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The 2014 Kane County Recycling Extravaganza held on Saturday, June 14th in St. Charles was a stellar success.

During this four-hour event, Kane County staff and volunteers served over 2,300 residents - nearly 10 cars per minute!

Electronics were by far and away the largest volume and weight of material collected, and the free document shredding came in second, with over 700 residents bringing in documents.

Here are the results, by the numbers.

- 9,500 lbs of books, of which approximately 10% are reused and 90% are recycled.
- 9,000 lbs of carpet and carpet padding.
- 2,000 lbs of textiles including clothes, shoes, linens, purses, hats, belts, and stuffed toys.
- 1,800 individual containers amounting to 18,000 lbs of latex paint, which will be recycled into latex plastic products or new latex paint undercoat.
- 25,000 lbs of confidential documents to be securely shredded so the paper can be recycled.
- 140,000 lbs of electronic equipment (TVs, computers, household appliances) by far the highest volume that we have ever collected at a single event.
- 600 lbs of cardboard People bring documents, books, and other items to us in cardboard boxes, and we recycle those too.
- 36 bikes and 2 sewing machines for reuse.
- 36 mobility devices (inc. 10 wheel chairs, 8 walkers, 10 pairs of crutches, braces, canes, scooters) for reuse.
- 1000 fluorescent tube lights for responsible disposal.

The grand total of materials collected is well over 200,000 pounds (100 tons) that will be kept from the landfill and will be reused or recycled!

If you missed this event, don't worry because most of the items we collect have alternative year-round drop-off options. To find out where you can recycle nearly everything or donate it for reuse, please see the A-Z list on the Kane County Recycles website.

The next Annual Extravaganza will be in the summer of 2015. We will continue to hold monthly electronics and books recycling events on the second Saturday of every month. We will also be holding quarterly document shredding events. All events are always on the second Saturday of the month from 8am-Noon at 540 S Randall Rd. in St. Charles. For exact dates and more information, please see the Kane County Recycles webpages at: www.countyofkane.org/recycling

If you are interested in volunteering for these events, please contact Kane County Recycling Coordinator, Jennifer Jarland at recycle@countyofkane.org or on 630-208-3841.

Thank you,
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