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# **19<sup>th</sup> Senate District Receives Funds for Solid Waste Management**

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JEFFERSON CITY, MO – The Missouri Department of Natural Resources has announced the allocation of more than \$1.5 million in waste management funds for Missouri counties. These funds allow Solid Waste Management Districts to operate by assisting with projects such as disposal, waste reduction, education and recycling activities.

“Many people take their solid waste disposal for granted,” Sen. Schaefer said, “There are several steps involved regarding the treatment and disposal of solid waste. Many people may not realize what happens to their trash once it leaves the curb.”

**District H** (Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Cole, Cooper, Howard, Moniteau and Osage counties) received \$88,950, while **District G** (Macon, Marion, Monroe, Pike, Ralls, Randolph and Shelby counties) received \$60,063. Each district decides when to apply for the grants, which may be annually, quarterly or continuously throughout the year.

A major amendment to the Solid Waste Management Law in 1990 created the goal to significantly reduce the amount of waste going to local and regional landfills. The projects funded by these grants will help the individual districts achieve this goal.

“Waste management begins in the home and ends at the landfill,” Sen. Schaefer said. “These funds will help encourage regional cooperation to ensure proper disposal of solid waste.”

As always, should you have any questions or concerns about this or any other facet of Missouri Legislature, feel free to contact Sen. Schaefer’s office.

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