

THE ALLEN COUNTY

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT



2009 ANNUAL REPORT

*Allen County Solid Waste Management District
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 1990 Indiana State Legislature enacted House Bill 1240 requiring counties to form solid waste management districts. The core responsibilities of the districts are to implement a 20-year solid waste management plan to reduce the reliance on Indiana landfills and to ensure final disposal capacity for the community.

The Allen County Solid Waste Management District (ACSWMD) was established on April 2, 1991. The District developed a comprehensive solid waste management plan designed to protect the environment and fulfill the statewide reduction goals. The plan was approved by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) in December 1992. The plan outlined the cooperative measures of private and public sector delivery of services. This private/public partnership has enabled the District to provide cost effective programs.

The District's role is to strengthen the existing infrastructure and provide the education and knowledge necessary to achieve reduction goals. This annual report documents our progress toward achieving these goals in 2009.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Allen County Solid Waste Management District is a single-county District governed by a seven board of elected officials. The Board consists of three Allen County Commissioners, a representative of the Allen County Council, the Mayor of the City of Fort Wayne, a representative of the Fort Wayne City Council and a representative of the Monroeville Town Board. The Board conducts monthly meetings, usually held on the last Tuesday of the month, with additional meetings held as needed. The Board is responsible for approving all financial matters, the hiring of staff, creating policies and adopting ordinances in an effort to fulfill the District's mission.

The Board is supported with its tasks by a Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC). The mission of the CAC is to assist and advise the Board in the development and implementation of the district's solid waste plan.

The ACSWMD by statute is a taxing unit; the District currently receives 95% of its revenues from landfill tipping fees, not property taxes. Waste received within the District is assessed at \$1.35 per ton. Waste received outside the District is assessed at \$2.50 per ton.

DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Representative

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Allen County Commissioner
Allen County Commissioner
Allen County Council
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Fort Wayne City Council

