



News Release

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Red, White & BOOM! "Goes Green" Once Again

Columbus, OH- Red, White & BOOM! in partnership with Ohio Department of Natural Resources and Rumpke Recycling is "Going Green" once again with the hope of increasing the number of pounds of waste recycled compared to last year's event.

Red, White & BOOM! will feature 250 recycling containers throughout the event. The 96-gallon wheeled carts are green and easily identified by the bright yellow lid with a hole cut in the top. People in attendance can recycle the same materials as they do at home in their recycling bins, including:

- Aluminum Cans
- Plastic Bottles #1-7
- Paper, such as program, magazines and beverage cartons
- Glass Bottles (Red, White & BOOM! does not encourage patrons to bring glass bottles)
- Cardboard Boxes

"We want recycling to be easy and convenient at Red, White & BOOM!" said Todd Wielinski, Rumpke operations manager. "You will notice recycling containers all over the place, and it will seem effortless to recycle a bottle or can instead of throwing it in the trash."

Event organizers are also engaging vendors to recycle cardboard boxes during the set-up process. All recyclables collected during Red, White & BOOM! will be transported to Rumpke Recycling's material recovery facility on Fields Avenue in Columbus for processing.

Common items that should go in the trash containers include: plastic or paper cups, food waste, paper or plastic plates, napkins, plastic bags, plastic utensils and Styrofoam.

Last year ODNR designated Red, White & BOOM! as the pilot special event for this recycling program. Attendees took advantage of the "green" option by recycling 3,000 pounds of materials at the event. Nearly 75 percent of the recyclables consisted of beverage containers, such as plastic bottles and aluminum cans, accounting for more than 100,000 bottles and cans. Cardboard and paper products made up the remaining portion of the recycling collected at the event.

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