

Mid-America Regional Council
**Solid Waste
Management District**



What do we do?

- HHW program
- Grant program
- Outreach
- Technical assistance
- Regional strategic planning



**RECYCLE
SPOT.ORG**
(816) 474-TEAM



Are PIZZA BOXES Recyclable?

Search for a recycle spot



Find a spot for:

My item is:

Near my:

Within: miles

SEARCH

Search for a Community or a Service Provider

Facebook



"When we act in private, we can feel good about not contributing to the problem, but we don't change the narrative. When we act visibly in our community and

Twitter

Tweets by @RecycleSpot



Tired of recycling your plastic bags? Save yourself the trouble—invest in sturdy reusable bags and bring them when you shop for groceries. You can also carry a small, foldable bag (or keep one in your car) for use when you make last minute purchases. #TuesdayTip



Find A Drop-Off Center



Do you need to find a recycling drop-off center? We've compiled a [list of sites](#) located in the Kansas City metro area. Be sure to call first to confirm hours and/or residency requirements.

Recycle Better

To bin, or not to bin? Now there's no question! This handy flier lists what you can and can't put in your curbside recycling bin. Available for download in 11 x 17 and 8.5 x 11 sizes.



Quick-Reference Page



Got something you want to get rid of, but aren't sure if it can be recycled? [This list can help](#) you find out. Always contact locations first to verify information and services. Still have a question? Give us a call at 816-474-8326.

Stats

- Launched 2006
- 60 – 70k user sessions annually
- 100s of items listed
- 1,600 service providers

Search for a recycle spot



Find a spot for:

Cardboard

My item is:

Cardboard
Cardboard Boxes
Cardboard Cartons

Near my:

Zip Code

Within:

5



miles

SEARCH

Search for a Community or a Service Provider

Search for a recycle spot



Find a spot for:

Cardboard

My item is:

Broken / Recyclable

Near my:

Choose One

Broken / Recyclable

Within:

In Good Condition / Reusable

I am not sure

SEARCH

Search for a Community or a Service Provider

Search for a recycle spot



Find a spot for:

Cardboard

My item is:

Broken / Recyclable ▼

Near my:

64105

Within:

50 ▼

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5

15

25

50

SEARCH

Search for a Community or a Service Provider

Search Results

Materials Searched: Cardboard

Zip Code: 64105

Results: 22

Filter by:

☒ Business ☐ Residential ☐ Construction & Demolition

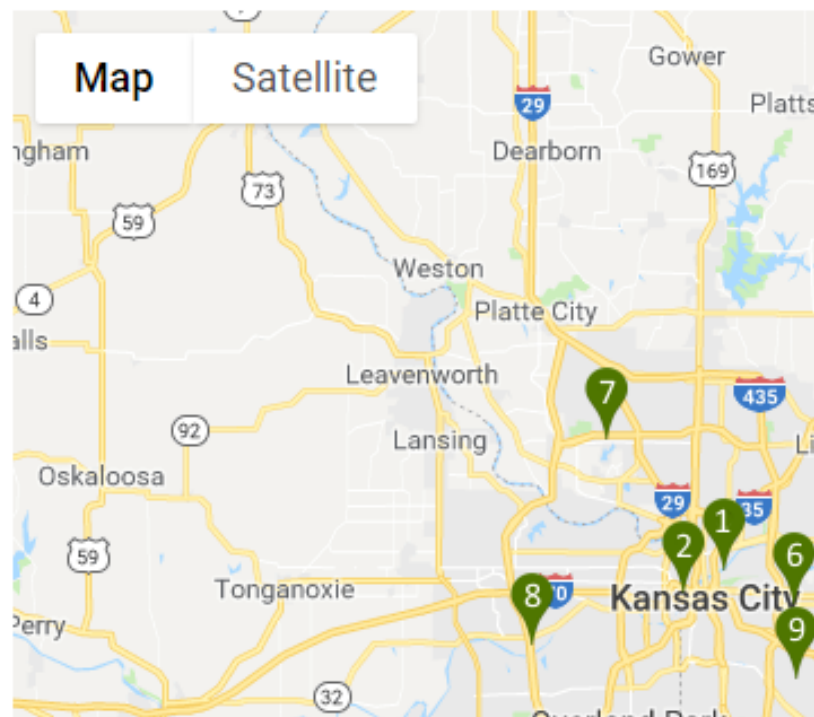
☒ Pick up ☐ Drop off

My item is: Broken / Recyclable

Apply Filter

Search Matches

- Batliner Paper Stock Company**
(816) 483-3343
2501 Front St.
Kansas City, MO 64120
- Sonoco Recycling Inc.**
(816) 842-6963
922 Wyoming
Kansas City, MO 64101
- Waste Corporation of America (WCA)**
(816) 380-5595
22820 S. 291 Hwy.
Harrisonville, MO 64701



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What do i do with...

