

County Connection for Week of 11/14/2018
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“Why the Attendants?”

If you have visited our convenience centers, you will have noticed a change at some of them. We now have attendants at Brosville, Berry Hill and Mount Hermon. You may be asking yourself why these people are out there from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. There are two reasons for it - to cut down on unauthorized dumping at our sites and to help our citizens learn how best to use the resources that we have at our convenience centers.

We are constantly working to upgrade the service at our convenience centers to make your experience at them better every time you go. However, that means there are a lot of changes that you have to get used to. This means there's been quite a bit in the way of growing pains as our citizens get used to having people at the sites while they dump their trash.

We are already seeing less abuse of our sites and hearing from our citizens that their experience is getting better every time they visit. We are seeing higher rates of recycling at our convenience centers and our landfill staff is having to do significantly less work to pick items out of the bins that don't belong there. We believe that this is a win-win for our county, and that it will only get better as we work out the kinks that come along with a new program as we add people to our team.

With that in mind, we are still seeking site attendants for some of our pilot sites -specifically the Blairs and Mount Cross Convenience Centers. You can apply on the county website or in person at the county administration building in Chatham you are interested in becoming a part of our solid waste team and helping keep your community cleaner.

Homeowners across the county should be receiving their solid waste bill any day now. Remember, you can start paying towards that bill at any time, but it must be paid by June 20 in order to be considered current.

As always, I'm ending with a question for you, the reader. Is there a way that these attendants could help you when you go to the convenience centers? 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? Share them with us!