**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

**STATE GOALS – 2024**

**A. Focus Area I: Resource Management**

**Objective:** Increase positive consumer and community practices and actions that protect family finances, homes, and communities. Take measures to protect personal assets and technology management for the 21st century.

1. **Action**
   1. Provide lessons on methods for managing assets, basic budgeting and financial tools, and protection of assets.
   2. Encourage all OHCE members to become Master Family and Consumer Sciences Volunteers.
   3. Encourage better time management among all OHCE members.
   4. Eliminate food waste with menu planning, better shopping practices and proper food storage.
   5. Managing resources to avoid scams and identity theft.
   6. Practice safe disposal of old medication.
2. **Resources**
   1. Annualcreditreport.com *–* The official website for receiving your free annual credit reports.
   2. Protecting Yourself *–* Educate members about the kind of review and planning needed to protect assets including insurance, inventories, the role of checking credit, and estate planning including online sites and resources.
   3. Extension educators and specialists
   4. Local Insurance agent
   5. Oklahoma Insurance Department
   6. FDIC website: fdic.gov
   7. NICU website
   8. FTC.gov website
   9. Consumerfinance.gov
   10. Create support groups for newly single persons to gain resources for emotional support and financial information.
   11. SSA.gov – Social Security Administration
   12. Healthcare.gov – Healthcare marketplace
   13. FDA.gov
   14. Local Prevention Networks – medication disposal information
   15. Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

**B. Focus Area II: Environmental**

**Objective:** To increase and promote actions of individuals, families, and communities to promote and practice water and energy conservation and positive recycling practices.

1. **Action**
   1. Provide information on what can be recycled and what happens to recycled materials.
   2. Organize community clothing swap.
   3. Encourage club members and communities to develop good water conservation practices and how to have water tested, both town and rural water.
   4. Educate and encourage others in maintaining and repurposing clothing and household items.
   5. Recognize impacts and critical roles that individuals may have on personal and community environments and development.
   6. OHCE clubs will develop and or maintain a community planting project using Oklahoma proven plants.
   7. Donating books to the local library
   8. Repurposing old furniture
   9. Reduce the impact of plastics.
   10. Encourage community beautification.
2. **Resources**
   1. Save One Gallon a Day-A County and State-wide initiative to increase awareness and participation in water conservation. Each club can develop ideas for saving water.
   2. More Energy at Home – Five easy steps for saving on home energy (Teach to 4-H).
   3. Healthy Homes-Teach consumers no and low-cost healthy home practices.
   4. Fact sheets related to fruit, vegetable, plant, and tree varieties that grow best in Oklahoma.
   5. Healthy Housing*:* A program that is designed to teach consumers the seven principles of healthy housing (Keep it (1) dry, (2) clean, (3) safe, (4) well-ventilated, (5) pest-free, (6) contaminant-free, (7) maintained). By maintaining a healthy home, consumers will reduce risk while maintaining or increasing well-being.
   6. Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) 707 North Robinson, Oklahoma City (405) 745-7120
   7. County Commissioners.
   8. OSU County Educators and 4-H Environmental Stewardship Team members.
   9. Public Libraries and Internet.
   10. Legislators.
   11. OSU Specialists.
   12. US Ag Recycling Inc. 1-800-654-3145.
   13. Salvation Army or local thrift store (for recycling).
   14. OK Environmental Management Authority, 1505 Rock Road, (405) 262-0161.
   15. Water Resource Board, 3800 North Classen Blvd., (405) 530-8800.
   16. Keep Oklahoma Beautiful Project - For flyers, presentations, and information (405) 286-9141.
   17. Beautification Coordinator, Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT); 200 NE 21st, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, (405) 521-4037.
   18. Master Gardener programs.
   19. Local Nurseries and Landscapers
   20. Use landscape plants that need less water.
   21. RecycleOK.org
   22. Hud.gov – Healthy Homes
3. **Observe Special Days**
   1. Earth Day.
   2. Observe National Safe Drinking Water, month of May.
   3. Adopt-A-Highway program.
   4. Organize and/or support “Household/Farm Hazardous Waste” Collection.
   5. Arbor Day, last full week of March.
   6. Oklahoma Trash-Off, third Saturday in April

**Awards:**

1st, 2nd, 3rd - **County** Award Book: $25, $15, $10

1st, 2nd, 3rd - **Local** Group Award Book: $25, $15, $10

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