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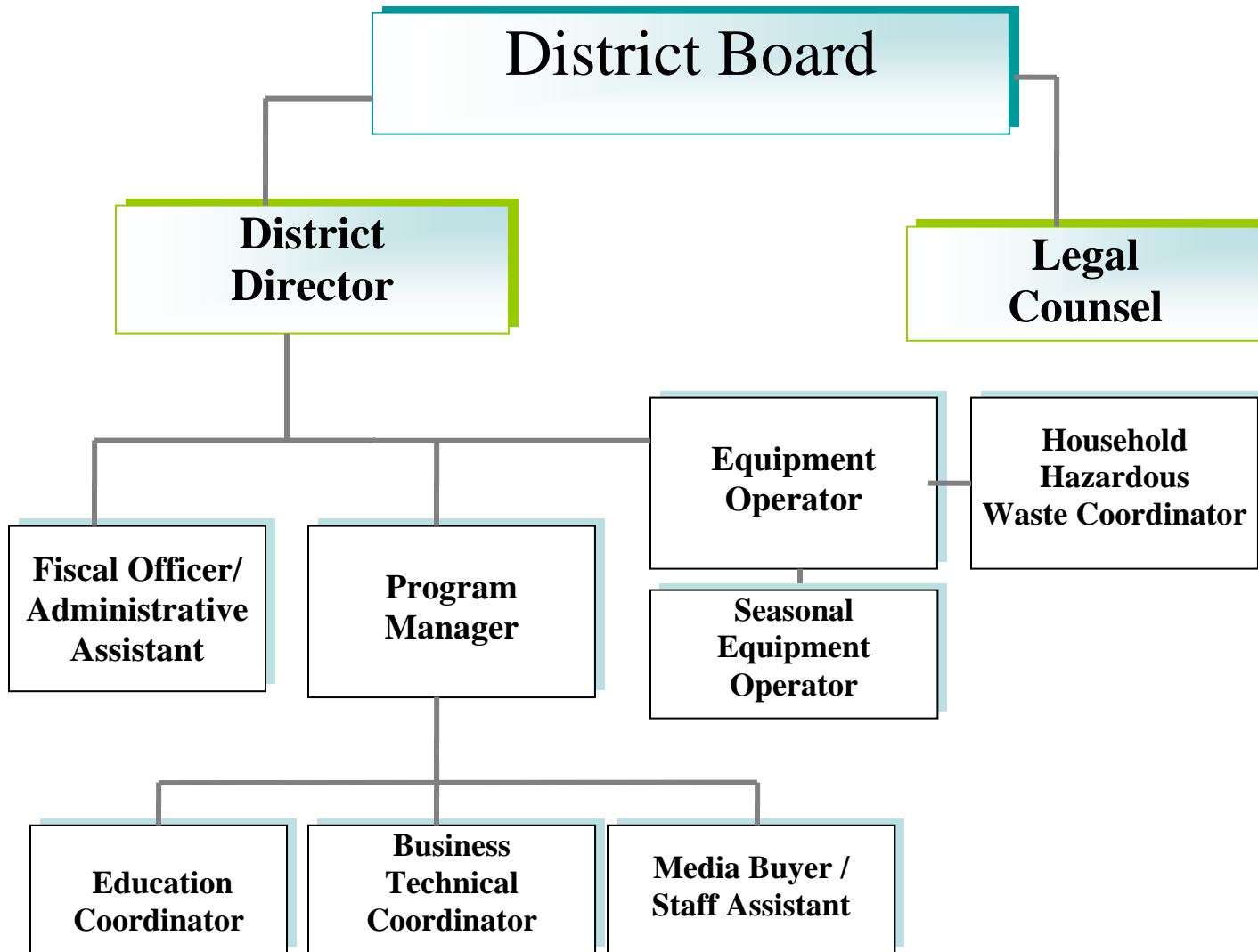
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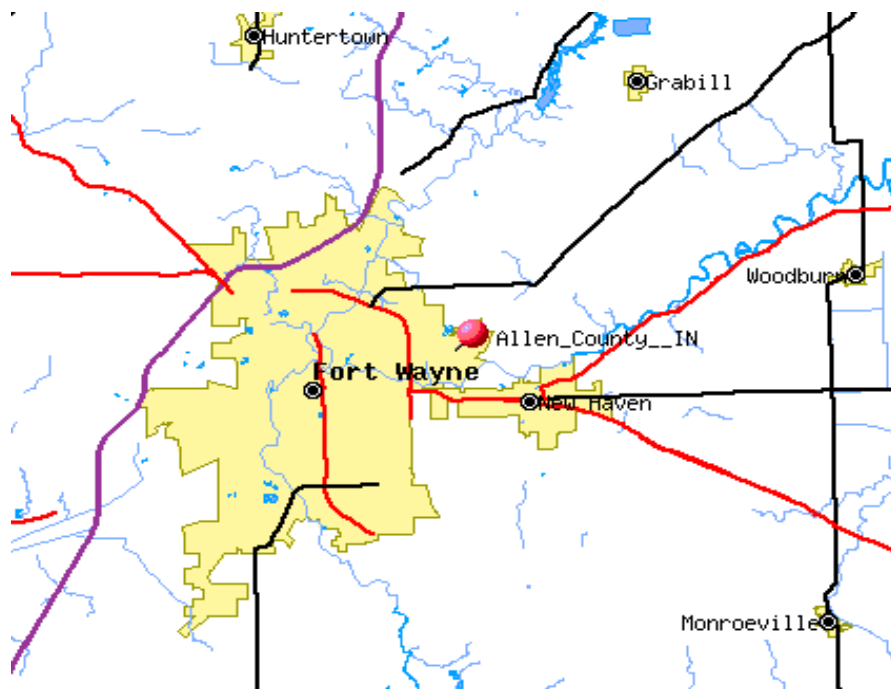
MUNICIPALITIES IN THE DISTRICT

Population in 2009

Fort Wayne	251,591
Grabill	1,151
Huntertown	2,158
Leo-Cedarville	2,930
Monroeville	1,273
New Haven	13,685
Woodburn	1,633
Zanesville*	596

*Population in this city or town crosses county lines.

District Population – Incorporated and Unincorporated
350,523



Source: STATS Indiana, a web based information service of the State of Indiana and the Indiana Department of Commerce.

