

Benton County Regional Solid Waste Management District  
and Benton County Environmental Services Division

Presentation to County  
Quorum Court:  
County Convenience Center  
Satellite Pilot Program



# What is the Convenience Center?

The Convenience Center program is a partnership between the Benton County Solid Waste District (BCSWD) and the County since March 2011. Household bulky waste and a large variety of recyclable materials are accepted. This program is free to all county residents and is open almost every Saturday from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm.

BCSWD provides labor, supplies and processing of all material and management of the program at their facility.  
County provides funding costs associated with the disposal of bulky waste and support of work program labor.

# Accepted Items

	Convenience Center	County Cleanup
Household Electronics	Free	Free
Household Furniture	Free	Free
Household Bulky Waste	Free	Free
Household Appliances	Free	Free
Scrap Metal	Free	Free
Waste Tires (4 tires per resident each month)	Free	Free
Recovery of Usable Items	Free	Free
Document Shredding	-	Free
Recycling (Paper, Cardboard, Glass, etc.)	Free	-
Household Hazardous Waste	*\$	Free

\*Household Hazardous Waste collected one weekend per month at District's Special Waste Facility. \$5.00 user fee charged per household for accepted volumes. (See handout)

# County's program costs for 2014

	Convenience Center	Cleanup Event
Cost	\$32,089.00*	\$110,347.00*
Bulky waste collected	2,500 cubic yards	1,740 cubic yards
Open to the public	46 days each year	2 days each year
Loads collected	2,534	3,125
Cost per load	\$12.66	\$35.35
Percent of households served**	2.5%	3.1%

\*Does not include in-kind costs. District also spends about \$7,700 per year in labor costs for Convenience Center Supervisor, fuel, supplies, etc.

\*\*Each load received is counted as a unique household served. Benton County has 101,800 households (population of 232,268).



# Proposed Pilot Project

Quorum Court Justices asked staff to research options to expand services with the following goals in mind;

- Better utilize taxpayer funds
- Better serve the needs of the county citizens.

Staff proposes satellite Convenience Centers at the following locations;

- Rogers Recycling Center
- Siloam Springs Recycling and Transfer Station.

Staff seeks initial approval for 6 months (July – Dec 2015) and recommends that the pilot project run a full 12 months with Quorum Court approval during 2016 budget process.

# Proposed Site Locations



# Pilot Project Operation

- Convenience Center Satellites open 2 days each week and one Saturday per month (hours of host site).
- Roving District employee (certified in household hazardous waste collection) will travel between all 3 location.
- Accept same materials collected at the Convenience Center **PLUS** accept specified volume of Household Hazardous Waste at no charge.

LOCATION	WEEK DAY	SATURDAY
CENTERTON	-	1 <sup>ST</sup> , 2 <sup>ND</sup> & 5 <sup>TH</sup>
ROGERS	TUESDAY & THURSDAY	3 <sup>RD</sup>
SILOAM SPRINGS	WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY	4 <sup>TH</sup>

# Host Site Responsibilities

- Provide controlled access space for the collection of bulky waste.
- Provide space for the collection and storage of electronics and coordinate shipping with your provider.
- Provide space for collection and storage of household hazardous waste and coordinate shipping with the BCSWD.
- Provide bin for non-refrigerant containing appliances and scrap metal. Host site will keep revenue from the sale of metal.

# BCSWD Responsibilities

- Promote all Convenience Center locations using grant funds as available.
- Transport and process household hazardous waste as needed.
- Utilize District Board-approved household hazardous waste disposal budget first each year before billing County for remaining household hazardous waste disposal.
- Invoice County quarterly for the cost of household hazardous waste processing and disposal after District budget used.
- Invoice County on a quarterly basis for the cost of the satellite employee salary and benefits.

# County Responsibilities

- Pay for the cost of disposal of bulky waste collected.
- Pay for the cost of disposal of household hazardous waste material collected under Convenience Center program\*.
- Pay for salary and benefits of (1) District employee to operate convenience center satellites.
- Assign 1-2 Benton County Work Program workers, Inmate Crews and/or utilize cleanup volunteer base to support the Convenience Center at each location.

\*BCSWD will utilize their board-approved household hazardous waste disposal budget first each year before billing County for remaining household hazardous waste disposal.

# Estimated County Program Funding

2014 Expenses	2015 Expenses	2016 Expenses
\$ 142,437.13	\$160,800.00	\$146,400.00
Convenience Center + Cleanup Event	Convenience Center + Cleanup Event	Convenience Centers Only
	\$143,000.00	
	2015 Budgeted Amount	

- Comparable costs to do more!
- Provides much greater service to citizens!
- Increase in convenience from 2 days per year to 5 days per WEEK!

# Keeping it out of ditches helps everyone!



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