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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 2015 and were provided by the District's vendors:

Borden Waste-Away collected 29,662,000 pounds of glass, aluminum, plastic, and paper products from the curbside bins.

The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Center in Mishawaka shipped 409,955 pounds of electronics to ERI of Indianapolis. In addition, the HHW sent the following to Tradebe Treatment of East Chicago : **(All in pounds)** 37,281 of Oil, 78,488 of Flammables, 11,485 of Pesticides, 3,361 of Aerosols, 65,880 of Latex paint, 6,429 of Anti-freeze, and 2,909 of Acids & Corrosives.

Over 108,000 lbs. of tires were sent to Liberty Tire Recycling in North Liberty IN. In addition, 10,848 lbs. of light bulbs were recycled by Veolia Environmental Services of Indianapolis.

"The HHW serviced 9,167 St. Joseph County residents in 2015, which is less than 2014, so we can and should do much more" said Przybysz.

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 program.