Appliances	Fire Extinguishers	Paint
Automotive	Food & Grease	Paper
Batteries	Furniture	Plastic
Bicycles	Glass	Prescription Drugs
Books	Holiday Lights, Trees & Decorations	Pressurized Tanks
Building Materials	Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)	Smoke Detectors
Cardboard & Paperboard	Household Items	Styrofoam™
Carpet & Padding	Lawn Equipment	Tires
Car Seats	Light Bulbs	Toys
Clothing, Shoes, & Accessories	Mattresses & Box Springs	Video & Audio Tapes
Electronics (e-waste)	Metal	Yard, Landscape & Food Waste
Exercise Equipment	Microwave Ovens	“Wax” Cartons
Eyeglasses	Medical Sharps	
Fabric & Sewing Supplies	Motor Oil	

Appliances

Large appliances (*refrigerators, washers, dishwashers*)

There are several options for recycling large appliances:

1. **Backhaul** — Most appliance retailers will take back and recycle your old appliance when they deliver its replacement. Ask your appliance retailer what recycling options they offer.
2. **Recycle** — If you're installing a new appliance yourself, or just have an old appliance you want to get rid of, consider taking it to any of the following: scrap metal dealers, used appliance dealers, **Midwest Recycling Center**, landfills, or transfer stations.
3. **Reuse** — If your old appliance still works, there may be no need to recycle it. Contact a used appliance dealer or **Habitat ReStore** to find out if it can be reused. You can also list it on **Craigslist** or **FreeCycle.org**.

Small appliances (*coffee makers, hair dryers, vacuum cleaners*)

1. **Recycle** — Small appliances that are no longer working can be recycled at **The Surplus Exchange** or **Midwest Recycling Center**.
2. **Donate** — Small appliances that are in good working order can be donated to thrift stores.

Search for a recycle spot for your appliance(s)» Take me **back to the list**»

WARNING:

Refrigerators, freezers and dehumidifiers contain hazardous substances!

Appliances such as refrigerators, freezers and dehumidifiers contain a number of hazardous substances including refrigerants. Only recycle these appliances with businesses that have certified refrigerant removal technicians.



Get Started

Recycle More

Hazardous Waste

About

*RecycleSpot.org: Greater Kansas City's
one-stop spot for recycling information*

**DO NOT
RECYCLE**

Missouri Residents
Kansas Residents
Businesses and Organizations
Safe Alternatives

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Businesses and Organizations

The states of Kansas and Missouri classify any **hazardous waste** not generated by a household as business hazardous waste. All public and private entities are business waste generators, including but not limited to:

- Business
- Churches
- Government
- Industry
- Manufacturing
- Non-profit
- Rental properties
- Schools

Is my business a hazardous waste generator?

A generator is any non-household entity that produces a hazardous waste as listed or characterized in **part 261 of title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)**. All hazardous waste generators are responsible for determining if their waste is classified as hazardous and must oversee the ultimate fate of the waste. **RCRA Subtitle C** requires generators to ensure and fully document that the hazardous waste they produce is properly identified, managed, and treated prior to recycling or disposal.

STEP 1: Determine your generator type

Recognizing that generators produce waste in different quantities, the Environmental Protection Agency established three categories of generators in the regulations. Determine your generator type:

- **Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators (CESQGs)**
- **Small Quantity Generators (SQGs)**
- **Large Quantity Generators (LQGs)**

For assistance, contact:

- **Kansas Department of Health & Environment:** 785-296-1600
- **Missouri Department of Natural Resources:** 800-361-4827

STEP 2: Contact a commercial hazardous waste management provider

CESQG businesses located in Johnson County, Kansas can take their waste to the **Johnson County HHW facility**. All other businesses must contract with a commercial hazardous waste management provider:

- **Clean Harbors:** 913-491-4051
- **Heritage Environmental Services:** 816-453-4321
- **Stericycle:** 844-506 4463

MARC does not endorse the businesses and organizations listed above. This listing is provided only as a public service to the region and should not be considered complete. MARC recommends that businesses request verification of proper permits and inquire about the management methods used by the hazardous waste disposal provider.

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Want to talk trash or riff about recycling? We'd love to hear from you.

If you have questions, comments, or suggestions related to RecycleSpot, please call 816-474-8326 or email recycle@marc.org.

