

OKLAHOMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE



Environment Issue Team

Individual Outcomes:

- Increase selection and home preservation of home, locally and regionally produced foods
- Increase number of Oklahomans who compost, donate goods for others to use, repurpose, and recycle
- Oklahomans will increase energy management
- Decrease food and packaging waste and use of disposable products
- Increase number of Oklahomans who maintain, conserve and protect natural resources



The Environment Issue Team is dedicated to working towards increasing the number of Oklahomans that prevent/decrease the degradation of their environments.

Why is this an issue in Oklahoma?

In Oklahoma, there are more than 600 bodies of water impaired by pollutants and over 100 Public Water Supply systems draw water from impaired lakes and streams .

Oklahoma ranks 12th in the nation in total energy consumption per capita.

In Oklahoma, just over 50% of our households have access to recycling programs.

The average American produces 4.5 pounds of garbage every day, but only recycles 1 pound of that waste.



Societal Outcomes

- Establish or continue collection points/times for recycling/reuse of consumer and agriculture goods
- Cooperate with county leaders, volunteers and interested parties to establish or continue farmers' markets providing local and regional products
- Inaugurate a county beautification program

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Environment Issue Team Programs offered

- 40 Gallon Challenge
- 4-H Camping
- Aqua Times
- Buy Fresh Buy Local – Local Foods Guide (AVL)
- Composting
- Energy Trailer
- Exploring Your Environment
- Home Canning Workshop
- Home energy management
- iGreen
- Junior Master Gardener
- Kitchens: Looking to the past for a sustainable future
- Land/range/home site judging evaluation
- Live Learn Play
- Low impact development
- Million Tree Project
- Oklahoma Gardening
- Power of Wind Energy
- Pre-cycling (TBD)
- Prescribed fire
- Rain barrels
- Recycled Household Textiles & Clothing (TBD)
- Red cedar eradication
- Solid Waste Management Resource Trunks: Close the Loop Display
- Solid Waste Management Resource Trunks: Lesson Plans and DVDs
- Sportfishing
- Stream Trailer
- The Family Freezer
- Waste-free Lunch Activity
- Water (well water, etc).
- Wet, Wild, PLT, etc.
- What is clean?
- Wildlife Habitat Education Program



Contact your local
Extension Educator to
schedule an Environment
Program



Partners

- Local County Educator
- OSU Extension Specialist
- Program Advising Committee
- Various partnering organizations