

WastAway helps county obtain grant money

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Warren County's recycling figure of 95 percent, provided thanks to its use of WastAway, has been instrumental in obtaining two matching fund grants in which the state will provide a total of \$221,700 and the county will provide matching funds of \$95,820.



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The money will be used to purchase sanitation equipment and pave roads at county convenience centers, according to County Executive Kenneth Rogers.

WastAway's process converts household garbage into a usable material called "fluff" which can then be used as is for mulch, or pressure molded into materials for construction or various other applications. State environmental officials were so impressed with the WastAway process, they awarded Warren County the 95 percent recycling figure, a state high, when WastAway took over processing the county's household waste last year.

Rogers said the high recycling figures played a big part in getting the grants, which are coming from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.

"I think the fact we have WastAway doing the recycling, that puts us up at the front of the line as far as getting grants," said Rogers.