Partnerships

The Allen County Solid Waste Management District is proud to maintain waste reduction partnerships with the following companies:



Motor Oil Recycling



Household Hazardous Waste
Collection Event



Fluorescent Light Bulb Recycling



Battery Recycling



Electronic Recycling



Tire Recycling Event

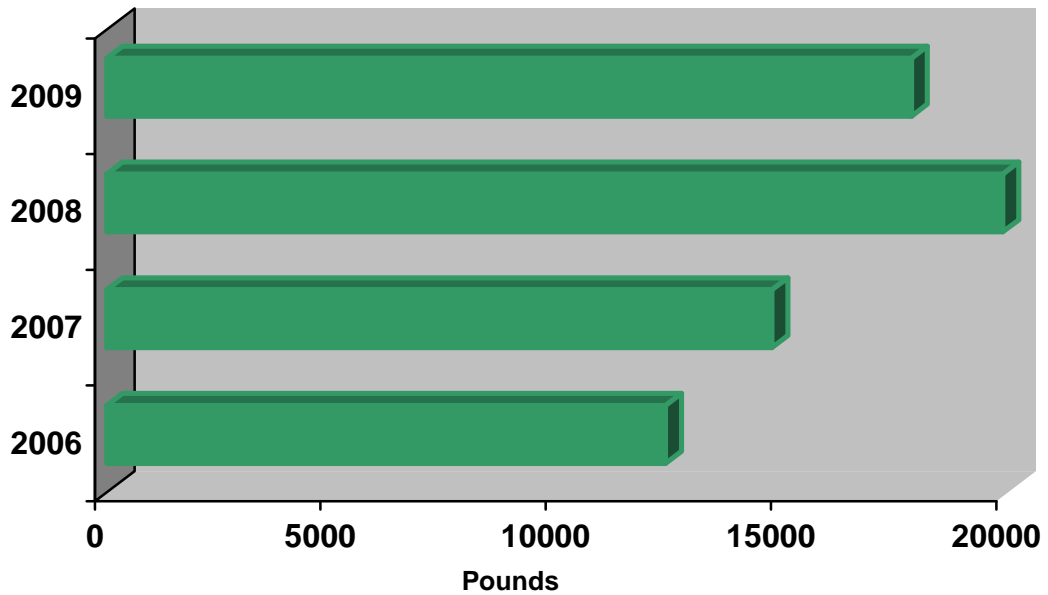
Residential Battery Recycling Program

Since May 1999, the Allen County Solid Waste Management District and Batteries Plus have been working together to collect old and used batteries that contain chemicals harmful to our environment. Over 17,850 pounds of batteries were collected from Allen County residents in 2009.



Batteries accepted from Allen County residents include:

- Alkaline
- Lead Acid
- Lithium
- Lithium-Ion
- Mercury
- Nickel Cadmium
- Nickel Metal Hydride
- Silver Oxide



Business & Industrial Technical Assistance

The Allen County Solid Waste Management District believes one way to encourage source reduction and recycling is to acknowledge, support and honor those organizations that set a good example for others. Each year, the District hosts an awards luncheon to recognize those who make an effort to reduce, reuse and recycle in their workplace.

The 17th annual awards luncheon was held on August 26th. Over 80 attendees turned out for the awards ceremony held at Ceruti's Summit Park.



Excellence in Recycling Awards was presented to the following organizations:

3 R Awards

Ft. Wayne Metals Research Products Corporation – University of Saint Francis

Closing the Loop Award

General Motors Company, Ft. Wayne Assembly

Director's Award for Community Leadership

SES Environmental – Superior Business Solutions

Partnership Awards

District partners provide unique support of local recycling programs.

Batteries Plus – Navistar – Citilink – City of New Haven

Hire's Automotive – Science Central - Sears – OmniSource – WANE TV

Kroger/Scott's Food Store – Sam's Club – Grabill Hardware Store – Umber's Hardware -
Connolly's Do It Best

Honor Roll Awards

The following organizations provide recycling opportunities in Allen County:

