

Earth Festival 2010 To Offer Shredding, Recycling Opportunities

MILFORD – In keeping with the earth-friendly theme of Earth Festival 2010, a number of items will be collected for recycling. Event organizers invite attendees to drop off Styrofoam, bubble wrap and used nylon monofilament fishing line. In addition, a free shredding service will be provided by ConfiData, a division of Empire Recycling, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Earth Festival 2010 will be held at Milford Central School from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Now in its fifth year, Earth Festival is an environmentally-focused, interactive event featuring exhibits, activities, vendors and entertainment. Financial contributions are most welcome, and an open invitation to earth-friendly exhibitors, food and retail vendors is extended.

Clean Styrofoam packaging material, meat trays, mushroom boxes, and egg cartons will be collected and delivered this year, along with the bubble wrap.

As they did last spring, Empire Recycling will provide a **document shredding** truck for disposal of confidential papers. The truck will be parked in the school's circular driveway, and the actual shredding process may be viewed through an onsite camera. Staples and paper clips need not be removed.

New this year, the Otsego County Conservation Association will provide a **monofilament fishing line recycling receptacle** at its Earth Festival booth. The receptacles, provided by BoatU.S. and made by Berkley Recycling Collection Center in Iowa, are used to collect used nylon monofilament line which is then returned to Berkley. The used line is cleaned and processed into recycled nylon pellets, used in the manufacture of many nylon products including Berkley's Fish-Hab. The Berkley Fish-Hab is an artificial, underwater habitat structure made of used and recycled monofilament fishing line and spools, along with other post-consumer materials like milk cartons and soft drink bottles. Used monofilament line can also be mailed directly to Berkley Recycling, 1900 18th Street, Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360.

Earth Festival 2010 is presented sponsored by the Otsego County Conservation Association and Wildlife Learning Company.