

**Winter  
Newsletter**



### **IWEA LAB AWARD**

South Henry Regional Waste District is proud to announce that our plant was awarded the IWEA Laboratory Excellence Award for 2016. This award is given to plants passing a rigorous examination of their testing procedures, record keeping, quality control, quality assurance, and overall neatness. Our goal is to work towards receiving this award each year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of our customers. Our offices will be closed on the following days in observance of the holidays.

December 23rd, 26th, 30th, & January 2nd

Thank you,  
South Henry Regional  
Waste District Staff

# **South Henry Regional Waste District**

**Merry Christmas!**

**December 9, 2016**

## **Ocra Planning Grant Update 2016**

In 2015 South Henry Regional Waste District made our customers aware that we had applied for an OCRA planning grant through Henry County. Many of our customers were able to help us obtain this grant by filling out surveys. In 2016 the grant was awarded and the study is currently being conducted.

The purpose of the planning grant study is to find out what updates our plant and infrastructure may be in need of due to their age. Once that information is obtained from an engineer

then South Henry can begin to plan the most cost effective way to make the needed improvements and updates. It is important to maintain and upgrade in a timely manner. This ensures that the collection and treatment process continue to operate efficiently.

South Henry Regional Waste District plans to have the study completed in 2017. South Henry can then begin to move forward with the study findings. Our goal is to keep our customers updated with

information during this process. Please feel free to give SHRWD a call or stop in at any-time to ask questions.



## **Reminder! Sump pump and cleanout caps**

South Henry Regional Waste District would like to remind our customers that sump pumps should not be connected to the sewer. If you have one connected or know of one connected, please give us a call. Connecting a sump pump to the sewer puts large amounts of water into the

treatment process and increases the cost of treatment. Secondly, if the cleanout cap located outside your home is missing or broken, please replace it, or give South Henry Regional Waste District a call and we will help with the repair.

Taking care of both of these items can reduce unnecessary flow into the treatment process. This helps SHRWD to keep costs down as well as keep the treatment process operating efficiently.





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## 5 Ways You Can Help Keep Water Clean

1. **Take a hard look at your outdoor surfaces.** Storm water flows across hard materials and into storm drains-bringing all the dirty stuff it picked up along the way. Stop these pollution streams on your own property by using porous materials whenever possible. If a hard surface is unavoidable (say, in the case of a driveway), dig a shallow trench along the border and add plants or gravel to catch the runoff.
2. **Remember, your toilet is not a trash can.** Never flush nondegradable products, like baby wipes or feminine products. They can throw a huge wrench into the sewage treatment process.
3. **And neither is your sink!** Don't let paint, used oil, chemical cleaners or other questionable household products go down the drain. These items contain toxic ingredients we don't want in our water supply and wastewater system.
4. **Pick up after Fido.** You're not just being a good neighbor. Scooping up pet waste keeps bacteria from running into storm drains and water supplies. Tie it in a recycled-plastic pet-waste bag and throw it in the trash.
5. **Be a more careful car owner.** Good maintenance can reduce the leaking of oil, coolant, antifreeze, and other nasty liquids that are carried by rain-water down driveways or through parking lots and then seep into groundwater supplies.

## Welcome!

South Henry Regional Waste District is happy to welcome a new member to our board! Oren Jarvis will begin serving as the representative for the Town of Dunrieth in January 2017. SHRWD looks forward to working with Mr. Jarvis!

## Good Luck!

Good Luck and best wishes to Robin Rose. South Regional Waste District would like to say thank you to Robin for her many years of service on the SHRWD board. It has always been a pleasure working with Robin and we appreciate all that she has contributed to the SHRWD board.

