



# 2025

# 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.

# 2025



# 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

## Tim Ellerman II

Knox County Commissioner

## Kellie Streeter

Knox County Commissioner

## Mary Crismore

Knox County Council

## Ed Gornall

Vincennes City Council



# Our Team

**Michelle Smith**  
EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR

**Lindsay Hawkins**  
OFFICE  
MANAGER

**Mike Mikiska**  
OPERATIONS  
MANAGER

**Jimmy King**  
MATERIAL RECOVERY  
SPECIALIST

**Louie DeKnicker**  
RECYCLING  
ATTENDANT

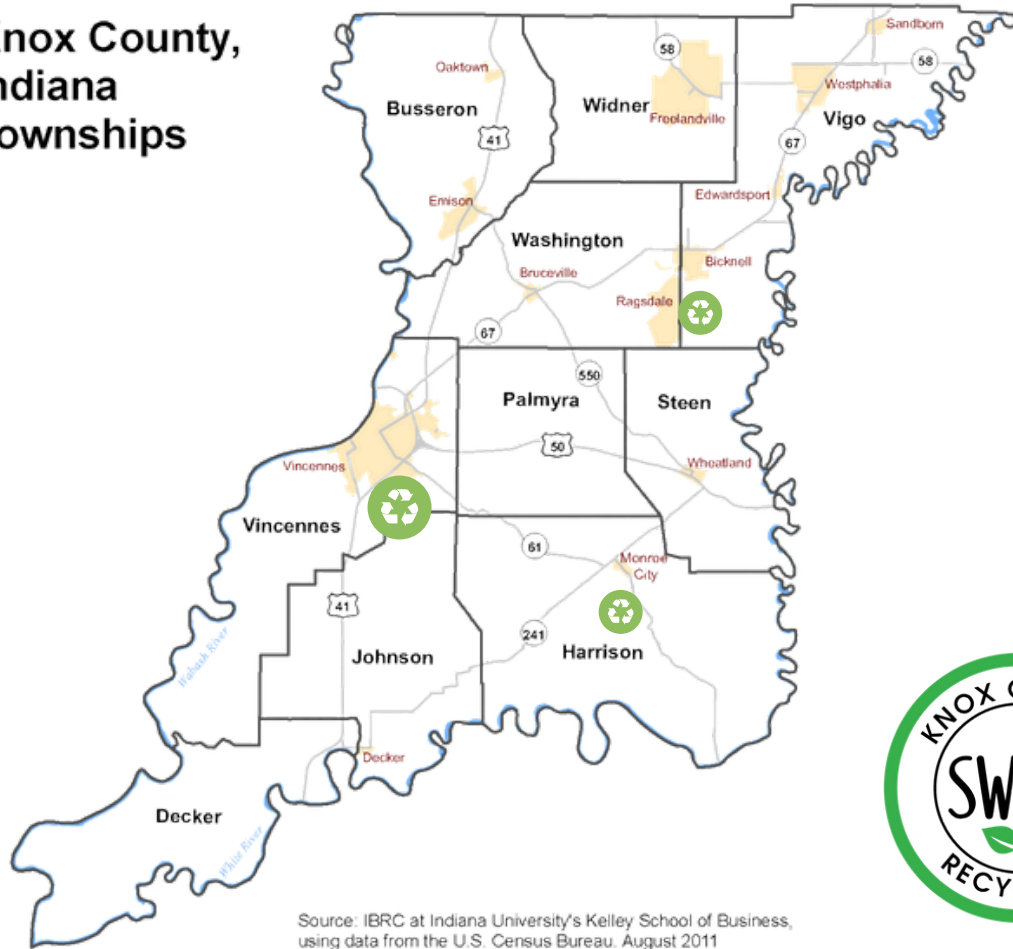
**Tom Fossmeyer**  
RECYCLING  
ATTENDANT

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**  
**\*\*\$30 fee per year, adopted August 2025**

*The Knox County Recycling SWMD fee is collected on property tax bills semi-annually.*

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

**\*\*2025: \$379.852**

**\*\*reflects \$30 fee on fall installment only**

## 2025 Funding

SWMD User Fees Collected: \$379,851.92  
 IDEM Grant: \$5,000  
 Water Utilities Education: \$25,000  
 (2024-June 2026)  
 Recyclables/HHW Fees: \$ 25,119.20  
 (TV fees, cans, wire, cardboard)  
 Restitution: \$2,925  
 Misc. Income: \$3,017.32  
 (Bank Interest, Totes, Reimbursements)  
  
 Total: \$440,913.44



# Our Impact

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

2024	Weights in Tons	2025
83	Cardboard	113.12
23.5	Books/Mixed Paper	44.43
6.2	Steel	8.03
2	Aluminum	2.07
7.8	Glass	27
13.55	Mixed Plastics	52.2

136.05 Tons

246.85 Tons



School Recycling: 26.07 Tons

Bicknell Recycling Center: 32.29 Tons

Monroe City Trailer: 3.71 Tons

Vincennes Curbside Recycling: 103.9 Tons

**Recycling Total for Knox County  
412.82 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

2024		2025
4.53T	HHW	14T
15T	E-Waste	13T
1,224lbs	Sharps	1,174lbs
593lbs	Batteries	690lbs
1,294	HHW Customers	1,520



17.5

HHW Customers



36.5

HHW Collected

**Total HHW Collected in 2025**  
**27.9 Tons**



# 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

Knox County Public Library-STEM  
Riley Elementary School  
South Knox Elementary School  
Tecumseh Harrison Elementary School  
St. John's UCC Preschool  
Lincoln High School Career Fair (6th-12th)  
Washington Learning Academy  
Psi Iota Xi: Art Ventures Camp  
Purdue Extension: AG Day  
Vincennes Rotary  
Chamber of Commerce Spotlight  
Total Reached: **2,411**

## Recycling Grants

St. Peter Lutheran Ladies Guild \$300  
Vincennes 12U All-Star Baseball Team \$300  
Old Town Players \$300  
Tri Kappa Gamma Zeta \$300  
Vincennes Kiwanis Club \$400

## School Recycling

Flaget, NKMHS, CMS, LHS, VCSC

## Municipal Recycling

Knox County Jail, Knox County Courthouse



# Our Impact

## Public Outreach

Community Outreach, Newsletters, Direct Mailers, Radio & TV



Morning Show with Ed Ballinger



Morning Blast with Gary Hackney  
Just the Tips with John & Andrew



Vincennes PBS with Allyson Bowers: People in Your Neighborhood Series



Window Displays: August & November  
STEM Programming



Shred Day Events  
April 30 & Nov. 19, 2025



First City Music Festival Event Recycling



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



One Person's Trash Newsletter  
**Reached 11,036 households**



Awarded IDEM Tire Recycling Grant & Partnered with Knox County Health Dept. for tire recycling event March 27<sup>th</sup>



Litter Clean up



Featured on Try It Tuesday in April  
March luncheon spotlight sponsor



Website: 3,500 active viewers  
[www.knoxcountyrecycling.org](http://www.knoxcountyrecycling.org)



76,397 Views  
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# Community Partners

