

CITY OF BLUE
SPRINGS

SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:

- **Pink Hill Park Recycling Center**
Now Open
- **Electronics Recycling**
- **Household Hazardous Waste**
- **Recycling Options and Tips**

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Recycling Update

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Pink Hill Park Recycling Center

The City of Blue Springs is proud to announce the Grand Opening of the Pink Hill Park Municipal Recycling Center.

Hours of operation:

Wednesdays 10 am – 6pm

Saturdays 8 am – 4 pm

Sundays 8 am – 4 pm

Location:

1201 NW Park Rd. at the northwest corner of Pink Hill Park. Park Road is 1/3 mile south of Pink Hill Road, on the west side of 7 Highway.

Cost:

There is no cost use the facility, and it is open to residents, non-residents, and businesses.

The Recycling Center will be staffed while open. Our friendly staff will be happy to answer any questions you have and assist in unloading your sorted recycled materials. The facility will be gated and no materials will be accepted when the facility is not open. A security camera will aid in enforcement.

Separate Items by Type:

- Office, shredded paper, newspaper & magazines
- Cardboard, paperboard
- Plastics #1 (bottles)
- Plastics #2 (containers)
- Plastics #3-7 (containers)
- Aluminum
- Steel/tin cans
- Glass

(Each bullet represents a separately sorted bin.)

This is the City's first Recycling Center. It was funded jointly by the City of Blue Springs, with a significant funding by the Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District through a Missouri DNR funded grant.

To find info on other Recycling Centers or options, go to www.recyclespot.org or call 816-474-TEAM.



Recycling Tips

- Plastic food containers are typically labeled with numbers to aid in sorting.
- Plastics, cans and glass should be relatively clean, and free of food particles.
- Labels do not need to be removed.
- Bottle caps / covers to bottles should be removed and thrown in the trash. The ring that remains on the bottles does not have to be removed.
- No large items, such as children's toys can be recycled.
- Call the Recycling Hotline if you have questions about recycling 816-228-0228.
- Go to www.recyclespot.org or call 816-474-TEAM if you have questions about where to bring materials that are not accepted at the Pink Hill Park Recycling Center.



Electronics Recycling

The City will host its Annual Electronics Recycling event on **October 9, 2010** from 8 am to noon at a special Pink Hill Park collection event.

Free:

Laptops, CPU's, keyboards, mice, personal printers, cell phones, pagers, hand held games, cd players, stereo equipment

Not Accepted:

Appliances (small or large), lamps, office copy machines, vacuums, fans, water heaters, paper shredders, hole punchers, exercise equipment, CDs, DVDs, Tapes, batteries, light bulbs.

Anyone is invited to participate, including businesses and households.

Fees will be charged to provide for proper environmentally responsible disposal of the collected items:

TV's \$10 for 19" or less),
\$15 20"-27)
\$20 (27"+),
\$30 (Console)

Computer Monitors \$10
Large faxes/scanners \$5
Large printers \$10

Other E-Recycling

Options:

Surplus Exchange
(816) 472-0444

Oct. 16, 2010 - 9am - 2 pm
Lees Summit High School

Oct. 23, 2010 - 9 am - noon
Belton Memorial Park

Nov. 16, 2010 - Hours TBD
UMKC—51st & Oak

Best Buy & Office Depot
Contact stores for details

Bottle and Container Recycling Tips:

- Remove all bottle lids
- Recycle steel lids
- Throw away plastic bottle caps or lids
- No need to remove container labels
- Remove all food materials, especially oily materials like peanut butter.
- Glass does not need to be sorted by color.
- Sort plastics - there will be a number in a triangle on most plastics. Separate into one of three categories:
 - #1 (primarily bottles)
 - #2 (containers)
 - #3-7 (containers)



Household Hazardous Waste Recycling

The City participates in the Mid-America Regional Council Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program. Blue Springs residents can bring HHW items to a local collection event, typically held in Blue Springs on the 3rd Saturday in April of each year. The materials accepted varies by year. Additional details will be provided later.

Blue Springs residents can bring HHW materials to any participating year-round facility or mobile event.

Check out the website www.recyclespot.org or call 816-474-TEAM for additional details and information on other mobile event options.

Accepted Items At full HHW Events and facilities:

Automotive products, anti-freeze, batteries, CFL light bulbs, fertilizers, flammables, fuels, hazardous cleaners, hazardous liquids, household cleaners, lawn & garden products, paint, pesticides, photographic chemicals, pool chemicals, solvents, thinners, used oil.

Not Accepted: Explosives, yard waste, commercial waste, pressurized gas cylinders, asbestos, tires, appliances.

Events with an ABOP label accept only antifreeze, batteries, oil, and paint.

No charge for residents of Regional HHW Collection Program participants. Bring ID with proof of residency.

Year-Round

Household Hazardous Waste Recycling

City of Lee's Summit

2101 SE Hamblin Rd. (at the Lee's Summit Resource Recovery Park) Open on first Saturday of the month, 7 a.m.–Noon; and third Wednesday 2–6:30 p.m. (paint only on Wednesdays). 100-pound limit per visit. **816-969-1805**
Appointment required.

