



BOONE COUNTY *Solid Waste Management District*



“A Bench for Caps” Program

Introduction

The Boone County Solid Waste Management District (“BCSWMD”) is responsible for implementing programs and educating Boone County residents to reduce, recycle or properly dispose of their residential waste. Through education and programming, we enable residents to be responsible stewards of the environment while preserving public health in and around Boone County.

To supplement these efforts, the BCSWMD is pleased to offer an opportunity for youth to **learn about recycling and earn a recycled plastic bench** for their school or other affiliated organization. The BCSWMD will sponsor the fee (up to \$345) for a colored six-foot bench with back.

The BCSWMD has an account partnership with Green Tree Plastics in Evansville, Indiana. Green Tree Plastics is the parent company of the “ABC” program. The bench that is offered through this specific program is Green Tree Plastics Code: D301 and weighs approximately 185 pounds and is 6’ x 2’ x 3’.

We encourage your organization to peruse their website for details about this program and other services and merchandise that is offered. www.greentreeplastics.com/abc-program

Eligibility

All organizations within Boone County are eligible to earn a bench through the ABC program. In the past, it was limited to youth organizations, but the restriction has been removed. The bench earned through the program must remain at an organization located in Boone County. Each organization can earn one bench per calendar year on a first come, first serve basis. The BCSWMD has a structured annual budget and reserves the right to postpone a request to the following calendar year.

Step 1 – Create a Team! The following is a description of key players that will make up your team:

Organization – the group that will collect and sort the plastic lids

Mentor – an adult that supervises the collection & sorting

Sponsor – the organization that pays for the bench (**this is the BCSWMD’s role**)

Driver – an individual that is willing to haul the sorted caps to Evansville and return with a bench

Green Tree Plastics – the organization that creates benches from plastic caps

Bench Recipient – the youth group may choose the location of the bench they earn, but it must remain in Boone County

Step 2 – Once your team is created, fill out the attached application and submit to the BCSWMD.

Step 3 – An ABC Promise Partnership registration (available on www.greentreeplastics.com/abc-program) will need to be submitted to Green Tree Plastics.

Step 4 – As a part of the Green Tree Plastic registration, they require your organization to “LIKE” the Green Tree Plastics – ABC Partnership Facebook page. Updates are posted regularly on this page.

Step 5 - Collect 200 lbs. of plastic caps!

Tip: 200 lbs. of plastic caps will fill approximately 5 – 55-gallon contractor bags!

Acceptable caps include plastic caps that snap on, twist off, are spouts or flip tops from food grade or household items. Examples include plastic lids from butter tubs, coffee cans, yogurt containers, medicine bottles, drink bottles, milk jugs, detergent bottles, and condiments. An expanded list is available on the Green Tree Plastics website.

Items NOT accepted include any cap with metal, pumps with a metal spring (i.e. lotion bottles), fast food drink lids, syringe caps or any lid over 8” in diameter.

It is required that all plastic caps are sorted, clean and free from metal and miscellaneous debris!
Caps must be delivered to Green Tree Plastics in 45-55-gallon contractor bags.

Any caps arriving at Green Tree Plastics in an unacceptable condition will be refused and returned with the driver. All contractor bags will be returned to the driver for proper recycling or disposal. If your organization does not meet the weight requirement, Green Tree Plastics will NOT provide you with a bench.

Step 6 – When you finalize the goal of collecting and sorting 200 lbs. of caps, call or email Green Tree Plastics (812-402-4127 or barbp@greentreeplastics.com) to schedule an appointment for bench pickup. Remember, Evansville is on Central Standard Time. At this time, you will request your D301 bench and select your color. Green Tree Plastics will email you a confirmation sheet with your appointment time and the amount that is owed.

After your appointment is scheduled and you have received your confirmation sheet via email, please contact the BCSWMD as soon as possible. We will need a copy of your confirmation sheet from Green Tree Plastics to complete our payment to Green Tree Plastics on your behalf.

Step 7 – Deliver your caps & bring home your bench!

Green Tree Plastics is located at 1107 East Virginia Street, Evansville, IN 47711. Remember that Evansville is on Central Standard Time. Please ensure your drive has the confirmation sheet upon delivery. Caps will be unloaded and weighed. Once the weight is verified, the bench will be loaded into your truck. Please have the appropriate materials to strap down the bench. Safe travels!



Step 8 - Enjoy your bench! Your organization has earned it and learned great lessons along the way! The BCSWMD would love to have photos of your organization and the bench throughout the process. We will be happy to share them on social media and throughout future promotion of this program. Once the bench is placed in its permanent home, the BCSWMD has a small decal we will place on the back side of the bench reflecting our sponsorship.



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 Program Application**

Name of Organization: _____

Mentor Name: _____

Driver Name: _____

Organization Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Estimated Timeframe: _____

Bench Color (*Options: Red, Blue, Yellow, Orange, Green, Purple, Brown & Cedar*): _____

Proposed Bench Location: _____

It is the intention of the above organization to follow each of the steps described in the BCSWMD and Green Tree Plastics “ABC” program. It is understood that it is the responsibility of our organization to collect, sort, weigh, ensure the caps are debris free, and to cover the delivery/pickup portion of the program. It is also understood that the BCSWMD will cover the fee for a colored six foot bench with back, but is limited to the availability of funds at the time of this request.

Mentor Signature: _____

Mentor Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Please submit this application to the BCSWMD office via:

- Electronically: Executive Director Jennifer Lawrence - jlawrence@co.boone.in.us
 Include the subject line: ABC PROGRAM APPLICATION
- Mail: Boone County Solid Waste Management District
 127 West Main Street, Suite 313, Lebanon, IN 46052
- Hand Delivery: District Office (Open Monday – Friday 8am-4pm)
 Third Floor of the Key Bank Building on the southside of the Courthouse Square
 127 West Main Street, Suite 313, Lebanon, IN 46052

The staff of the BCSWMD will do their best to respond to your request in a timely fashion to ensure funds are available and your organization is eligible. Please do not hesitate to inquire with questions or ask for suggestions and support. The BCSMWD is available and prepared to help your organization though each step!