. Unfortunately, the cost of removal, including dumping fees and labor involved f falls to the respective community or county where the violation occurs.

d. Does the District employ or partner with a county within the District that employs an illegal dumps control officer? No.

E. EDUCATION AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Every regional solid waste management district should have an updated, accurate website (or webpages on a partner's website) that provides citizens easy-to-use access to information about recycling, composting, waste reduction and waste management services in their communities.

Information should include which materials are accepted, days and hours of operation, physical location, how materials are collected/accepted and contact information for further questions. The districts are to ensure that city and county recycling/diversion programs are financially sustainable and are using best management practices.

a. Does the district have a website, and if so, what is the address?

Yes - Ozarkmountainsolidwaste.com

b. Does the district have a webpage on a partner's website, and if so, what is the address?

c. If no to both questions above, what is the District's target date to achieve this mandate?

2. Districts should develop partnerships within communities to improve information dissemination. Solid waste districts and individual waste management entities (cities, counties, designated recycling collection centers, etc.) should use social media to increase awareness of waste management methods and opportunities.

a. List the methods in which you disseminate information to the public.

Radio, billboards, newspaper ads and articles, flyers and our website help keep our citizens informed.

b. List partnerships formed with the District.

The District partners with respective radio stations and newspapers throughout our District. Round ups are often in collaboration with community stakeholders like County and City offices, colleges, and clubs. Each respective entity helps with outreach of information through their individual social media outreach methods including the basic approach of posting flyers in public areas.

d. List examples of social media utilized.

`OMWSD will soon have an active Facebook page and Twitter account.

F. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Provide a brief summary of other goals the District would like to implement over the next 5 years.

Focusing on the solid waste needs of its citizens is the basis of OMSWD's scope of initiatives into the next five years. OMSWD will continue with its successful solid waste and waste diversion services District wide. We expect to see an increased flow of electronic waste within the state, and we continue to ready each of our collection centers' infrastructure to best able handle the materials. We still have centers not quite prepared, and insuring that they are is our utmost priority.

The on-going need within our District lies in the realm of outreach and education. OMSWD intends to implement a more in-depth, and broad reaching social media campaign. We want to meet more of our citizens where they are spending more of their time. The power of electronic mediums and outlets offer great opportunities.

Outreach will be expanding in the next five years as well. We are strengthening our educational branch, and hope to have more of an educational opportunity in our schools, civic and social gatherings. Those opportunities will also segue into an expanded special event recycling service option within the District. OMSWD is a tourist destination with the Natural State. The opportunities to help divert recyclables from our special events, and provide an educational forum are in tandem step in ultimately increasing waste diversion. Festivals, fairs, sporting events, fishing tournaments are just a few of the arenas and venues OMSWD hopes to provide special event recycling services.

Through our high visibility campaign, including increased waste diversion services, our residents will become more aware of recycling services in their area and the importance of accessing them. We hope to see a significant increase in our waste diversion percentages, with a decreased waste volume to follow.

2. Provide a listing of programs initiated previously that are not listed in goals or mandates.

Electronic Waste Round ups

Composting collaboration with National Park Service and Community Gardens

Expanded Recycling options in plastics market

Increased Recycling in Schools

Increased Recycling at Special Events

Reviewed and approved:

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e. What actions will you implement to achieve your target date?

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Ozark Mountain Solid Waste District Materials Collected Addendum

Baxter County

City of Mountain Home Baxter County

Baxter Day Service Center

1306 Rossi Road Mountain Home, AR 72653 Ph: 870-425-4322 Fax: 870-424-2313 Hours: Monday–Friday 7:30am–4:00pm

Gassville Location

502 Lakeview Dr. Gassville, AR 72635 *Hours:* 1st Saturday of the month 9am–12pm



The following materials can be delivered at any time to the Baxter Day Recycling Service Center. Accepted materials include:

- Newspapers*
- Catalogs*
- Magazines*
- Office Paper*
- Mix Paper (including Junk Mail)*
- Cardboard*
- Tin Cans
- Soda/Water Bottles
- Detergent Bottles
- Milk Jugs

Boone County

City of Harrison Residents

Inland Service Corporation

-805 Cottonwood Road, Annex #1 Harrison AR, 72601 Ph: 870-204-6690 Fax: 870-204-6693 Hours: Monday–Friday 7:30am–6:00pm Saturday 7:30am–12:00pm



Accepted materials at the curb include:

- Newspaper
- Magazine
- Catalogs
- Office Paper
- Phone Books
- Cereal Boxes
- Cardboard
- Brown paper bags
- Bagged shredded paper
- Plastic items #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #7
- Soda bottles
- Milk Jugs
- Detergent Bottles
- Medicine Bottles
- Margarine and Yogurt tubs
- Plastic Cups
- Flower pots
- Aluminum Cans
- Tin and Steel Cans

Glass Bottles are not accepted in curbside service but are accepted at the Inland Service Drop-Off Center location 805 Cottonwood Road.

