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## eScrap Electronics Recycling Event Tomorrow—Rain or Shine!

Rain or Shine, volunteers will be available to help you unload your old, unused electronic devices tomorrow, Friday, June 7 at the Finance Cabinet sponsored spring cleaning eScrap recycling event. You can even recycle small home appliances (nothing with Freon), computers, terminals, certain batteries, docking stations and more. TVs are limited to 25 inches or smaller. For a full list of items that Creative Recycling can handle, go to the website listed below.

Creative Recycling will erase all data on devices to ensure privacy and security.

The **Drop Off Site** will be in the rear parking lot of the CHFS building (off of MLK Blvd.).



### Drop Off Times:

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**See full list of acceptable items for recycling at:**

<http://www.crsercycling.com/services/acceptable-material.html>

## Act Now – River Sweep 2013 is June 15

Saturday, June 15 marks the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual River Sweep. This annual event, sponsored by the Kentucky River Authority (KRA), in conjunction with the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO), gives individuals and communities the opportunity to actively make a difference in the quality of the environment, enhance the opportunity for tourism and economic development and learn more about community pride and organization.

Last year, 30 counties participated in River sweep and more than 650 people volunteered. Nearly 100 miles of shoreline was cleaned, from which 230 tires were removed and 845 bags of trash were collected. The amount of garbage removed was in excess of 8,300 pounds.



If you're interested in participating in this year's river clean up, contact information for county coordinators is available online at [www.kra.ky.gov](http://www.kra.ky.gov). The counties in the river basin include:

Bell  
Boyle  
Breathitt  
Clark  
Clay  
Estill

Fayette  
Franklin  
Gallatin  
Grant  
Harlan  
Jessamine

Kenton  
Knox  
Laurel  
Lee  
Leslie  
Letcher

Madison  
Mercer  
Powell  
Rockcastle  
Shelby  
Wolfe  
Woodford

## Gardening and Other Horticultural Tips

Did you know that the Department for Facilities and Support Services has 4 horticulturists, 2 certified arborists, 1 sports turf specialist, 3 American Rose Society Rosarian Apprentices, and 1 Kentucky master florist? If not, you're not alone. With all that expertise at hand, we thought sharing some of that knowledge with Finance Cabinet employees would be a welcome addition to the newsletter.

### Turf Grass Tips from the Landscape Branch

By Ryan C. Hix, Landscape Supervisor

Well we're slowly getting our head above water now; with the wet spring we've had we may start growing webbed feet. The weather this spring has been about average for the bluegrass area, and is something we have not encountered in the last few years. All the conditions have been perfect for cool season grasses; cool nights in the 40's and 50's and moderately warm days in the 70's, as well as the ample rain we've been blessed with. Cool season grass (turf type tall fescues and bluegrass) need about 1" of rainfall a week.



As the weather begins to change you want to keep an eye on soil moisture in your lawn. It may be a good idea to get a rain gauge to measure the amount of rainfall in your lawn. If it's dry, water about every 4th day (long and infrequent) for one half hour or so. This will keep your lawn nice and green through the dry summer months.

Mowing heights are subject to personal opinion. Lots of homeowners like their grass to look short and tight like a golf course but that's not always best. Longer mowed turf is better for many reasons. First it helps the root system grow stronger and sustain the long, hot summers. The taller turf discourages weeds from growing in your lawn as it shades out the weed seeds. As you mow, leave the clippings on your lawn to continue to feed the turf. Grass clippings are a good source of nitrogen and organic matter for your turf, so mulch your clippings, don't bag them.

Crabgrass will begin emerging its ugly head soon so you might apply a crabgrass pre emergent as this window is closing for our region. If not you can always treat this with a post emergent treatment but it's much more difficult to control crabgrass this way.

As we keep our lawns healthy and green through the summer it will add benefits to your home, landscape and also to the environment. Healthy turf helps uptake storm water runoff, it controls soil erosion and it also cools the soil and ambient temperatures.

About the author: Ryan formerly worked at UK for the Athletics Department maintaining the sports fields. He also worked for the University of South Carolina where, among other duties, he was in charge of painting the big chicken on their football field before each home game.

**Kudos go to Jeff Mosley for finding last week's artiFACT!**

**Grammer Tip:  
Grammar is spelled with "ar" not "er."**

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