MARC Solid Waste Management District
600 Broadway, Suite 200
Kansas City, MO 64105-1659
Phone: 816-474-4240

Staff contact for RecycleSpot: **Matt Riggs**, Outreach Coordinator



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At Work

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Recycle More At Work

It's time we sorted the trash differently

That's why public and private businesses are joining the Recycle More At Work partnership. Each of us has a role to play in reducing the amount of trash per person every day. The way forward is for all of us to do our part.

Upcoming Events
Recycle More At Work
Food Waste
Reduce & Reuse
Compost/Yard Waste
Electronics
Plastics
Prescription Drugs
Spread the Word
RecycleSpot Blog

Sort the trash differently

Our metro area are joining the Recycle More At Work partnership. Each of us has a role to play in reducing the amount of waste per day, which adds up to over a ton of waste per person every day. The way forward is for all of us to do our part. That our actions carry impact — good and bad. The

The **Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District**, through the **Recycle More** campaign, encourages everyone to make a conscious effort to recycle. Our goal is to divert 80 percent of the waste that goes to the landfill by 2023.

By participating in the Recycle More At Work partnership, your organization has the opportunity to improve customer service, improve your bottom line, help create jobs in the region, and help make our planet a healthier place to live. When you Recycle More, you help conserve natural resources, conserve energy and reduce pollution. The goals of the Recycle More At Work partnership are simple: to strengthen your organization's commitment to recycling and waste reduction and recognize your organization for doing good.

What do partners get?

- **Walk-through & Report** — We will do a walk-through of your work space to determine ways you can improve and expand your recycling. The walk-through will assess waste streams, container types and placement, signage, logistics, and staff education. We will follow up with a written report that lays out your next steps.
- **Lunch and Learn** — We will give an engaging presentation to your staff that shows why recycling is important, that there's more to it than just tossing a can in a bin, and that we all can recycle more at home, at work and beyond. The presentation is approximately 30 minutes in length, plus time for questions and answers. We recommend you provide lunch as it will definitely increase attendance.
- **Tips** — Partners will receive monthly **recycling tips** to share with staff. Tips include helpful information on recyclable items, upcoming recycling events, and ideas and trends to help inspire people to recycle more.
- **Educational Materials** — We will provide your workplace with free educational **print materials** — brochures, posters, table toppers, decals and magnets — that will help raise your staff's awareness and participation.
- **Promotion** — We will promote your recycling efforts on RecycleSpot.org's **Facebook** and **Twitter** accounts.

Does this cost anything?

No, this program is free, and you determine the level and pace of your workplace's participation.

How do I sign up?



The MARC Solid Waste Management District thanks the following Recycle More At Work partners for their commitment to recycle more.



Walk Through & Report

We cover:

- Program coordination
- Waste streams
- Logistics
- Bins
- Signage
- Communication
- Waste reduction, reuse, green purchasing
- Evaluation



Walk Through



YES	NO
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Office Paper• Newspapers• Magazines• Aluminum Beverage Containers• #1 & #2 Plastic Soft Drink, Juice & Water Bottles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trash• Glass• Scrap Metal• #3 - #7 Plastics• 6-Pack Holders• Books• Plastic Bags



Report

Kansas City Zoo Solid Waste Recommendations



On June 6, 2017 Matt Riggs, MARC Solid Waste Management District, met with Stacia Pieroni and Amy Waller, Kansas City Zoo, to assist with improving their recycling programs. Following are recommendations to consider:

Continue to formalize sustainability efforts

We congratulate the Zoo on formalizing the position of Conservation Manager and strengthening/re-energizing its green team. These are both necessary elements to ensure the longevity and effectiveness of your sustainability efforts. Attached are *Green Team Best Practices* to provide additional guidance.

Improve public co-mingled recycling

Definition: Co-mingled recycling (a.k.a. “single-stream”) is your standard recycling streams – cans, paper, cardboard, and plastic bottles and containers – that can all be mixed together, i.e., “co-mingled”, in your recycling containers and dumpsters.

- **Co-mingled bins:**
 - Disburse bins evenly – There seems to be an excessive number of trash/recycling stations in the Kids Zone area (especially in the zoo entrance, polar bear/otter area, and carousel area). We recommend relocating about a fourth to a third of these to other areas in the zoo which may need better coverage.
 - Pair all bins – Ensure that every public trash bin is paired with a co-mingled recycling bin. In restaurants / restaurant areas this could eventually also include a compost bin for food waste, and in restrooms a compost bin for paper towel waste.
 - Improve bin signage – Replace current co-mingled recycling bin signage with signs that read “Recycle Cans and Plastic Bottles Only”. Add “Landfill” sign to all trash bins.