Carroll County

Carroll County Solid Waste Authority

3190 East Van Buren Eureka Springs, AR 72632 Ph: 479-253-2727 Fax: 479-253-5734 carrollcountysolidwaste.com

Hours: Monday–Friday 8:00am–4:00pm

Each residential household in Eureka Springs, Berryville and Green Forest is provided a recycling bin. Weekly Curbside recycling service is available at no charge and is picked up each week o the same day trash is picked up.

Recycling is available throughout Carroll County. Materials accepted include:

- Newspapers
- Catalogs
- Magazines
- Tin Cans
- Aluminum Cans
- Plastic Bottles and Jugs #1 and #2
- Glass Bottles and Jars



Recycling Drop Off Centers

The following materials are accepted at the Recycling Drop Off Centers in Eureka Sprine Berryville and Green Forest:

- Newspapers
- Mixed Paper
- Magazines
- Cardboard
- Glass Bottles
- Steel Cans
- Aluminum Cans
- Aluminum Foil
- Soda/Water Bottles
- Detergent Bottles
- Milk Jugs
- Medicine Bottles

These materials should be rinsed and separated, no bags or other trash.

Eureka Springs 3190 E. Van Buren Monday–Friday 8:00am–4:00pm **Berryville** 206 Branch Open every day Open 24 hours a day **Green Forest** 203 S. Springfield Open every day Open 24 hours a day

Marion County

Marion County Transfer Station

1825 Hwy 62 Yellville, AR 72687 Ph: 870-449-5501 Fax: 870-449-2033 *mctransfer@yellville.net Hours*:

Monday–Friday 7:00am–4:00pm 1st and 3rd Saturdays 8:00am–12:00pm

City of Bull Shoals Recycling Drop off Location

1509 Red Bud Avenue Bull Shoals, AR 72619 Outside the fence of the public works compound *Hours*: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

The following materials are accepted and recycled at the Marion County Transfer Station -

- Newspapers
- Catalogs
- Magazines
- Cardboard
- Tin Cans
- Aluminum Cans
- Soda/Water Bottles
- Detergent Bottles
- Milk Jugs
- Bulk Steel
- Bulk Aluminum

Newton County

Newton County Recycling Center

Hwy 7 South Jasper, AR 72641 Ph: 870-446-2393 Fax: 870-446-5902 *Hours:* Monday–Friday 8:00am–4:30pm



Curbside Recycling Available!

Recyclables are put in clear bags, they are picked up on the same day as the trash is picked up.

Accepted materials include:

- Newspapers
- Catalogs
- Magazines
- Cardboard
- Glass Bottles and Jars clear, brown and green
- Tin Cans
- Aluminum Cans
- Soda/Water Bottles
- Detergent Bottles
- Milk Jugs

Medicine Bottles



Recycling Drop Off Centers

The following materials are accepted and recycled at the Newton County Recycling Center during regular business hours:

- Newspapers
- Catalogs
- Magazines
- Cardboard
- Glass Bottles and Jars
 clear, brown and green
- Tin Cans

- Aluminum Cans
- Soda/Water Bottles
- Detergent Bottles
- Milk Jugs
- Medicine Bottles

Please rinse out containers. Sorting is not required, but is requested.

Searcy County

Searcy County Recycling

2137 Hwy 27 South Marshall, AR 72650 Ph: 870-448-3001 Fax: 870-448-2935 Email: <u>searcycorecycling@yahoo.com</u> Hours: Monday–Friday 8am–4:30pm



Curbside Recycling Available!

Curbside pick up county wide, by marking bag as recyclable with marker. Materials accepted -

- Newspapers
- Catalogs
- Magazines
- Cardboard
- Aluminum Cans
- Tin Cans
- Soda/Water Bottles
- Detergent Bottles
- Milk Jugs
- Medicine Bottles
- Rechargeable Batteries
- Clothing



Recycling Drop Off Centers

The following materials are accepted and recycled at the Searcy County Recycling • Center during regular business hours: Materials can also be dropped off anytime at the recyclin plant or in Marshall at 206 Factory Road.

- Newspapers
- Catalogs
- Magazines
- Cardboard
- Tin Cans
- Aluminum Cans
- Soda/Water Bottles
- Detergent Bottles
- Milk Jugs
- Medicine Bottles
- Rechargeable Batteries
- Clothing