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Long-time drop-off recycle site to close

Portage – Residents using the drop-off recycling site at Willowcreek Middle School, 5962 Central Ave., will soon need to find another place to take their recyclables. The school board has requested that the site close by the end of the year.

“Our intent for that property has changed, and we can no longer accommodate the facility at that location,” the Portage Township Board of School Trustees stated in a letter to the district written by their attorneys.

“The Portage Township School Corp at this time wishes to notify you (the district) that we do not intend to renew the agreement that expires Jan. 1, 2018,” the letter stated.

Porter County Recycling & Waste Reduction operates drop-off recycling sites across the county for residents to use. Many residents who use this free public service do not have access to curbside recycling because they live in apartments or condominiums. Others use the site because they have far more recyclables than their curbside carts or bins can hold.

The boxes at the sites collect the same materials that are accepted for curbside recycling across the county, including: paper and cardboard; glass bottles and jars; alum, tin and metal cans; plastic tubs, bottles and jugs; and milk and juice cartons.

The solid waste agency must seek approval from land owners in order to place its drop-off containers on properties. The area must be large enough for the containers, accessible to the public and also for the contracted waste hauler to empty. While on the property, district employees maintain the site, making sure residents are using it properly.

“We’ve had a great relationship with the school board and have appreciated their partnership for more than a decade,” said Therese Haller, executive director, Porter County Recycling & Waste Reduction. “The site has been extremely well used. We hope to relocate the containers to another place in Portage, so area residents can continue to use them.”

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Long-time drop-off/add one

The boxes will be removed by the end of the day Dec. 29.

Haller said that the district operates six other drop-off locations that residents can use until a new Portage site is located: Boone Grove Fire Department, 319 West 550 South, Valparaiso; Burns Harbor Street Department, 310 Navajo Trail; Chesterton, 1600 Pioneer Trail (Strack & VanTil); Hebron Municipal Building, 125 N. Main St.; Kouts Town Garage, 406 S. Kouts St.; and Valparaiso, 2168 W. U.S. 30 (Strack & VanTil).

Porter County Recycling & Waste Reduction is an agency dedicated to improving the environment and quality of life by providing services and educational programs which help residents reduce, reuse, and recycle.

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Photo caption: The drop-recycling containers at Willowcreek Middle School in Portage will be removed by the end of the day Dec. 29.

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