OmniSource – National Serv-All, Inc. - Waste Management of Fort Wayne

Serv-All Recycling - Safety-Kleen Corp. - Liberty Tire Recycling

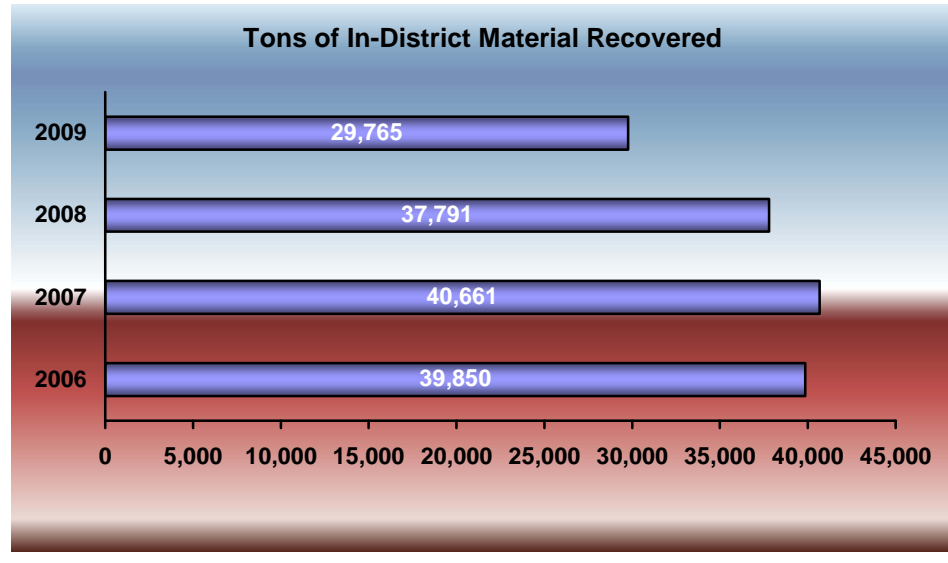
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Diversion Credit Program

The District provides financial backing to eligible recycling processors for recycling specific materials from the residential and commercial waste stream. Materials currently receiving support include: glass, plastics, steel cans, newspaper, magazines, phone books and mixed paper.



Subsidy credits are established by the ACSWMD Board Members with rates being separate for commingled residential recyclables, source-separated residential recyclables and commercially generated recyclables. Approved processors file monthly reports with the District outlining all incoming material and sales.

Financial support of this program has expanded existing processing capacity in the District and has kept the cost of recycling services economical.

The source-separated and commercial rates remained at \$5.00 per ton respectively in 2009. A rate change with commingled material was approved by the Board in January due to decreases in the commodity market prices. The commingled rate increased from \$10.00 to \$19.29 per ton. A total of 29,765 tons of in-district material was reported by the business in 2009.

Trash-To-Treasure Art Contest

Local residents had a chance to express their creativity while reusing unwanted items from their homes and turning them into works of art. The 11th annual “Trash-To-Treasure” Art Contest took place at Science Central on Saturday, April 18th.

Contestants from six different age categories made their art out of 100% recycled material. All 72 artists and eight group projects that participated received a Certificate of Recognition.

The District along with WANE TV, Science Central, OmniSource Corp., National Serv-All, SES Environmental, Pizza Hut and Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo sponsored the 2009 event.



2009 First Place Winners

<u>Category</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Title of Artwork</u>
Pre-K-Grade 2	Benjamin	King Benjamin’s Castle of Recycling
Grades 3-5	Colton	Rocket Blasts Off
Grades 6-8	Jena	The Green Scene Shopping Mall
Grades 9-12	Marissa	“Shaggy” The Funky Denim Rug
Adult	Cheryl	Bubble Eyed Fish
<u>Group</u>		
Preschool – Grade 5	Hickory Center Art Club	Recycled Paradise

First place winners were received a \$100 savings bond courtesy of OmniSource Corp.; Second place winners received \$75 savings bond from National Serv-All and third place contestants received \$50 savings bond courtesy of SES Environmental.

