



2024 Annual Report

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Our Mission

1991, HB 1240-90 required Indiana counties to form SWMDs to assist in the state's waste reduction and recycling goals through public education and the implementation of recycling and waste reduction programs.

The Knox County SWMD was formed in June 1991 as pursuant to (I.C.13-9.5).

1

Knox County Recycling SWMD advocates for the environmental health of our community by advocating for responsible waste management and waste reduction throughout Knox County.

2

Knox County Recycling SWMD ensures recycling is available to residents and businesses as well as a depot for proper disposal of household hazardous waste materials

3

Knox County Recycling SWMD offers environmental education through local youth and adult education programming, social media, and print.

2024



Our Board

IIC 13-21-3-5 Board of directors membership outlines how members of the Knox County Board of Directors are appointed.

Knox County Recycling SWMD Board of Directors meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. at the SWMD Office.

Mayor Thomas Estabrook

City of Bicknell
SWMD Board President

Mayor Joe Yochum

City of Vincennes
SWMD Board Vice President

TJ Brink

Knox County Commissioner

Trent Hinkle

Knox County Commissioner

Kellie Streeter

Knox County Commissioner

Mary Crismore

Knox County Council

Ed Gornall

VincennesCity Council



Our Team

Michelle Smith

EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR

Lindsay Hawkins

OFFICE
MANAGER

Mike Mikiska

OPERATIONS
MANAGER

Jimmy King

MATERIAL RECOVERY
SPECIALIST

Louie DeKnicker

RECYCLING
ATTENDANT

Tom Fossmeyer

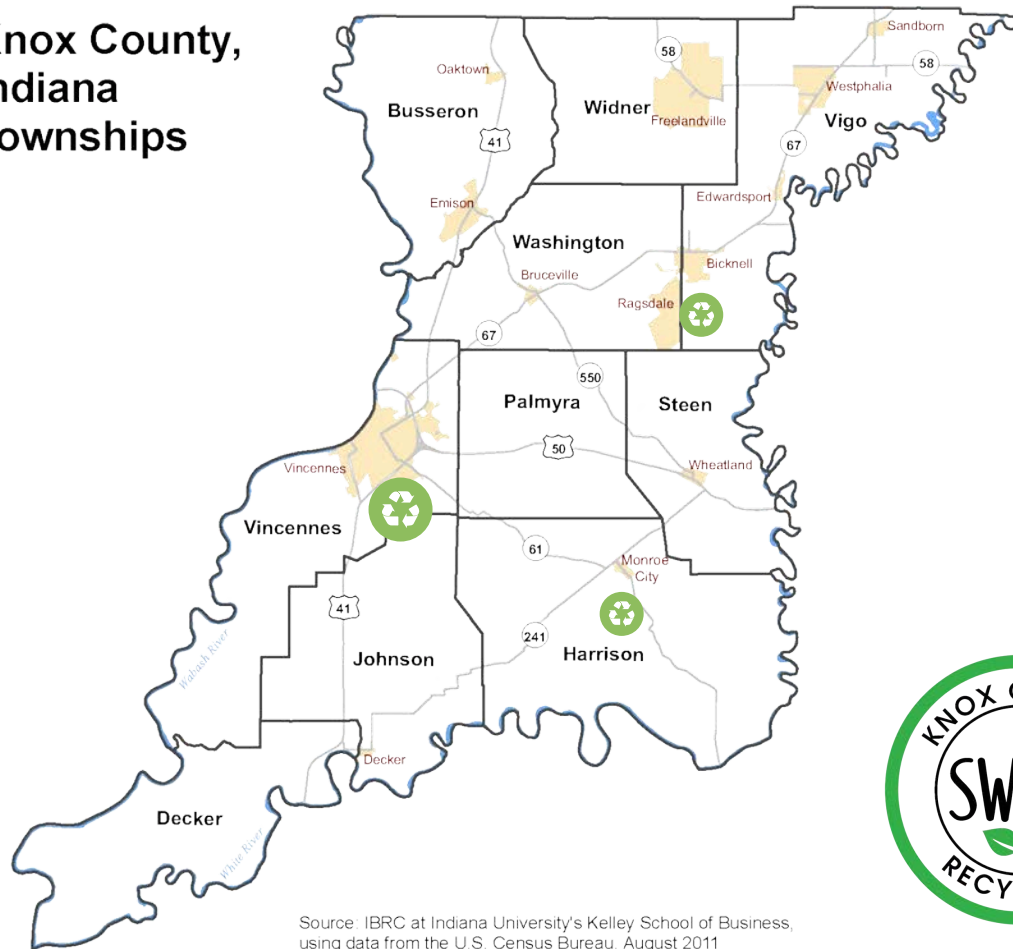
RECYCLING
ATTENDANT

Knox County Recycling SWMD staff are dedicated to providing a sustainable solid waste management plan for Knox County. Promotion of Waste reduction practices is our top priority. We offer recycling services and household hazardous waste collection to Knox County residents, businesses, schools and other municipalities.

Knox County Recycling SWMD takes pride in offering environmental education through both school enrichment and public outreach programming. We teach members in our community the importance of living more sustainably through waste reduction practices.



Knox County, Indiana Townships



Who We Serve

Knox County Recycling SWMD serves all residents living within Knox County, population 36,070 (2023). Centrally located in Vincennes, is our recently opened drive-thru recycling center which also includes our household hazardous waste collection.

Located at 810 S. 17th Street

Hours of operation

Monday-Friday

9:00a.m.- 3:00p.m.

Wednesdays 9:00am - 5:00pm

Monroe City located at the Blue Jean Center

Hours of operation

Thursdays 2pm-6pm

Saturdays 8am-2pm

The City of Bicknell provides a recycling drive-thru located at 304 E. 1st Tuesdays,

Wednesdays, Fridays 9am-3pm

Saturdays 9am - 1pm

Funding

IN Code 13-21-14-1 The District Board of Directors has the power to establish, change, and readjust solid waste management fees to be imposed upon all persons owning real property or generating solid waste within the territory covered by the District who are benefited by solid waste management, solid waste collection, a facility for solid waste disposal, or a facility for solid waste processing. Fees imposed and collected under this resolution, together with any other revenues, may be used for any reason set forth in Ind. Code §13-21-14-7, including:

- a. The cost of facilities for solid waste management;
- b. The operation and maintenance of facilities;
- c. The charges that may be pledged to the payment of principal and of interest on any current or future District or revenue bonds; or
- d. The costs of implementing the District's plan.

\$15 fee per year adopted June 1993
\$20 fee per year adopted March 2021

The Knox County Recycling SWMD fee is collected on property tax bills semi-annually (\$10 per installment).

2020: \$273,356
2021: \$316,273
2022: \$329,567
2023: \$343,728
2024: \$360,887

2024 Funding

Fees Collected: \$360,811.87

Grants: \$29,147.44

Commodities: \$16,776.58

Restitution: \$3,300

HHW Fees: \$8,607.50

Misc: \$13,467.96

(Bank Interest, Totes, Reimbursements)

Total: \$419,193.16



Our Impact



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Knox County Recycling SWMD strives to lead our community toward a sustainable future by fostering environmental awareness, promoting responsible waste management practices, and inspiring innovation in resource conservation. Through education, collaboration, and proactive solutions, we aim to create a cleaner, healthier environment for generations to come.

Recycling

2023	Weights in Tons	2024
44	Cardboard	83
0	Books/Mixed Paper	23.5
1.2	Steel	6.2
0.87	Aluminum	2
0	Glass	7.8
16.36	Mixed Plastics	13.55

63T



115.87

Recycling Collected

136 Tons

Bicknell Recycling Center: 33.75 Tons

Monroe City Trailer: 4.9 Tons

Vincennes Curbside Recycling: 98.14 Tons

Our Impact

HHW includes all toxic, poisonous or flammable household chemicals such as pesticides, pool chemicals, cleansers, paint thinner, acetone, varnish, etc.

Batteries (non-Alkaline)

Mercury Containing bulbs and devices

E-Waste Recycling: Electronics such as TVs, Computers, VCRs, Cell phones, Copiers, Tablets, Gaming Systems, etc.

Household Hazardous Waste

2023		2024
2.9T	HHW	4.53T
13T	E-Waste	15T
1,530lbs	Sharps	1,224lbs
871lbs	Batteries	593lbs
1,021	HHW Customers	1,293



26.6

HHW Customers



19.7

HHW Collected



Our Impact

We offer Knox County schools and organization FREE environmental education and programming. Topics include but aren't limited to: Waste Reduction, Proper Disposal, Sustainable Living, Vermicomposting, Landfills, Natural Resources & Conservation, Recycled Art, 3Rs

Education & Outreach

Schools, Clubs, or Camps

South Knox Elementary School
Tecumseh Harrison Elementary School
St. John's UCC Preschool
North Knox Middle High School
North Knox Primary
Flaget Elementary Girl Scouts
Lincoln High School
Washington Learning Academy
Psi Iota Xi: Art Ventures Camp
Purdue Extension: AG Day

1,646 Students

Vincennes Fire Department
Chamber of Commerce Spotlight

Grants

Vigo PTO \$100, Keta \$100
Bottlecap Benches
Jamestown Apts. (2) \$590

School Recycling

Flaget, NKP, NKI, NKMHS,
CMS, LHS, VCSC Admin, WLA

Municipal Recycling

Knox County Jail, Courthouse



Our Impact

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Public Outreach

Community Outreach, Newsletters, Direct Mailers, Radio & TV



Morning Show with Ed
Ballinger: Recycling & HHW Education



Vincennes PBS with Allyson Bowers:
Holiday Recycling & HHW Guide



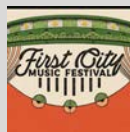
Window Displays: August & November



Solar Eclipse Festival: Water Bottle refill station & Solar Eclipse Glasses Recycling.
April 8, 2024



Public Shred Day Event June 27, 2024



First City Music Festival: Clear Stream Recyclers



United Way Chili Cook-Off: Donated compostable bowls, spoons and napkins



One Persons' Trash Newsletter
Reached 11,036 households



Website
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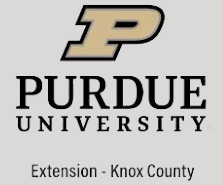
43,016 Views
Reached 22,804
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Community Partners



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Chamber of Commerce
KNOX COUNTY



Vincennes Water Utilities
Water • Wastewater • Stormwater



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