

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE!

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Why Waste Newsletter

The City of Blue Springs waste reduction newsletter

By-Product Synergy

The Kansas City By-Product Synergy (BPS) is a state-wide resource for companies to work together to match unwanted by-products as resources for new products and processes. This means that one company's waste can be repurposed. Reuse limits pollution from manufacturing raw materials and transporting new products, and it can help to reduce waste disposal and material costs.

Bridging the Gap manages the free program with the help of the Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District, the

Sprint Foundation, the Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority, and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

The By-Product Synergy program brings companies together to network, share samples of their by-products, and discuss solution to waste issues. They also provide consultations to identify innovative ways to integrate their operations to reduce waste disposal costs by finding new markets and gaining returns for by-products. They offer marketing assistance through

social media and other free websites, and work to match their list of 6,000 buyers with your by-products.

In addition, members have access to a free online tool called the Midwest Materials Exchange where they can buy or sell materials similar to Ebay. Available materials vary widely and include plastics, textiles and fibers, paper, rubber, metals, chemicals, building materials, concrete and ceramics, electronics, food and organics, glass, minerals and wood.

Check out the BPS program for your business today!

For more information about the BPS program visit www.midwestmaterialsexchange.com, www.bridgingthegap.org/by-product-synergy/ or call 816-561-1087.

Electronics Recycling Event

WHEN: Saturday, October 12, 2013, from 8 a.m. - Noon

WHERE: Pointe of Hope Church at 1215 NW 7 Hwy. Participants must enter the event from NW Jefferson St. just west of the Bob Evans restaurant, the 7 Hwy. entrance will be blocked

WHO: Anyone, residency not required

ITEMS ACCEPTED:

Anything with a power cord or uses batteries, including but not limited to appliances, computers and components, DVD players, digital and film cameras, audio equipment, gaming consoles and accessories, office equipment, phones, exercise equipment, cables and power cords, lead-acid and rechargeable batteries and televisions

NOT ACCEPTED:

CDs, DVDs, tapes, alkaline batteries, office furniture, thermostats, light bulbs, smoke detectors and alarms

COST: Free except for TVs—\$15 for 27" or less, \$35 for over 27"

QUESTIONS call 220-4504

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Quick Facts

Alternative electronics recycling options (contact each provider directly for details and costs):

Midwest Recycling Center- 785-7385 (This company hosts the Blue Springs event)

Office Depot—450 NW 7 Hwy., Blue Springs, 220-8151

Best Buy-19110 E. 39th St. S, Independence, 795-9162

Lee's Summit Resource Recovery Park—2101 SE Hamblen Rd., Lee's Summit, 969-1800

Independence Recycling Centers- 325-7627

For more information visit www.recyclespot.org or call 816-474-TEAM.



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Pink Hill Park Recycling Center Update

Drop-off recycling is simple and free at the Pink Hill Park Recycling Center located at 2725 NW Park Road. Items accepted include:

- Paper, shredded paper, newspapers, magazines & phonebooks
- Cardboard, paperboard & brown paper bags
- Plastics #1-7
- Aluminum cans
- Steel/tin food cans
- Glass jars & bottles

A staff member is always at the center to help with any questions or assist with

sorting the materials into the collection bins.

The center hours through October are Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Beginning November 3rd, the center hours until mid-March are Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Since the recycling center opened in July 2010 over 875,000 lbs. of recyclable materials have been collected with an average of 24,000 lbs. dropped-off monthly.

Not only is recycling beneficial for keeping resources out of the landfill, but it also conserves the energy needed to harvest, process, manufacture and transport virgin materials.

Using the EPA's iWARM tool to calculate the energy saved by recycling, Blue Springs has recycled enough aluminum cans to run a clothes dryer for 29,000 hours, and you could operate a hairdryer for 10,000 hours with the number of glass bottles that have been recycled!

Lake Lotawana Recycling Extravaganza- Sept. 7th, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

The Lake Lotawana Community United Methodist Church is hosting a free recycling collection event located on the corner of Colbern Rd. and Gate 1. Items accepted include computers, monitors, printers, scanners, computer accessories and televisions (less than 32 inches) bicycles, clothing, household goods, toys, cell phones, ink cartridges, books and car batteries. Questions call 816-578-4544 or visit www.llcumc.org.

Community Spotlight: Recycling Center Improvements

On August 5th the Mayor and City Council approved a new three-year contract for the transportation and sale of the recyclable materials collected at the Pink Hill Park Recycling Center. The new hauler, Town & Country Disposal, brings welcome improvements to the recycling center.

Town & Country Disposal operates out of Harrisonville, Missouri and currently provides residential collection services in Missouri for Kansas City, Harrisonville, Peculiar and Raymore as well as commercial services.

Beginning in mid-August we will now be able to accept certain co-mingled or partially sorted items. The same items will still be accepted (paper, cardboard, plastics numbered 1-7, aluminum, glass and steel/tin). Now patrons will be able to combine all paper prod-

ucts in one bin including phonebooks, newspaper, magazines, shredded paper, office paper, paperboard and paper bags. All of the plastic containers and bottles numbered 1-7 can be placed into the same bin. Aluminum cans and the steel/tin food may now be placed in the same bin as well. Glass bottles and jars will still be in their own separate container. On-site staff members will be available to help sort items and provide a friendly reminder about the bin changes.

We hope that co-mingling will make the recycling process easier and more efficient and in turn more materials will be diverted from the landfill.

In addition to improving efficiencies, the new contract will return more of the money from the sale of the materials back to the City, which in turn ben-

efits its users because those funds are used to help with the day-to-day operations at the facility including staff and maintenance.

The City is very excited about the improvements at the center and will continue to maintain a safe, clean, and quality recycling center that we are proud of.

For questions about Town and Country's services call 816-380-5595.