City of Kansas City, MO

4707 Deramus (just south of the Chouteau Bridge in the east river bottoms) Open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. **816-513-8400**
Appointment required.

Park and Special Event Recycling

The City will begin collecting recyclable materials at special events and select City Parks.

Pink Hill Park, Hidden Valley Park and Young Park will have special Park Recycling containers installed. Recycling will also be available at the Pool Concession area and Vesper Hall, as well as at various locations for use by City Staff and City Hall visitors.

Special event recycling containers will be utilized to collect recyclable beverage containers from visitors at

events such as Pooches on the Parkway, Blue Springs Car Cruises, Music in the Park series events, the Fishing Derby, Mighty Mud Volleyball, Street Flicks and the Barbeque Blaze Off. Please watch for and utilize these containers at the next special event you attend.

The park and special event recycling bins were paid for by a 50% matching grant from the Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District with funds from the Missouri DNR.

Items collected will be sorted by the Pink Hill Recycling Center staff and recycled at that facility.

The special event bins are blue in color as shown on the right.



Tin and Steel Can Recycling Tips:

- Rinse the can to remove all food
- No need to remove the can label
- Place the removed can lid inside the can and compress the sides in a bit to keep the lid from falling out of the can during processing.

Where to Bring Other Recyclable Items

Tree Limbs and Yard Waste

Please contact the facility directly for applicable fees and hours:

Pink Hill Acres (Privately owned)
3500 NW 7 Hwy, Blue Springs MO 64014 (816-229-6395)

Missouri Organics
7700 E. 40 Hwy., Kansas City, MO 64129 (816-483-0908)

Lee's Summit Resource Recovery Park
2101 SE Hamblen Rd., Lee's Summit MO 64082 (816-969-1980).

Appliances and Metal Items

Trading Post Appliances
1305 SW U.S. Hwy. 40
Blue Springs, MO 64015
(816) 228-1696

Blue Springs Recycling Center (Privately owned) 499 S. Hwy. 7 (American Legion) Blue Springs, MO 64014
(816) 935-9235

Search by Item Type

The www.recyclespot.org website provides a search option for items such as appliances, batteries, building materials, carpet/padding, clothing/textiles, common household recyclables, computers/electronics, food, household hazardous waste, metal/cans, miscellaneous, paint, paper, plastic, propane / pressurized tanks, tires and yard waste. Call 816-474-TEAM for details.

Grand Opening Sponsors

A special thank you goes out to the businesses that partnered with and sponsored the Recycling Center Grand Opening:

- **Chipotle** (816-229-2690)
- **Club 7 Fitness** (816-229-8585)
- **Hy-Vee** (816-224-4288)
- **Papa John's Pizza** (816-229-7272)
- **Party Depot** (816-220-2386)
- **Side Pockets** (816-224-5454)
- **Vintage Daisy** (816-847-1001)
- **City of Blue Springs**
- **The Blue Springs Solid Waste Management Commission**



New staff were trained regarding how to best assist recycling center visitors in preparation for the Recycling Center's Grand Opening.



City of Blue Springs

903 W. Main St.

Blue Springs, MO 64015

Recycling Hotline: 816-228-0228

Phone: 816-228-0110

Web: www.bluespringsgov.com/recycling

To find info on other Recycling Centers or options, go to www.recyclcespot.org or call 816-474-TEAM.

The City of Blue Springs is pleased to offer this information on new and existing recycling opportunities within the community and the region. The community is very excited about the new Pink Hill Park Municipal Recycling Facility.

The City has a Solid Waste Management Commission that has been pursuing expanded recycling options for over 17 years.

The Renew the Blue Community Visioning organization identified having a community recycling center as a priority in 2006. This helped provide momentum for moving forward.

In addition to the new Recycling Center, other recent recycling additions include the annual electronics recycling events, which began in 2008. In 2009 alone, the City collected approximately 39,000 pounds of electronics for recycling including. This includes approximately 200 computer monitors and approximately 200 TVs, among other items.

The City joined the Mid-America Regional Council's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program in 1999. Blue Springs residents recycled 67,333 pounds of Household Hazardous Waste materials from a total of 493 cars between January 1, 2009 and September 30, 2009.

The Solid Waste Management Commission is excited about the current increased interest in recycling, which will make it easier to make significant progress in implementing recycling.

Recycling Collection at Your House

Several trash haulers have begun to offer collection of recycling at residential houses. Contact your hauler to see if this is a service that they offer.

Haulers currently offering house-side recycling collection include Envirostar Waste Services (816-220-3227) and AAA Disposal (816-650-3180). Contact haulers directly for additional details. The City will expand this list as additional haulers begin to offer recycling collection for individual residences.



Did you know...

Current Ordinances require you to place your trash and/or recycling items within five feet (5') of the house or attached garage.

Curbside placement of trash or recycling is not currently allowed.



Thank you for your interest in and commitment to recycling.