

KIRKWOOD RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING GUIDE



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Recycling in Kirkwood has never been easier. Beginning in January 2011, the City will offer curbside recycling to all single-family households. Thanks to the development of new collection techniques that allow recycled materials to be collected from a single container—in a process called single-stream recycling—the average household should be able to recycle up to about 70 percent of their trash every week. No sorting necessary.

Let's Go Green: This guide provides information on what can be recycled curbside, options for residents in apartments and condos, and information on how to recycle items not accepted curbside, such as electronics, appliances, textiles, and hazardous wastes. Let's Go Green by reducing, reusing, and recycling! For more information: www.kirkwoodmo.org.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING: WHAT CAN BE PLACED FOR PICK-UP:

Plastics: Recycled plastics have a number inside a triangle on the bottom of the container. In Kirkwood, you will be able to recycle all of the following numbers: #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #7. This includes soda, water, and flavored beverage bottles; milk and juice jugs; detergent and fabric softener containers; health and beauty products and household cleaner containers (narrow-neck); margarine tubs, frozen dessert cups and other grocery containers; yogurt cups, narrow-neck syrup and ketchup bottles; plastic buckets (narrow-neck) such as kitty litter containers. ||| **Cans and Foil:** Aluminum cans, trays, and foil (trays and foil must be cleaned); steel cans and tins; non-hazardous aerosol cans, such as whipped cream or cooking oil (must be empty). ||| **Glass:** Glass bottles and jars (clear, brown, or green). NO window glass, mirrors, dinnerware, light bulbs, or ceramics. ||| **Paper:** Newspaper, including inserts (remove from plastic sleeves); cardboard, including pizza boxes; milk and juice cartons; magazines, catalogs, and telephone books; office and computer paper; notebook and gift wrap paper (no metal clips, spirals, or binders); chipboard (cereal boxes, cake and food mix boxes, gift boxes); carrier stock (soda and beer carrying cases); mail, junk mail, and envelopes; paper books (no hard-cover books). *Rule of thumb: If you can tear it, you can recycle it.*



WHAT CAN NOT BE PLACED FOR CURBSIDE PICK-UP:

Motor oil, insecticide, herbicide, paint, or hazardous chemical containers. Plastic grocery or department store bags. Plastic film, sheets, or wrap. Styrofoam, expanded foam, or clear polystyrene (#6 plastic) by order of the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Kirkwood City Hall
139 S. Kirkwood Road
Kirkwood, MO 63122
Sanitation: 314-822-5828
Business Hours:
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monday-Friday

Do you know about the City's CFL recycling program? CFLs (compact fluorescent lamp) contain mercury so you have to dispose of them carefully. You cannot put CFL bulbs (shown at right) in your trash or recycling, but if you bring them to City Hall, we will give you one replacement CFL bulb for every one you recycle with us.



MULTI-FAMILY DROP-OFF OPTIONS:

For Kirkwood residents who reside in apartments or condominiums and for Kirkwood-area businesses, the Scheidegger Recycling Center at 350 N. Taylor Avenue will remain open. It will be operated as a single-stream facility so you can drop off everything listed on the other side of this Guide (starting Jan 1), as well as: Corrugated cardboard, cell phones, and textiles.



APPLIANCES/FURNITURE RECYCLING

- Goodwill, the Salvation Army, and other charitable organizations accept *working* appliances and gently used furniture.
- Appliance Recyclers will collect appliances curbside for a fee. Call 314-832-4581.
- Carpets (fees may apply; call first): Certified Sales & Service, Inc., 3706 Union Road, 314-892-1101; and Flooring Systems, Inc., 4130 Meramec Bottom Road, 314-329-9300 or www.flooringsystemsinc.net

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

Scheidegger Recycling Center does not accept wood, concrete, bricks, tires, or scrap metal. Here are some options:

- Habitat for Humanity ReStore: 3763 Forest Park Blvd., 314-531-4155.
- Resource St. Louis: www.resourcestlouis.org
- The Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries maintains a list of local scrap dealers. Call 314-231-6077, ext. 12.

COMPUTER/ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Many electronics contain toxic substances. Televisions, computers, cell phones, and other electronic devices need to be recycled appropriately. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources maintains an extensive list of recyclers. Here is a partial (local) list:

- DCAL Services, 2609 Rock Hill Industrial Ct., 314-918-8833
- Computer Trade, 457 E. Elliott Avenue in Kirkwood, 630-6726
- Integration Controls hosts a recycling drive each spring at Kirkwood High School. Check the City's Website for details.

Please note that there may be a small fee involved when recycling televisions and computer monitors.



OTHER WAYS TO REDUCE, REUSE, AND RECYCLE:

Source Reduction:

Recycling paper is great, but source reduction conserves more energy and resources.

- 1) Try to use both sides of paper when you're printing working copies. Many printers have a duplex setting that allows you to automatically print to both sides.
- 2) Opt out of unsolicited credit card offers. Register online at www.optoutprescreen.com or call 888-567-8688.
- 3) Reduce junk mail. Contact the Direct Marketing Association and request that your name, address, and phone number be removed from their mailing list. Address: Department 5363080, Direct Marketing Association, P.O. Box 282, Carmel, NY 10512. Or visit their Website: www.dmaconsumers.org

Material Exchanges:

These Internet-based organizations connect people based on the principle that one person's trash is another person's treasure.

- 1) **Freecycle:** The Freecycle Network™ is a non-profit grassroots movement of people who are giving and getting stuff for free in their own towns. Membership is free. Visit: www.freecycle.org, or email: info@freecycle.org.
- 2) **Gigoit:** GIGO stands for "Garbage In / Garbage Out" and is a St. Louis-based organization: www.gigoit.org.

Use Rechargeable Batteries!

HAZARDOUS WASTES

Hazardous household products (HHP) are items that contain chemicals that are toxic, corrosive, flammable, or reactive. These products are safe when used according to label directions, but if disposed of improperly can be harmful to public health and the environment. Here are some options:

- 1) St. Louis County holds three HHP collection events each spring and again every fall. These are posted on the City of Kirkwood Website as soon as the dates are available: www.kirkwoodmo.org
- 2) Lead acid batteries: Retailers who sell these are required to accept a used battery in exchange.
- 3) Waste Oil: Service stations and repair shops may accept your used motor oil for a small fee. Never dump oil down the drain or into a storm sewer. One gallon of oil can contaminate one million gallons of water.
- 4) Paint: Store leftover paint upside down. This creates a tight seal that will keep it fresh. If you can't use it, consider donating it to a school, church, or theatre group. Liquid paint (latex only) can be hardened or solidified and discarded in your regular trash. Visit the City's Website for information on how to do this.