- **Imrpove breakroom & kitchen recycling** – Ensure that every breakroom and kitchen area have paired, 23-gal. recycling and trash bins:



We recommend the blue, single-stream lid:



We recommend any of these lids for the trash bin:



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Swing Dome



Swing Top

- **Cardboard** – To increase the efficiency of collecting cardboard from your warehouse, retail areas, and grounds, we suggest you designate collection spaces where you can put a bin or cart like the following:



Slim Jim (bin)



Canvas Basket Truck



Bulk Cube Truck



Tilt Truck



Collapsible Wire Container

For your co-mingled bins, we recommend signage like these offered by [Recycle Across America](#).



We recommend this [signage](#) for cardboard bins. Signage could be placed on both the bin and the wall by the bin provided the bin has a designated space.



**How many pounds of trash
do each of us produce every
day in the Kansas City
region?**



=



per day

=



per year

Lunch & Learn

We cover:

- District overview
- Why recycling is important
- How recycling works
- Landfills
- What's in our trash
- Recyclable items overview
- RecycleSpot.org
- Spread the word



Recycling Tips



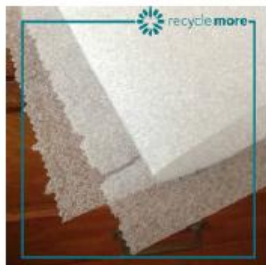
Keep it tangle free! They may be made of plastic, but tarps, shower curtains, extension cords, hoses and ropes don't belong in your recycling bin. They get caught in the recycling equipment. If they are in good condition, try donating them. If not, they belong in the trash.



Only the clean part (usually just the top) of a pizza box is recyclable. Throw the rest of it in the trash or backyard compost bin if you have one. Find a place to recycle your cardboard at RecycleSpot.org.



Styrofoam™ food and beverage containers such as cups, egg cartons, meat trays and takeout containers are not recyclable due to food contamination and low market value. Use durable or recyclable containers whenever possible. For more info, visit Beyond Recycling: Reduce and Reuse.



That lightweight foam wrap that is sometimes used to protect new furniture and electronics is made of #4 polyethylene—the same resin used in plastic grocery bags. You know what that means? You can return it to the store along with your other bags and films. Find out what other types of bags and film are recyclable by visiting Plastics.



Don't toss your burnt-out strands of holiday lights in the trash—they can be recycled. But please, don't put them into your recycling bin. You can use a drop-off location operated by Southeast Enterprises. Your strands will be dismantled by individuals with disabilities and recycled. Find a participating location at RecycleSpot.org. For more holiday waste reduction tips, visit Don't Waste The Holidays.



What should you give someone who either has everything already or who doesn't need anything? Give an experience: gift cards for food and entertainment, tickets to a show, or memberships to a museum or zoo. For more holiday waste reduction tips, visit Don't Waste The Holidays.



Save money and reduce waste by reusing gift boxes and bags, ribbon, bows, and tissue paper. Take it a step further by wrapping your gifts in cloth, reusable bags, or old posters, maps, and the funny papers. For more holiday waste reduction tips, visit Don't Waste The Holidays.



You can recycle wrapping paper, just not the shiny foil kind. So keep recycling in mind when you purchase gift wrap this year, and don't forget to recycle as you unwrap your gifts—just be sure to remove ribbons and bows. For more holiday waste reduction tips, visit Don't Waste The Holidays.

Educational Materials



Poster (8.5" X 11")



Poster (11" X 17")



Table tent (5" X 6.5")



Household Hazardous Waste Permanent Facilities flier



Recycle More Window Cling
(5" X 6")




RecycleSpot Business Card



RecycleSpot Magnet (3")

Promotion



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The city of Cleveland, with only seven employees total, proves that recycling works even in small places! The city paired recycling bins with trash bins to increase recycling program participation. The city now empties its 64-gallon office recycling cart twice a month. Learn more about our Recycle More at Work partnership >> <http://goo.gl/Nsfd8S>



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Congratulations to Johnson County Community College for receiving a Bronze award from the National Association of College & University Food Services in the Waste Management category! These awards celebrate campus food service departments that demonstrate leadership in promoting and implementing environmentally friendly practices. The pictures below are from an all-staff breakfast, where JCCC interns used compostable service ware and designed centerpieces out of found items on campus and campus flowers.

Donna Utter and 9 others 1 Comment 4 Shares

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Questions?

IF YOU'RE WAITING FOR A SIGN,
THIS IS IT.



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