



Blue Bin News

St. Louis City Residential Recycling Newsletter

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Farewell To The Curbside Recycling Cost-Sharing Pilot Program

The City of St. Louis would like to thank everyone who participated in the grant-funded, Curbside Recycling Cost-Sharing Pilot Program. Because the grant that partially funded this program will run out in November, the cost-sharing program will be discontinued on November 30, 2010. If residents wish to continue this service, they must pay the full cost charged by the contractor.



The contractor for this program, Earth Circle Recycling (a locally and independently owned business), has been providing curbside recycling service in St. Louis City since the 1990s. They have been an excellent partner in making our City cleaner and greener.

Please note, the City's solid waste services will eventually include City-wide recycling - and the first single-stream recycling containers have already started to appear in neighborhoods. This new recycling service will be phased in gradually throughout the City. Wards 28, 8, 15, 23, and 24 will be among the first to receive blue recycling dumpsters in alleys and additional recycling rollcars. We anticipate knowing in late November or early December which wards will receive recycling containers next. As they become available, details are being posted on our website at <http://stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/recycle/alleycurbdumpstercartresrec.html>.

If you live in a ward that will not be one of the first to receive recycling service, you may still have the option of contracting directly with Earth Circle Recycling for curbside pick-up of recyclables. Please visit their website at www.earthcirclerecycling.com. You can reach them by e-mail at earthcirclerecycling@earthcirclerecycling.com or by phone at (314) 664-1450. Please note that we also offer City residents the use of 27+ drop-off recycling sites. Visit <http://stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/recycle/documents/locations.htm> to find the site most convenient for you.



America Recycles Day

November 15, 2010 marks the 13th annual celebration of America Recycles Day (ARD). "More than a celebration, America Recycles Day is the only nationally recognized day dedicated to the promotion of recycling programs in the United States. One day to inform and educate."

This year for ARD, visit the City of St. Louis Refuse Division's Recycling Program at the City Hall Rotunda between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to view a variety of information and products that can help you reduce, reuse, and recycle at work and at home. We look forward to seeing you there.

November 2010 Upcoming Events

Details available at

<http://stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/recycle/calendar2010.html>

Recycled Arts Workshop - Holiday Decor - November 7 - 3pm to 4pm

The Waste Diet - November 9 - 7pm to 8pm

Home Composting Class - November 18 - 6pm to 6:50pm

Holiday Light Recycling Drive & Website 2.0 Launch Party - November 18 - 6pm to 9pm

Landscape and Garden with Native Plants Class - November 18 - 7pm to 7:50pm

Recycled Arts Workshop - Decorated Glass Gifts - November 20 - 3pm to 4:30pm

Creepy Crawly Conservation: The Value of Invertebrates - November 23 - 7:30pm to 9pm

Indoor Composting: Making Bokashi Buckets - November 29 - 7pm to 8:30pm





Recycling Saves Lives

According to an article in the Toronto Sun, two Vancouver teens avoided serious injury last July, by falling into a pile of recyclables. "An 18-year old boy and girl were leaning against a wooden structure atop their apartment building when the structure suddenly gave way. The duo tumbled nearly 7 stories and into a recycling bin left below by another tenant, said police spokesperson Jana McGuinness."

McGuinness explained that the teens landed on the heap of recyclables, and suffered only minor injuries from the fall. If the recycling hadn't been there, they would've hit concrete. The pile of recyclables likely saved them from life-threatening injuries.

Sources: <http://greenopolis.com/goblog/litegreen/recycling-saves-teens-after-rooftop-fall>
www.torontosun.com/news/canada/2010/07/02/14588986.html.

Holiday Light Recycling Drive and Website 2.0 Launch Party



Thursday, November 18, 2010
 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 Mungenast Lexus of St. Louis
 13700 Manchester Road
 Manchester, Missouri 63011

"Last year, the Holiday Light Recycling Drive collected over THREE TONS of holiday lights to recycle. This year we are hoping to double, even triple, that number.

People are encouraged to recycle old holiday lights and extension cords. All unworkable holiday lights, whether for your tree or outdoor decoration, can be taken to participating Walmart stores and other locations during store hours. Choose from 18 Walmart locations from November 20 - December 12, or 60+ locations from December 13 - January 31. Find your nearest participating location at www.stlouisgreen.com."

Giving Thanks Without Waste

Time to unpack the cornucopia and celebrate all of the things that we are thankful for, including the abundance of food that has been provided by the



Fall harvest. We can express our appreciation for the resources that went into sowing, growing, harvesting, and preparing our Thanksgiving meal by making sure those resources don't go to waste. The following suggestions can help you prepare a waste-free Thanksgiving:

- * Portion control - cook only as much as you need.
- * Coordinate with others to avoid duplicating shared dishes.
- * Reinvent leftovers for use in another meal.
- * Serve food and drinks on reusable dishware, with reusable flatware and napkins.
- * If you must use disposables, be sure to purchase ones made from post-consumer recycled materials.
- * Find tips on how to store and utilize foods at www.lovefoodhatewaste.com.
- * Compost peelings, seeds, stems, trimmings, etc. You can compost outside with a bin or pile, or you can start a worm bin for the option of indoor composting. Get details about how to compost at <http://stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/recycle/compost.html>.

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