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Randy Przybysz, the Director of the Solid Waste Management District of St. Joseph County, announced today that the Curbside Recycling program had another year of very good participation and diverted a high volume of recyclables from going into our landfills. The following numbers are from 2014 and were provided by the District's vendors:

Borden Waste-Away collected 29,868,000 pounds of glass, plastic, and paper products from the curbside bins.

The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Center in Mishawaka, shipped 339,063 pounds of electronics to ERI of Indianapolis. 20,315 gallons of paint, 8,793 gallons of oil, 839 gallons of anti-freeze, and 712 gallons of pesticides were transported to Tradebe Treatment of East Chicago.

Over 108,000 lbs. of tires were sent to Liberty Tire Recycling in North Liberty IN. In addition, 8,670 lbs. of light bulbs were recycled by Veolia Environmental Services of Indianapolis.

"While all these numbers are great, we can always do better", said Przybysz. "The HHW serviced over 9,919 St. Joseph County residents in 2014, which is an all time high, but we can and should do much more".

Please contact the District's Education Coordinator at 574-245-6604 to discuss every aspect of recycling, and to better educate the children and adults in our county about the benefits of the our program.