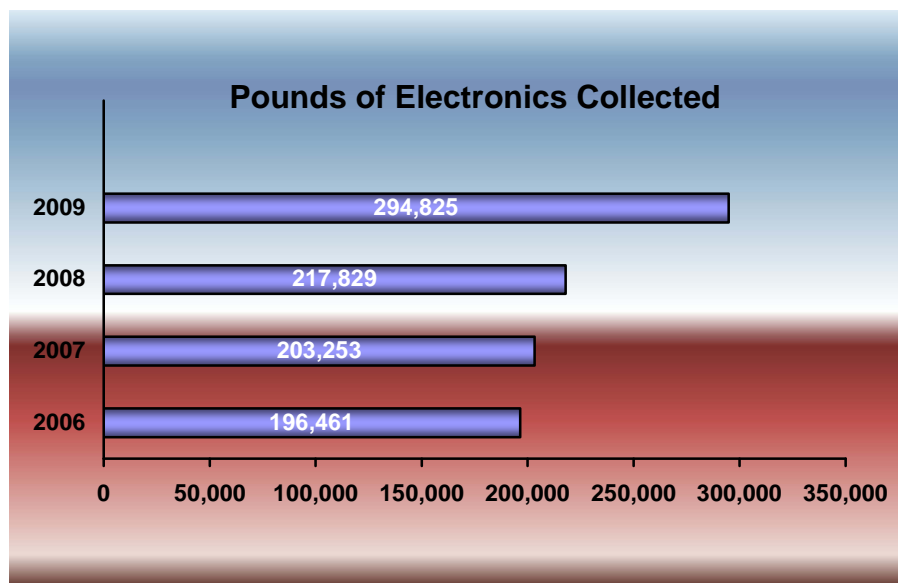
Electronics Recycling Program 2009

Electronic products are a growing waste stream in today's society. In Allen County, the District's Electronic Recycling Partnership Program with OmniSource Corp. has recovered and/or recycled 147 tons or 294,825 pounds of electronics in 2009.



Items accepted through the program include:

- * Computer Units (printer, modem, monitor, mouse, keyboard and personal computer)
- * Answering Machines
- * Microwaves
- * DVD Players
- * Stereo Receivers/Speakers
- * Turntables
- * Telephones
- * Cassette/Tape Decks
- * VCRs
- * Televisions under 32"
- * Fax Machines
- * CD Players
- * Radios
- * Consoles



Recycling Drop-Off Locations

The Allen County Solid Waste Management District and Serv-All Recycling offer residents multiple trailer recycling drop-off sites, throughout Allen County. Residents are encouraged to drop off recyclable materials, at no cost, to any of the following sites:

Sam's Club
6736 Lima Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46818

Scott's Food Store
4120 North Clinton Street
Fort Wayne, IN 46805

Scott's Food Store
4522 Maplecrest Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46835

Wal-Mart Supercenter
7502 Southtown Crossing Blvd
Fort Wayne, IN 46806

**New Haven Utility
Maintenance**
2201 Summit Street
New Haven, IN 46774

United Refuse
5000 Smith Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46804



Materials Accepted: Glass (clear, brown, green), Aluminum Cans, Paper (newsprint, hi-grade, magazines, cardboard, mixed), Plastic (#1 & #2).

Hours for all Sites:

Monday: 8 am – 4 pm

Tuesday & Wednesday: 12 noon until 4pm

Thursday and Friday: 9am until 5 pm

Saturday: 8am until 4pm

Sunday Closed

Recyclable materials are also accepted at:

Serv-All Recycling
4400 New Haven Avenue
Fort Wayne, IN 46803

Mercury Reduction Initiative

The District expanded its mercury reduction efforts in 2009, adding three additional fluorescent bulb recycling locations for residents.



Since February 1999, the Allen County Solid Waste Management District has worked with Sears at Glenbrook Mall to collect spent four-foot fluorescent bulbs from residents. In November 2006, the District partnered with Connolly's Do-It-Best Hardware Stores to collect bulbs up to eight-foot in length and compact fluorescent lamps (CFL's). In January 2009, Grabill Hardware and two Umber's Do-It-Best hardware stores joined the community program.

This statewide program entered its tenth year in 2009. Under this grant project, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management covers 50% of costs associated with collecting, recycling and transporting mercury. Each district who participates in the program is responsible for the remaining 50% costs.

Fluorescent Bulbs Accepted at the following locations:

Sears at Glenbrook Mall
Merchandise Pick-up Area
4201 Coldwater Road
Accepts only 4-foot bulbs.

Dupont Village 515 East Dupont Road	Connolly's Do-It-Best West State Plaza 1203 West State Blvd. <i>Accepts bulbs up to 8-foot in length and CFLs.</i>	South Gate Plaza 5221 South Calhoun Street
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Umber's Do-It-Best 2413 Lower Huntington Road.	Umber's Do-It-Best 2814 Maplecrest Road.	Grabill Hardware 13534 Main Street
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In 2009, over 161,900 ft. of fluorescent bulbs were recycled through the partnership programs. Over 5,100 other lamps were collected in the program which included; CFL's, HID and U-Tube lamps. An additional 281 pounds of mercury debris and 734 pounds of mercury devices were retrieved and processed in our collection efforts.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program

