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HELP KEEP RECYCLING BINS FROM OVERFLOWING AFTER CHRISTMAS

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DELAWARE, Oh., Dec. 18, 2009 – Keep Delaware County Beautiful is asking for citizens' assistance to keep community recycling bins from overflowing after Christmas.

The volume of materials deposited in the ten full-time community recycling bins around Delaware County has been increasing significantly. "That is great, but we are worried that the bins might be overwhelmed with gift wrapping paper and boxes after Dec. 25," said Jenifer Way-Young, Keep Delaware County Beautiful coordinator. Way-Young said recycling bins have been stuffed to overflowing several times after recent Christmases.

Anyone who sees a bin needing maintenance should phone Keep Delaware County Beautiful at 740-368-1700.

Cardboard, non-foil wrapping paper, magazines, catalogs, cards, and envelopes are all recyclable. Ribbons and bows are not; please remove ribbons and bows from wrapping material prior to recycling. Scotch tape does not need to be removed from wrapping paper prior to recycling.

Way-Young asks users of the big green bins to take these steps to help maximize their usefulness:

- Break down boxes, and flatten cans and plastic containers.
- Toss materials into the far corners of the bins, and make sure voids are filled.
- Never leave materials outside the bins; that's littering. If a bin needs maintenance or other attention, phone Keep Delaware County Beautiful at 740-368-1700.
- Take advantage of other recycling drop-off opportunities. Sims Brothers Inc. has bins for all recyclable materials at 65 London Road in Delaware. Price Marketing

Management, 4939 Warrensburg Road, Delaware, takes paper and cardboard, and you can take your Christmas tree and other organic material to Price Farms Organics across the road. ABITIBI Consolidated provides green-and-yellow recycling bins for paper at more than 50 schools and other locations around Delaware County. The UPS Store, 175 S. Sandusky St., Delaware, will accept Styrofoam packing peanuts and chunks and plastic bubble wrap for reuse. MB Katter of Delaware (740-362-3000) will take used deep fryer oil.

- Take advantage of one of the part-time green bins, which usually have ample capacity.

Keep Delaware County Beautiful is the Delaware General Health District's recycling and litter prevention program. For bin locations and other information about recycling and waste disposal in Delaware County, log on to www.delawarehealth.org and click on "Keep Delaware County Beautiful," or phone 740-368-1700.