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Our Environment is Important To our Community and our future

Reducing and **Reusing** items is an effective way to prevent pollution. It saves energy, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and helps to sustain the environment for future generations. It also saves you money!



The possibilities are endless.

Look for products requiring less packaging. Packaging requires the use of unnecessary raw materials to produce paper—reducing the cost of the item to you. Buy reusable over disposable items. Maintain and repair products such as appliances and clothing.

Responsible Disposal--Leftover household products can catch fire, react, or explode under certain circumstances. Some are toxic or corrosive. To avoid the potential risks associated with household hazardous waste, it is important to monitor the use, storage, and disposal of hazardous substances in your homes. Improper disposal includes pouring liquids down the drain, on the ground, into storm sewers, or putting them out with your regular trash. These hazardous household chemicals may cause physical injury to sanitation workers, contaminate septic tanks or wastewater treatment systems.



Hardin County Protects the Environment

Hardin County annually joins with local industry, non-profit organizations, and with partial funding from the Kentucky Pride Fund to host a **Household Hazardous Collection and Prescription Drug Disposal Event**. We plan to have this event in September. Call 270-360-9207 or visit www.hcky.org for further details.

Hardin County and East Kentucky Power Company entered into an agreement in 2008 to generate electricity from the methane gas produced at our County Pearl Hollow Landfill. The methane gas fuels the generating plant to produce electricity. This is an example of an effective way to reuse a waste product to prevent pollution and save our environment.

Hardin County maintains a recycling drop-off point located at the Elizabethtown Farmers' Market at the corner of Leitchfield Road (Highway 62) and Peterson Drive. This location is open seven days a week, 24 hours a day. We collect aluminum, plastics no. 1 and 2, corrugated cardboard, newspapers, and mixed paper.

REDUCE • REUSE • RECYCLE • RESPONSIBLY DISPOSE OF WASTE

✓Reduce Waste ✓Save Energy ✓Reduce Pollution ✓Protect Wildlife ✓Preserve Landfill Space