



# By the Way

Helping People Make a Difference in Westmoreland County

Summer 2007

## Prepare Now For the 2007 Household Hazardous Waste Collection

### Some Handy Household Hazardous Waste Tips:

- Buy only what you can use in a short period of time.
- Leave products in their original container.
- Don't mix a product with other materials unless the labels give directions for doing so.
- Use products in a well-ventilated area.
- Don't eat, drink or smoke while using hazardous materials.
- Avoid aerosols.

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estmoreland Cleanways is pleased to announce that plans are underway for the eleventh annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection. This year's event will be held on **Saturday, September 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds.**



Last year, 43,596 pounds of HHW were dropped off at the Fairgrounds. Almost 350 vehicles, representing over 450 households, participated in this popular recycling event. In total, during the last decade, we have collected and safely disposed of **488,340 pounds of potentially dangerous household hazardous waste!** This is an extremely significant amount of material that has been kept out of our waste stream, dumped on the ground, or drained into sewage systems. The damage this material could have caused in terms of human health and environmental damage had it not been disposed of properly is frightening.

Residents of sponsoring municipalities will be able to properly dispose of unwanted Household Hazardous Waste at no charge (proof of residency may be requested). Residents of non-sponsoring municipalities or those outside of Westmoreland County may still participate; however, they will be charged a \$40 processing fee.

Be sure to see the list of items we will be collecting on the next page. Because of the high cost of HHW collection and disposal, we ask that you **not** bring items that can be safely disposed of locally – latex paint, car batteries, used motor oil, etc. Call our office any time if you have questions about items that aren't listed or for an update on our sponsors.

Look for a complete list of corporate and municipal sponsors in our next newsletter. Residents with questions about the event can call Westmoreland Cleanways at 724-836-4129.

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**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS  
WASTE...  
So What CAN I Bring???**

**In making preparations to collect items that can be recycled  
at the September 22 Household Hazardous Waste  
Collection, please keep in mind the following:**

**Acceptable Materials**

Aerosols - Flammable	Metal Polish
Aerosols - Paints	Moth Balls
Aerosols - Poisons	Muriatic Acid
Ammonia	Mercury
Antifreeze	Oil-Based Paints
Arts & Crafts Supplies	Old Chemistry Sets
Household Batteries	Oven Cleaners
Brake Fluid	Paint Thinner
Creosote	Pesticides
Degreasers	Photography Chemicals
Drain Cleaners	Pool Chemicals
Dry Cleaning Fluids	Radiator Cleaners
Engine & Radiator Flushes	Rodent Poisons
Fertilizers	Rust Inhibitors
Herbicides	Solvents
Insect Sprays	Transmission Fluids
Kerosene	Wood Preservatives

**Unacceptable Materials**

Explosives	Radioactive Wastes
Ammunition	Regulated Substances
Blasting Caps	Smoke Detectors
Fireworks	Construction Wastes
Flares	Tires
Gun Powder	Car batteries
Pressurized Fire Extinguishers	Appliances
Chemotherapeutic Waste	Drugs
Biohazardous Waste	<b>Latex Paint*</b>
Empty/Dry Paint Cans	



**\*Latex paint** can be dried by pouring it over an absorbent substance, such as a clay-based cat litter. After the paint has dried, place in a plastic bag and dispose of with your regular trash.

# **Make Every Page Count™**



## **Abitibi and Westmoreland Cleanways Together Serving the Residents of Westmoreland County**

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***Recycle at any of our 40 drop-off locations***

### **Acceptable materials include:**

**newspaper  
magazines  
office paper  
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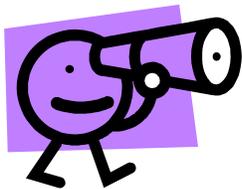


## Why Compost?

There are lots of good reasons to compost your yard and food waste.

- **Composting saves money.** You might save money on your garbage bill, you won't have to buy leaf bags, you don't have to pay a tipping fee if you take your yard waste to a landfill, and you'll save money on fertilizer for your lawn and garden.
- **Composting turns yard waste into a valuable soil additive.** Why buy expensive compost or topsoil, when adding your own free compost turns even the poorest soil into a nutrient-rich garden base.
- **Composting is convenient and entertaining.** It's easier to compost yard waste than to drag it to the curb or haul it to the landfill. And just wait to be amazed as your pile of yard and kitchen waste begins to shrink and rich brown compost appears in its place!
- **Composting benefits soil and plants.** Compost helps your plants grow healthier and faster by keeping the soil loose and well-drained yet allows it to retain moisture. Nutrients and trace elements are returned to the soil in a form plants can use immediately.

This past spring, Westmoreland Cleanways received 100 Earth Machine compost bins from the Penn State University Dept. of Crop and Soil Sciences and the PA DEP. Receive a free compost bin by attending a Compost Workshop scheduled for October 13 at the Center for Conservation Education in Greensburg. For a nominal \$5 material fee, participants hear a presentation by a Penn State Master Gardener, with plenty of time for questions and answers and a visit to our Compost Demonstration site. Compost bins are distributed after the class. Class size is limited to 20 attendees, so make your reservation today. Call our office at 724-836-4129 for more information and to reserve your spot.



## LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES???

Westmoreland Cleanways has just the opportunity you are looking for!

We are seeking volunteers for the following activities:

- Help staff our booth at this year's Westmoreland Fair. Spend an hour or an evening. Meet lots of people as concerned about our environment as you are...and if they aren't, convince them that they should be!
- Assist in the quarterly mailing of the "By The Way" newsletter. This project entails folding, affixing labels, and taping newsletter for mailing.
- Adopt a road or clean up a park. Is there a spot in your neighborhood that just needs a little TLC? We provide the supplies, you supply the sweat equity, together we beautify our community.

We welcome the opportunity to partner with our members on providing a great service to the residents of Westmoreland County. Call today to get involved!

**Call us at 724-836-4129**



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## 2007 Fugitive Tire Program

Westmoreland Cleanways' Fugitive Tire Program just keeps rolling along. Just when we thought things should be slowing down (after 13 years) and participants would have trouble finding tires, they pulled in 3,425 tires, 350 more than last year!

A new generation of young people joined forces with past participants to scour the woods near and far across Westmoreland County, leaving them cleaner and safer than before this year's annual Earth Month effort.

Jim Foster, Scoutmaster for BSA Troop 327, reported that since his scouts began their efforts in 2000, they have cleaned up over 1500 tires along a one-mile stretch of road in Unity Township. We're not going to report where it is—apparently enough of the wrong people know about it already!



Scouts from Cub Pack 230, Jeannette, with their haul.



BS Troop 327 load a truck for hauling to Import Export Tire

Some new friends also joined the effort this year on the disposal side, without whom we couldn't keep the program going. Cher-Ban Tire Service, Inc. and Flynn's Tire & Auto Service, who helped out in the past, came through again, along with Import Export Tire Company, Export Tire Company, and Moore Tire Service, Inc. Liberty Tire Services of Ohio, which disposes of tires from our tire collections, rounded out the posse of tire dealers willing to dispose of the illegally dumped tires at a reduced disposal rate. Westmoreland Cleanways thanks them and all the members of the Tire Dealers Association of Western PA for their ongoing support of the Fugitive Tire Program.

<u>Fugitive Tire Program</u>	<u>Tires</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>
BS Troop 293	48	13
BS Pack 270	117	17
BS Troop 327	370	14
BS Pack 170	142	12
BS Troop 340	281	7
Laurel Mtn. 4-H Club	369	21
Chestnut Ridge 4-H Club	369	27
BS Troop 250	156	12
Outside In School	181	10
BS Troop 230	200	12
BS Troop 305	130	4
BS Pack 230	333	13
Brownies Troop 20411	25	5
BS Troop 239	200	25
BS Troop 208	218	10
BS Troop 345	286	7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3425</b>	<b>209</b>

### Sponsors:

Cher-Ban Tire Service, Inc.  
 Export Tire Company  
 Flynn's Tire & Auto Service  
 Import Export Tire Company  
 Liberty Tire Services of OH  
 Moore Tire Service Inc.

### "Wipe Out Wireless Waste"



Join with Westmoreland Cleanways as we partner with the Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful campaign and PA CleanWays, Inc. to recycle used wireless phones and generate funds to support Westmoreland Cleanways' mission at the same time.

With more than 200 million wireless subscribers in the US today, the need to keep used wireless phones out of our landfills is more important than ever. The "Wipe Out Wireless Waste" campaign makes it easy for anyone to recycle their mobile phone equipment.

Please be sure to deactivate your service and clear all personal information from your wireless phone before recycling it. You can also drop off batteries and other accessories with your phone.

Look for the cell phone drop-off box at our display in the Sportsmen's Tent at this year's Westmoreland Fair from August 17 through the 25th. While there, be sure to see some other great photos of our Fugitive Tire groups in action.

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**Westmoreland Cleanways  
From**

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**Westmoreland County Commissioner**

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## What We're All About

Westmoreland Cleanways is a nonprofit organization that fights illegal dumping and littering. We coordinate and facilitate the adoption of non-state maintained roads and other areas (Adopt-A-Highway addresses state maintained roads). We address problem disposal items: yard waste; tires; batteries; appliances; paper; Christmas trees; and household hazardous waste. We work to educate the public on the proper disposal of unwanted items and the environmental and personal consequences of improper disposal.

We don't have a large source of funding so we work hard to draw together all the resources necessary to provide these programs.

**If our work interests you, please join us.** Your contribution can be just your dues, or you can also volunteer to assist in our many activities. **We welcome all levels of support.**

### ~ MEETING NOTICE ~

Regular meetings are held at 6:30 PM in the Center for Conservation Education, 218 Donohoe Road, Greensburg, on the second Thursday of every month (except July & December). Call 724-836-4129 for information. Everyone is welcome.

#### LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE

**\$100 Lifetime Individual Member**  
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