



# Blue Bin News

## St. Louis City Residential Recycling Newsletter

### Manage Yard Waste at Home

Fall is quickly approaching, and with it the responsibility of keeping up with yard work. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, yard waste makes up the second largest portion of our waste stream, accounting for about 13% of municipal solid waste. Because it makes up such a large portion of our trash and because it has the potential to be used as mulch or compost, in 1992 the Missouri Legislature banned yard waste from landfills.

The City of St. Louis generates about 20,000 tons (40,000,000 pounds) of yard waste annually! By composting and/or mulching at home, yard waste can be recycled and turned into valuable materials for your lawn and garden. Using compost and mulch helps control erosion, strengthen soil fertility, maintain moisture and pH balance, and encourage the development of healthy roots in plants. You can learn how to build your own backyard composting bin by visiting <http://stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/recycle>. To request a copy of Home Composting Made Easy, email [recycle@stlouis.missouri.org](mailto:recycle@stlouis.missouri.org) or call 314.353.7176.

The City operates a separate weekly collection service for yard waste to assist residents who do not have the physical ability, space, or use for mulch or compost. Residents with alley dumpsters should place yard waste in separate dumpsters marked "Yard Waste Only." Residents with smaller rollcars receive a separate collection for yard waste on Wednesday of each week.

### Free Compost and Mulch Pick-Up Locations

The Forestry Division's Compost Section accepts yard waste generated by St. Louis City residents and recycles it for use as compost and mulch, which is available free to all City residents. Materials may be picked up at facilities located at Carondelet Park (east side) or 560 Terminal Row (east of Hall Street). They also stock boxes in community gardens located at Chippewa and Oregon, 9th and Barton, and Vandeventer and West Belle. For more information visit [http://stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/parks/forestry\\_div/compost.html](http://stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/parks/forestry_div/compost.html).

### Buy Reused and Recycled

#### The Smashed Chefs

<http://thesmashedchefs.com/index.asp>

They make and sell serving platters, plates, dishes, garden ornaments, jewelry, and many more unique products made from reused bottle glass.

Check out this month's featured products and more at [http://](http://stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/recycle/buyreusedrecycled.htm)

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### Upcoming Events

#### EarthWays Energy and Recycling Fair

September 29th and 30th

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

[www.earthwayscenter.org](http://www.earthwayscenter.org)

### City of St. Louis Refuse Division's Recycling Program

Website: <http://stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/recycle>

Email: [recycle@stlouis.missouri.org](mailto:recycle@stlouis.missouri.org)

Phone: 353.7176 (direct dial) or 353.8877 (switchboard)

## Recycling Survey

The City of St. Louis is conducting a research study to gather citizens' opinions about important issues related to recycling. Your input can have a direct impact on the services and programs implemented by the City's Refuse Division. Our contractor, Patrick Engineering, has already started conducting random-dialed telephone interviews and has also made the survey available on-line at <http://www.stlrecyclingsurvey.com>. Please notify your family, friends, and neighbors living in the City of St. Louis and encourage them to participate.

This survey is made possible by funding from the St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.



### Where Can I Recycle My Old Television and Computer?

Decode the cryptogram to find the answer.

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### We challenge you to reduce your plastic bag usage.

An astounding five hundred billion to one trillion plastic bags are consumed around the world annually. That equals over one million plastic bags per minute.

Plastics are made from petroleum and natural gas, placing a greater demand on our finite fossil fuel supplies. It has been estimated that 4%-8% of the entire world's oil is used in the production of plastics. Drilling for those resources also contributes to the destruction of fragile habitats and ecosystems around the world.

#### Reducing your plastic bags is as easy as...

1. Say "No Thanks" to plastic bags when your purchase does not require one.
2. Invest in durable, reusable tote bags and take them shopping with you.
3. Avoid double bagging.

### You can recycle your out-of-date telephone book at:

- Firehouse #7 - 2600 LaSalle Street
- Firehouse #14 - 3523 Magnolia Avenue
- Firehouse #22 - 1229 McCausland Avenue
- Firehouse #23 - 6500 Michigan Avenue
- Firehouse #31 - 4408 Donovan Avenue
- Firehouse #35 - 5450 Arsenal Street
- Lafayette Elementary - 815 Ann Avenue Street - Wherry Avenue (between Lansdowne and Sutherland)
- City of St. Louis - 1660 South Kingshighway
- City of St. Louis - 4100 South First Street
- City of St. Louis - 201 North Humboldt Street

WWW.ECYCLESTLOUIS.ORG  
 SITE NEAR YOU BY VISITING  
 FIND AN ELECTRONICS RECYCLING  
 Answer Key: