

# Madison County MS4 Co-Permittee Group Newsletter

SEPTEMBER  
2020

## UPCOMING EVENTS

HOUSEHOLD WASTE  
COLLECTIONS SIUE,  
PARKING LOT P-8:

- OCT. 31, 2020

TIRE  
COLLECTIONS:

- OCT. 1 & 2, 2020

ELECTRONICS  
RECYCLING  
COLLECTIONS:

CJD E-CYCLING  
5257 N. ROUTE 157  
EDWARDSVILLE

- SEPT. 26, 2020
- OCT. 10, 2020

FOR QUESTIONS  
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@CO.MADISON.IL.US

APPOINTMENTS  
AVAILABLE AT:  
[HTTPS://RECYCLE RE-  
SPONSIBLY .AS.ME](https://recycleresponsibly.as.me)

VILLAGE OF GODFREY  
RECYCLE E-WASTE  
AT VILLAGE HALL  
(RESIDENTS ONLY):

- SEPT. 19, 2020  
(9 A.M. TO NOON)



## CLEAN COMMUNITY PROGRAM

Madison County Planning and Development is taking steps to organize a grassroots effort with volunteers as part of a way to reduce litter.

Planning and Development Director Chris Doucleff said after receiving numerous complaints about litter along the county's roads, he felt there needed to be a county-wide effort to address the issue.

Doucleff said communities across the country are taking part in #trashtag challenges, including Alton earlier this year. The Madison County Clean Community Challenge will focus on creating a social media campaign to reduce litter.

"The idea inspires people to get out of the house and lend a hand to keep streets, parks, and other public spaces clean," Doucleff said.

The department's resource management program will build upon the framework of the challenge, boosting the effort to include communities across the county.

"The plan is to build a county-wide team of action-oriented individuals who take pride in the health and well-being of their communities," Doucleff said.



The county is asking residents to complete a short survey online so that it can gauge public interest and identify litter-prone areas. The feedback received will assist in developing strategies and objectives for the litter prevention goals in the county.

"Community involvement will be a vital component of this effort," Andi Yancey, Planning and Development's resource management coordinator said. "We encourage everyone to take the survey and share it with friends, family, and any other individuals or organizations that may be interested!"

Visit the Madison County Sustainability Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/Plan.Grow.Sustain> to find out more.

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# SPOTLIGHT SEGMENT: SEASONAL DEBRIS & STORMWATER

In autumn, leaves are often blown or swept into storm drains and waterways and can become a source of water pollution. Once they reach waterways, leaves decompose and release phosphorous into the water, which can result in algae blooms and decreased oxygen for fish.

However, pollutants are not the only problem. Leaves can also build up along curbs, gutters, and storm drains, which can lead to localized flooding.

Fall Best Practices

To reduce flooding situations and phosphorous levels in waterways, consider utilizing a bagged leaf collection or removal service. You might also consider using leaves in mulch or compost.

While the organic debris is not ideal for aquatic life, composted leaves are an excellent resource for fertilizing your garden in the summer months. It provides necessary nutrients, while also reducing the need for chemical fertilizers.

## Quarterly Meeting Review

A featured topic during the September Quarterly Meeting was Low Impact Development (LID) provided by Engineering Consultant, Gonzalez Cos.

During this presentation, MS4 group members were given food for thought when it came to how urban development affects stormwater runoff, and different considerations on how developers can decrease impervious area and reduce the impacts of urbanization of the County.

Other items of discussion included:

- EMA Update
- Watershed Plans Update
- MS4 Audit Schedule FY2020
- Community Litter Challenge
- Low Impact Development (LID)
- Down the Road—NOI Updates
- Next Meeting Dec. 9, 2020

