

## Madison County to Hold Community Clean up in Meadowbrook

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MEADOWBROOK — Residents will get the chance next week to clear out junk and debris and drop it off at no charge.

Madison County Planning and Development Department along with Fort Russell Township are facility the drive in supporting residents in creating a clean community and safer place to live, as well as assisting homeowners with meeting county standards for property maintenance. The event is being held from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., May 3 and 4 at the Fort Russell Township Highway Department, 112 Clover St., Moro.

Chris Doucleff, deputy administrator of Planning and Development, said a supplemental environmental project through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency is helping fund the cleanup.

"It's an opportunity for people to clean up and they don't have to try to take items to the landfill," Doucleff said.

Doucleff said the event provides an easy means of disposing of large items and furniture they no longer need or otherwise might not be able to throw away.

Those dropping-off waste must show proof of a Meadowbrook area residency with a driver's license, state-issued identification, bill with current address or original event flyer mailed to residents. Assistance for disabled or elderly curbside pick-up must contact Fort Russell Highway Commissioner Todd Shaw by May 1 at (618) 377-8801.

Items prohibited form disposal include tires, appliances, electronics and well as household hazardous waste, such as oil, paint and chemicals.

County Board Member Tom McRae of Bethalto said these type of events the county hosts provide such a great opportunity for taxpayers.

"The event helps homeowners," McRae said. "They don't have to go as far to dispose of large items and it's of no cost to them."

McRae said "these clean-ups are especially important to those who have mobility issues, or others who may not have access to a vehicle equipped to haul items away."

Doucleff said residents' complaints are what led to the initial code enforcement check.

The cleanup is one of many regular programs and events, including household hazardous waste and electronics collections, offered to residents by Madison County government.

Residents who wish to find out more about upcoming waste-collection and recycling events are encouraged to visit www.madisoncountyplanning.com or contact the county's recycling hotline at 618-296-4468.