

County Connection for Week of 09/19/2018
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Changes have already begun at the green box sites throughout the county. After the consolidation effort that limited the number of small sites throughout the county, and saves the taxpayers about \$150,000 annually, we have increased the capacity and function of our remaining green box sites.

With that in mind, we have created a SWAT Team - SOLID WASTE ASSISTANCE TEAM - specifically to tend to the green box sites, and to help with education and assistance county-wide. This team will be rotating between all of the sites to help teach people how to use them properly so that we don't have as many abuse issues that cost us considerable time and money.

Our Assistance Team is armed with handy educational material and maps, as well as rakes, shovels, and gloves, to help our citizens understand how the sites are to be used and where to take items that are not allowed at convenience centers. They also are equipped to issue citations for those that are scavenging or dumping tires and brush illegally. We don't want to issue citations, but we will if blatant abuse is observed.

We've also added more green boxes and a dedicated cleanup service at several of our most used sites - such as the Gretna, Potter's Creek (Blair's Store) and Whittles (Blair Construction) sites. We will continue to monitor these highly used sites and work to increase capacity and dumping frequency and use demands.

On Monday, our site attendants will begin to close the Brosville Convenience Center overnight, and will have a site attendant on duty from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day of the week. They will also be a part of the SWAT Team, and we hope that the residents will get to know these new members of the team over the next few weeks.

We will be phasing in the site attendants at our other sites, and will be using our experiences at Brosville to update the responsibilities of our team members. We are also still hiring for site attendants for these sites, which will help with all of our enforcement efforts. If you think you might be interested, I would encourage you to apply.

Finally, here's my question for you, which I am asking at the end of each article I write. Is there something you'd like to see us change? Do you have suggestions for what we should add to our convenience centers to make your experience better? We want to know!