

**HAMILTON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES - RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
MANAGER'S MEMORANDUM**

DATE: March 10, 2017
TO: District Policy Committee Members
FROM: Holly Christmann, Director

I. Introduction/Opening Comments

NOTICE: This memo is for the meeting to be held **Thursday, March 16, 2017** at Hamilton County Environmental Services, 250 William Howard Taft Road, 1st Floor, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219 at 1:30 p.m.

Policy Committee Information (Agendas, Manager's Memos, Minutes, etc.) is available on the District's website at www.hamiltoncountyclecycling.org.

II. Clerk's Report/Additions to the Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes** – Minutes from the January 19, 2017 Policy Committee meeting are included as [Attachment A](#).
- B. Additions to the Agenda**
Please contact Susan Schumacher at 513-946-7734 or susan.schumacher@hamilton-co.org if you have items to add to the agenda.

III. District Revenue Updates/Analysis

Updates will be provided on current revenue receipts and comparisons with the prior year, as included in [Attachment B](#).

IV. Health Department Update

Hamilton County Public Health and Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services – Southwest Ohio Air Quality Agency will conduct a presentation on Rumpke Sanitary Landfill.

V. Policy Items

- A. Solid Waste Management Plan – Update**
Staff will provide an update on the approval of the solid waste management plan.
- B. National Initiatives Focused on Reducing Wasted Food**
The Food Donation Act of 2017
U.S. Representative Marcia Fudge (OH-11) introduced HR 952 on February 6 that clarifies and expands the liability protections to food donors by the 1996 Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Act. The bill would extend liability protections to donations made directly to needy individuals, instead of limiting protections to food provided to social service agencies. It would also allow donation of food that has been mislabeled in ways that don't affect safety, and allow donations of certain edible foods that are past its "sell by" date for freshness, but is still safe to eat. [Attachment C](#) provides a summary of the Food Donation Act.

Industry Launches New Initiative to Reduce Confusion on Product Date Labels

The Grocery Manufacturers Association and the Food Marketing Institute are leading an initiative to reduce consumer confusion on product date labels. The voluntary initiative simplifies the date labels on food packaging down to two: “Best if Used By” and “Use By.” Best if Used Buy describes product quality (the product may not taste as expected but is safe to use or consume). Use By applies to products that are highly perishable. This label is for perishable products with potential safety implications or degradation of critical performance, such as nutrition. Retailers and manufacturers are asked to begin phasing in these labels, with widespread adoption by July, 2018.

There is no action requested of the Policy Committee at this time.

VI. Informational Items

A. 2016 Residential Recycling Tonnages

[Attachment D](#) details the tons recycled by Hamilton County communities and the amount of funding each received through the Residential Recycling Incentive program.

B. Program Trends

[Attachment E](#) outlines the 6 year trend for many of the District’s programs.

C. 2016 4th Quarter and YTD Performance Measures

[Attachment F](#) provides the results of the District’s programs for 2016.

D. Yard Trimmings Drop Off Sites

The District’s yard trimmings drop-off sites reopen for the season on March 25th. Locations and dates are:

- Anderson Township (3295 Turpin Lane)
- Green Township (Kuliga Park)
- Colerain Township (Rumpke Landfill)

Sites are open on Saturdays and Sundays from 11:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The Anderson Township location is also open during the week from 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

VII. Tentative Future Agenda Items

VIII. Policy Committee Members' Comments

IX. Public Comments

X. Upcoming District Meetings

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, May 18, 2017**. This meeting will be held at Hamilton County Environmental Services, 250 William Howard Taft Road, 1st Floor, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219 at 1:30 p.m.

XI. Adjournment (Target Time: 3:00 p.m.)