



# News Release

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## Red, White & BOOM! Goes Green

**Columbus, OH-** On July 3<sup>rd</sup>, Red, White & BOOM! goers will see more than just fireworks downtown: In partnership with The Ohio Department of Natural Resources and Rumpke, Red, White & BOOM! will have more than 200 recycling containers placed around the event. These 96-gallon containers are green and easily identified by the bright yellow lid with a hole cut in the top.

“Rumpke Recycling is very excited to partner with ODNR to bring recycling for the first time to Red, White & BOOM!” said Andrew Rumpke, Vice President. “People can now recycle the same things at Red, White & BOOM! as they do in their own homes. Recycling will be easy and accessible during the entire event.”

Vendors and attendees of Red, White & BOOM! will be able to recycle items such as plastic bottles, aluminum cans, cardboard boxes, glass bottles and paper products (excluding items such as paper plates and napkins).

As designated by ODNR, Red, White & BOOM! will serve as the pilot special event for this recycling program. It is not only the first major special event to execute this recycling plan in Ohio, it is the first in Columbus. According to Mike Collins, Executive Director of Red, White & BOOM! “This will not only position the Midwest’s largest Independence Day celebration as a demonstration project for recycling, we’re looking forward to executing the plan well enough to be identified as a best practice.”

“Recycling at ‘Red, White and BOOM!’ and other large events accomplishes more than most people realize,” said ODNR Director Sean D. Logan. “Besides the decreased strain on our landfills, and the return of raw material to productive use, we send an important message that recycling is a community-wide responsibility that never takes a holiday.”

For more information on Red, White & BOOM! including information on parking, the best places to view the fireworks, information on becoming a volunteer, the activity and entertainment schedules and much more visit [www.redwhiteandboom.org](http://www.redwhiteandboom.org).

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