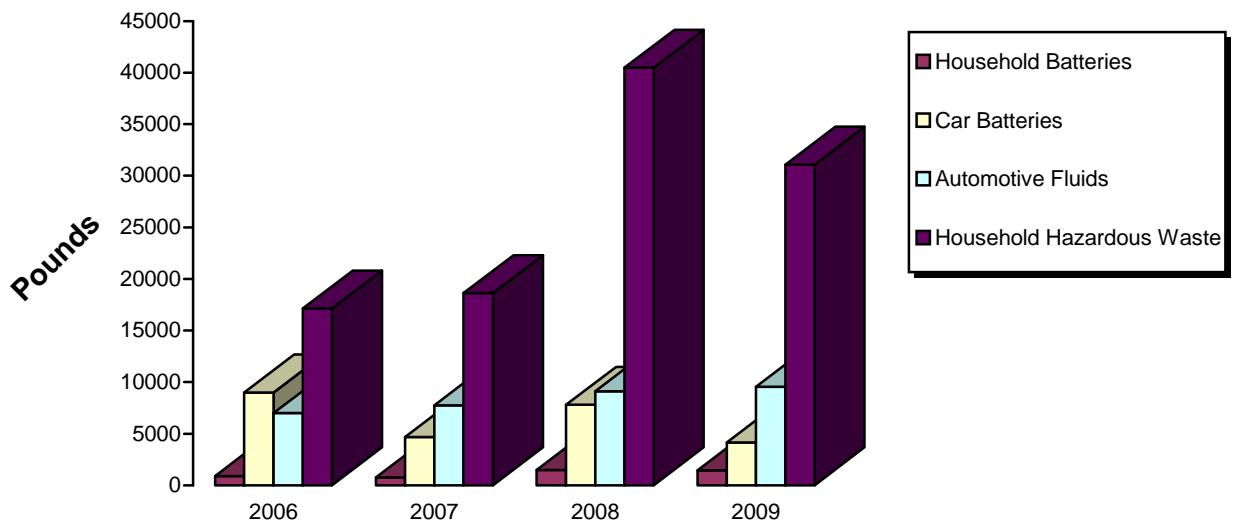
This year's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection program brought in over 46,200 pounds of material from residents. Nearly half of all residents surveyed stated they were first time participants in this year's collection event.

The program takes place in the fall and allows residents to properly and safely dispose of their household hazardous waste.

Residents were charged \$5.00 for up to 10 gallons of liquid or 50 pounds of dry waste. \$1.00 was charged for each additional gallon of liquid waste or 5 pounds of dry waste. Residents were charged \$.25 per fluorescent light bulb.



Household Hazardous Waste Collected



Tire Management Program

Overall, the District was responsible for collecting and processing 8,246 tires in 2009.

An annual event, Tire Amnesty Day, allows residents and neighborhood associations the opportunity to rid themselves of used tires in a responsible manner. The October 4th tire event took place at Citilink on Leesburg Road. Liberty Tire Recycling of South Bend, Indiana, was the contractor for the event.



Waste Oil Program

The District encourages residents to dispose of their used motor oil, oil filters, anti-freeze and other auto fluids in an environmentally friendly manner. Items can be taken to any Allen County Hires Auto Parts locations or at Doehrman Repair Service in Woodburn. There is no charge to residents for dropping off their items.

Yard Waste Management Program

The District offers financial assistance to two large scale composting facilities. The facility at 6231 MacBeth Road is located in southwest Allen County. The northeast compost site is located at the City of Fort Wayne's Bio-Solids, Lime and Yard Waste Recycling facility at 5510 Lake Avenue. The District provides both sites with grinding services with the tub grinder rotated on a schedule. Over 8,500 tons of material was brought into the compost sites in 2009.



