

Hazardous Materials

A free Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection is held for Independence residents every April in the large parking lot bounded by Walnut, Osage, Kansas and Liberty streets, one block south of the Independence Square.

The HHW collection is sponsored by the Water Pollution Control Department as part of its effort to protect the environment. For more information about the mobile collection, call 325-7711, or go to the Web site at www.independencemo.org/wpc.

Independence residents may also use the:

- Kansas City Regional HHW facility at 4707 Deramus, any time of year. There is no fee. Appointments are required and can be made by calling 513-8401.

- Lee's Summit HHW facility at 2101 S.E. Hamblen Rd. is free and is open the first Saturday of the month, April through November. There is a 100 pound limit per visit. Appointments are required and can be made by calling 969-1805.

Only household hazardous waste materials are allowed at these facilities. Examples of household waste include fluorescent bulbs, paints, poisons, automotive fluids, or drain cleaners and their containers.

The Recycling Centers do not accept any type of hazardous materials.

For more information visit the City's Web site at www.independencemo.org/publicworks. For metro-wide information visit: www.RecycleSpot.org.



Recycling Centers

35th Street Recycling Center

13600 E. 35th Street

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Fridays

8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturdays

Vista Avenue

Recycling Center

875 Vista Avenue

8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sundays

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Mondays

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Public Works Department

325-7623

111 East Maple Avenue
Independence, MO 64050



What can be recycled?

The City of Independence Drop-Off Recycling Centers accept a variety of materials for recycling. Materials must be separated and placed in one of the bins. Materials accepted are:

Office Paper

Mixed office paper, notebook paper, envelopes without plastic windows, stationary, receipts, junk mail and greeting cards. No stickers, labels, spirals, rubber bands, carbon paper or tissue paper.

Magazines

Magazines and catalogs with coated, glossy pages throughout.

Cardboard - Paperboard

Corrugated cardboard and paper grocery sacks. Boxes must be broken down. Non-corrugated paperboard such as boxes used for cereal, shoes, beverages; paper towel or toilet paper rolls; extra thick catalogs; telephone books; and magazines not printed on coated paper.

Steel Cans & Plastic

All plastic containers with a #1 through #7 seal. No drain opener or automotive product containers (example: motor oil or windshield wiper fluid). Plastic grocery shopping bags are accepted. Food and beverage cans made from steel. Paper labels do not have to be removed.

Glass - All Colors

Glass of all colors is accepted at both locations. Glass colors do not need to be separated.

Cans - Aluminum

Food and beverage cans, pie pans and foil made from aluminum. Paper labels do not have to be removed.

Toner & Ink Cartridges

Please bring them to be recycled in their original packaging if possible.

Newspaper

Newspaper and newsprint. Remove strings, rubber bands and plastic wraps.

Batteries

Only dry cell batteries are accepted. Batteries that are accepted: alkaline, nickel cadmium (rechargeable), button batteries (used in hearing aids, watches and calculators) and lithium. They come in sizes such as AAA, AA, C, D, 9 Volt and smaller. Separate batteries by type, and if they are leaking or corroded should be sealed in a leak-proof plastic bag. Lithium batteries should be sealed in a plastic bag because they are water reactive and could explode if exposed to moisture.

Lead acid batteries, such as those used in an automobile, motorcycle or lawn mower; are not accepted. Acid batteries can be taken to the Drop-Off Depot, which is open the second Saturday of each month, March through November; or to the City's Household Hazardous Waste collection.

What materials are not accepted at the Recycling Centers?

- Styrofoam is not accepted.

