



## **Request to Replace a Trash Dumpster with a Blue Recycling Dumpster**

Thank you for helping increase recycling availability in your neighborhood! We are introducing a new process to request that the City of St. Louis replace a trash dumpster with a recycling dumpster in your alley. All you need to do is to get a majority of your neighbors who share your alley to agree to the swap.

1. Find the trash dumpster to be replaced and note its address. If possible, take a picture of it showing the location.
2. Send us the location of the trash dumpster to be replaced, a photo (if possible) and your contact information.
  - a. Email: [recycle@stlouis-mo.gov](mailto:recycle@stlouis-mo.gov); Phone: (314) 772-4646
3. We will then provide you with a map of your block (sample picture below) and the Dumpster Replacement Form for your neighbors to sign their name, agreeing to the dumpster swap.
  - a. Note that you must attempt to contact the neighbors who share your alley, which includes neighbors on the street located behind your house. You do not need to contact any commercial properties.



- b. We will also provide you with some recycling educational materials that you can share with your neighbors which includes talking points about why recycling is important in St. Louis.

- c. Someone from the Saint Louis City Recycles team will contact you about arranging for these materials to be mailed, e-mailed or picked up in person at the Saint Louis City Recycles office located at 4646 Shenandoah Ave, 63110.
4. On the Dumpster Replacement Form, fill in your name and information on the first line so others have a correct example to follow. If a property is vacant, for sale or rent or unsafe to approach, simply note that in the 'Response' column. See example below. Please write legibly.

	<u>House #</u>	<u>Unit #</u>	<u>Street</u>	<u>Signature &amp; Printed Name</u>	<u>Response</u>
1.	Your House #	Your Unit # if applicable	Your Street Name	Your <i>Signature</i> & Name	Yes
2.	4646		Shenandoah	<i>Jane Doe</i> Jane Doe	Yes
3.	4646	A	Shenandoah		Vacant
4.	4653		Tower Grove Place	<i>John Doe</i> John Doe	No
5.	4627	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	Tower Grove Place		For Sale

5. Go door to door on your block to get your neighbors' support. Please share the educational materials and use the provided talking points to help increase your neighbors understanding of the importance of recycling. We urge you to strive for a majority of your neighbors who share your alley to agree, however please return the completed request form regardless of the outcome.
- a. Please keep safety in mind first.
    1. Go out in a group of at least two people. Invite your neighbor(s)!
    2. Go out during daylight hours.
    3. Do not approach any property that makes you feel unsafe.
  - b. Weekends are likely the best time to catch people at home during the day.
  - c. Do not trespass on private property.
6. Once your Dumpster Replacement Form is complete, return it and any unused materials to Saint Louis City Recycles in person or mail them back to our office.
- a. St. Louis City Recycles, 4646 Shenandoah Ave. St. Louis, MO 63110
7. We will follow up with you once we submit the request to the Refuse Division. After two weeks, if the dumpster has not been replaced, please contact us at [recycle@stlouis-mo.gov](mailto:recycle@stlouis-mo.gov) or by phone (314) 772-4646.

*Thank you!*



## Recycling Talking Points

Here are some great recycling talking points and facts to share with your neighbors to help explain why replacing a particular trash dumpster with a recycling dumpster will benefit the block and why recycling is important in St. Louis. Please share any of the provided recycling educational materials with your neighbors.

- Our recycling dumpster is always overflowing. We would all benefit from having another recycling dumpster available to use.
- Due to placement restrictions, we need to replace a trash dumpster with a recycling dumpster rather than simply adding an additional dumpster.
- Since we all recycle so much, we generate less landfilled waste. So there isn't as much of a need for so many trash dumpsters.
- I suggest we replace this dumpster because:
  - It is commonly located and/or not near other recycling bins
  - It would be more centrally located making it even easier for people to recycle
  - Your own reasons: \_\_\_\_\_
- Sending trash to the landfill costs more than recycling. The City pays \$18 MORE per ton of trash! The more we recycle, the more money the City has for vital services.
- We only recycle 10% of our waste in the city, but based on the most recent waste composition study, we know over half of what St. Louisans throw away is easily recyclable in our blue recycling bins. So there's room to grow!
- Recycling creates jobs! People have to sort recycling at the recycling facility. If we increase our recycling to 15%, the facility can add 8-18 new jobs!
- Remember to always keep your recycling loose, clean and dry! Also, **no plastic bags** in the blue recycling bins.

For questions about recycling, feel free to contact Saint Louis City Recycles by phone at (314) 772-4646 or email at [recycle@stlouis-mo.gov](mailto:recycle@stlouis-mo.gov).

*Thank you!*