



# Celebrate America Recycles Day At Interactive Neighbor Nights

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EAST ALTON – The National Great Rivers Research and Education Center (NGRREC<sup>sm</sup>) will celebrate America Recycles Day with an interactive Neighbor Nights, providing information about recycling and composting.

America Recycles Day was formed in 1997 in an effort to raise awareness about recycling and the purchasing of recycled products.

November's Neighbor Nights at NGRREC event will feature different stations, covering what can and cannot be recycled curbside in Madison County. Those attending will learn how long items take to decompose, as well as how different compost systems work.

The event will be self-guided so participants can come and go as they please.

Environmental Educator Jen Young hopes the event will help address the confusion surrounding recycling and remove some of the guesswork.

"Recycling is a great way to conserve our valuable natural resources and reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills," Young said. "The recycling rate has increased from less than 7 percent in 1960 to the current rate of 32 percent, but we can do better!"

Neighbor Nights will take place at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 16, at the NGRREC Field Station.

In accordance with Illinois State mandate, all visitors to the Field Station are required to wear masks and follow social distancing guidelines, regardless of vaccination status.

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