

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!
CLINTON COUNTY April 21, 2018
CLEAN COMMUNITY EVENT

The Clinton County Department of Waste Management seeks volunteers to assist with the County's April 21, 2018 Clean Community Event. These events are important to help keep our communities safe and clean, and also provide unique services to residents and small businesses to properly dispose of, recycle and/or reuse specialty waste items.

Materials Accepted & How They Are Handled:

- Hazardous wastes like paints, varnishes, cleaners, solvents, etc. are blended and used as an alternative fuel source to generate electricity. Some materials are recycled such as batteries. Still other materials such as pesticides and other poisons are safely eliminated through special incineration technologies that captures pollutants or thru specialized treatment and disposal in a hazardous waste disposal facility.
- Automotive fluids like motor oil and antifreeze are refined and reused.
- Electronic waste such as TVs and computers are reused if possible, or recycled into new products.
- Household bulky waste items are safely disposed of in an area landfill.
- Scrap metal and appliances are recycled.
- Reusable household items, clothing, textiles & building supplies are handled by Volunteers of America and Clinton County Habitat for Humanity.
- Yard waste and tree trimmings are composted into a valuable soil amendment and fertilizer.
- Tires are recycled into a variety of applications, such as athletic turf, by Permalife Products.

Event Organization: The Events are organized by the Clinton County Department of Waste Management. A team of paid staff and professional contractors help ensure materials are safely collected and packed for shipping to their final destinations for reuse, recycling or disposal.

Role of Volunteers: Volunteers are primarily needed to check in residents as they enter the event site, and to help unload materials from cars. Other duties may include helping to direct traffic, maintaining food supplies in the break area, answering questions, helping to clean up, or perhaps even doing your best to entertain those patiently waiting to be rid of their stuff!

Personal protective equipment such as safety glasses, orange vests and gloves will be provided. Volunteers will not be needed at the hazardous waste collection station – only trained contractors will assist event participants. No heavy lifting is required, that will be left to equipment operators to manage. The shifts are approximately three hours long, with a great deal of flexibility. The first shift typically begins at 7:15 AM and the last shift ends at 2:30 PM. Shifts can be modified to meet individuals' availability.

Benefits of Being a Volunteer: Rewards include free disposal of bulky waste items, appliances and tires, lots of great food and beverages, and free gifts. Most importantly volunteers receive the satisfaction of knowing they are truly contributing to the health and well being of the greater Clinton County community. This is also a great opportunity to learn more about how various wastes can be best managed to protect human health and the environment and conserve natural resources.

For More Information & To Volunteer Contact the Clinton County Department of Waste Management at 989-224-5186 or recycle@clinton-county.org or complete the form provided on the front side of this letter, and mail or fax it in - please remember to include your email address. Thanks in advance for your consideration!