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### **BUTLER COUNTY'S RECYCLING PROGRAMS ARE POPULAR WITH RESIDENTS**

Butler County's recycling programs are convenient and easy to use and residents are noticing. In 2007, a record number of people participated in recycling collection programs, diverting a significant amount of waste from area landfills.

Here is a glimpse of the county's recycling successes:

- **Freon Appliances** — The Butler County Department of Environmental Services (BCDES) began a curbside Freon collection program in 2007 to replace a former one-day annual drop off event. The new program, which is more convenient and cost efficient, has saved the county more than \$18,000 compared to last year's costs.
- **Household Hazardous Waste** - The long-term program, which runs every Thursday from June to September, continues to be popular. Residents have dropped off more than **428,000 pounds** of hazardous waste over the past two years.
- **Tire Recycling** - BCDES holds a one-day tire drop off event each year. In the past two years, BCDES has collected more than **143 tons** of tires.
- **Electronics Recycling** - BCDES collected more than twice the amount of material (163,481 lbs.) in 2007 compared to 2006 (69,934 lbs.). Residents dropped off old computers, televisions and other electronic equipment diverting harmful materials from area landfills.

"In 2007, the county collected almost 100,000 pounds of more material than 2006. Butler County's recycling collection programs are popular because we make it easy and convenient for residents recycle," said Butler County Commissioner Charles Furmon.

This year, the Electronics Program will begin in April and the Household Hazardous Waste Program will resume in June. Both programs will operate through the end of September 2008.

COLLECTION PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE

	2006		2007	
	Material Collected	Period of Service	Material Collected	Period of Service
<b>1. Electronics</b>	69,934 lbs	April - September	163,481 lbs	April - September
<b>2. Freon Appliance*</b>	78.31 tons	1-day Events: June & October	63.32 tons (to date)	April - December
<b>3. Household Hazardous Waste</b>	216,826 lbs	June - September	211,329 lbs	June - September
<b>4. Tire Recycling</b>	61.6 tons	October 21	81.5 tons	November 3

**Total Pounds Collected:** 2006 = 566,580 pounds  
 2007= 664,450 pounds

1. The Electronics program yielded more than twice as much electronic material in 2007 compared to 2006.
2. In 2007, BCDES developed an on-demand curbside Freon appliance collection service to replace its former 1-day biannual appliance drop off events. To date, the new program has captured 80 percent of the amount collected for both one-day 2006 service events. In addition, the new on-demand program has saved the county more than **\$21,000**; the program cost one-third less than both 2006 drop-off events.
3. The long-term Household Hazardous Waste Program has been a successful endeavor and continues to capture significant and comparable quantities of hazardous material from county residents.
4. We will continue to offer our Waste Tire Program to Butler County residents every fall, usually in October or November. BCDES collected a record number of tires at our 2007 waste tire event.

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