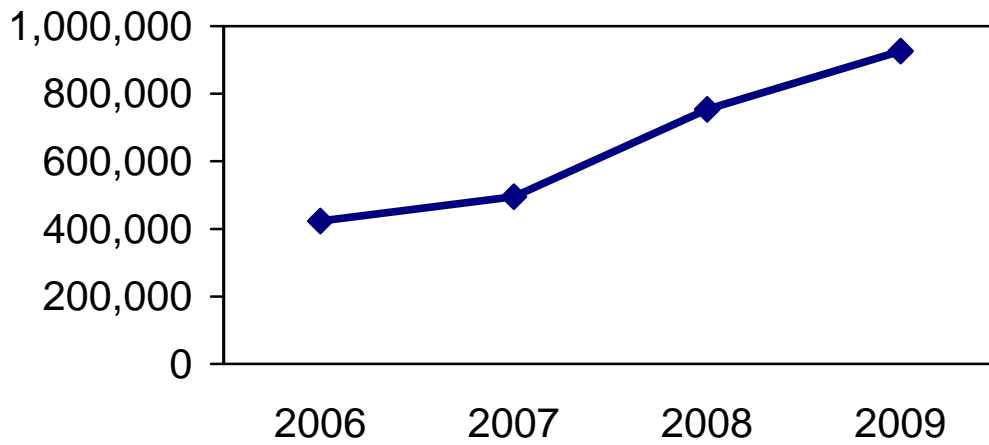
Christmas Tree Recycling

Beginning the day after Christmas, Allen County residents may bring their live Christmas trees to be chipped into mulch at one of several drop-off sites throughout the community.

The District utilized its tub grinder to mulch Christmas trees at Foster Park West, Franke and Shoaff Parks. Trees were chipped at McMillen Park and in Leo/Cedarville.

The Districts web site, www.acwastewatcher.org, continues to break records year after year with 926,334 hits in 2009.

Annual Web Site Hits



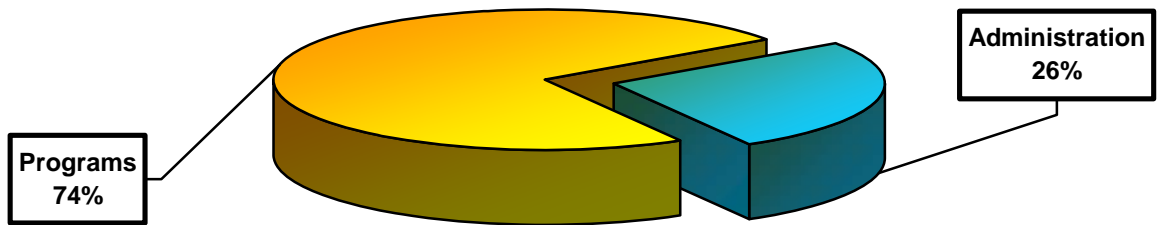
2009 Recycling vs. Disposal

Category	2009 Tons	Source of Information	Notes
DISPOSED			
Land Disposed	442,384	National Serv-All Quarterly Reports	
Total Disposed 2009	442,384	Reports submitted to IDEM	
RECYCLING & REDUCTION			
Industrial Recycling	112,968	ACSWMD Plan Table II.4-3	
Residential/Commercial Recycling	64,665	ACSWMD Plan Table II. 4-4	
Tires Recycled	82	ACSWMD Recycling Program	
Composted	8,570	ACSWMD Recycling Program	
Used Oil	78	ACSWMD Plan, page II.4-4	
Lead Acid Batteries	523	ACSWMD Plan, page II.4-7	
Household Batteries	6.57	ACSWMD Recycling Program	Diversion Credit Reports
Phone Book Recycling	26	ACSWMD Recycling Program	
Computers & Electronics	147	ACSWMD Recycling Program	
Household Hazardous Waste	28	ACSWMD Recycling Program	Includes Mercury
Total Reduced in 2008	187,094		
Total Generated	629,478		
Rate of Reduction	30 %	ACSWMD/IDEM	Total Reduced / Total Generated
RECYCLING VS. DISPOSAL	42%	ACSWMD	Total Reduced/Total Disposed

2009 Expenditures

PROGRAMS	EXPENDITURES
Household Hazardous Waste	\$78,856
Tire Management	\$19,707
Yard Waste Management	\$64,347
Diversion Credit Program	\$146,668
Technical Assistance	\$3,772
Education & Promotion	\$17,761
Christmas Tree Recycling	\$3,578
Waste Watcher	\$20,217
Drop-Off Trailers	\$272,422
Electronic Management	\$52,365
Other Collections/Programs (includes promotion)	\$34,510
TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENDITURES	\$714,204
Technical & Program Administration Expenses & Benefits	\$435,329
Administration	\$156,873
TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR 2009	\$1,668,108

* Numbers based on fiscal year



FINANCES AND BUDGETS

2009 Revenues and Expenditures

	<u>BUDGETED</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
2009 Revenues	\$1,449,312	\$ 1,165,072
2009 Expenditures	\$1,681,163	\$ 1,668,108
Revenues less Expenditures	(\$231,851)	(\$ 503,036)

2009 Revenue Vs. Expenditures

