



City of St. Louis Recycling Education & Outreach Program
#RecycleResponsibly

Recycling or Contamination?



Plastic Utensils



Garden Hose



Batting/Insulation



Plastic Plate



Ice Cream Container

CONTAMINATION!

Recycling or Contamination?



Spray Bottle



Lotion Tube



Amazon Mailer



Hardcover Books
(cover removed)



Dry Paint Can

Recycle in your Blue Bin when EMPTY!

Recycle Responsibly

Recycle Responsibly is a public information campaign through the *OneSTL Regional Materials and Recycling Working Group*



All regional recycling goes to the same place, so we created ONE cohesive message for everyone!

- Find out more at RecycleResponsibly.org
- Follow @OneSTL on social media and share



We need your help to share this message!

Benefits of Recycling

Economic


- St. Louis has more recycling/remanufacturing jobs on average compared to U.S.
- Over **\$900 Million** in payroll in St. Louis Metro
- Our Material Recovery Facility (MRF) employs **140 people**
- Every 1 ton we recycle creates **10 jobs!** Every ton we send to the landfill only creates 1 job

STL City Recycles
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#FastFactFriday: Recycling has a lot of 'behind the scenes' environmental and economic impacts, too! We're excited about several paper mills being built to process recycled paper in the Midwest! #GoBlue #RecycleForTheLou #RecycleResponsibly #STL

Fast Fact Friday

A mill that uses recycled paper **costs 50 to 80% less** to build than one that makes paper from scratch!



SAINT LOUIS
CITY RECYCLES

Nearly 25,000 people in MO are employed in the recycling industry!

Benefits of Recycling



Environmental

- Conserve and protect finite natural resources, animals, and the planet
- Less air, water, and soil pollution
- A circular economy significantly decreases our global carbon footprint

Health

- Less pollution in environment benefits everyone
- Microplastics have been found in everything from table salt to a human heart



**Our landfill spends \$75,000 annually or about 5,000 man hours
JUST on recovering plastic bags!**

WHAT GOES IN YOUR BLUE BIN



Paper



Flattened
Cardboard



Plastic Bottles &
Containers



Glass Bottles
& Jars



Metal Food &
Beverage Cans



Food & Beverage
Cartons

Keep items loose, clean & dry. Always flatten your cardboard.

AND WHAT DOESN'T



Bagged
Recyclables



Plastic Bags
& Film*



Styrofoam



Food Waste



Sharps & Needles



One-Time-Use
Disposables

**Recycle plastic bags & film at your local grocery store.*

Didn't see it on the list?

- Search our recycling database to find places to reuse/recycle
- Step 1: Visit **STLCityRecycles.com/database**

Recycle Beyond Your Blue Bin

Search an item to recycle...

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▶ **Automotive**

▶ **Batteries**

▶ **Construction**

▶ **Electronics**

▶ **Garden**


▶ **Glass**

▶ **Hazardous**

Step 2:

- Type in the item you are looking to donate or recycle

Recycle Beyond Your Blue Bin



computer|

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▼ **Electronics**

> Computer Peripherals - External

Keywords: Keyboard, Keyboards, Computer Keyboard, Computer Keyboards

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> Computer Peripherals - Internal

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> CRT Computer Monitor

Keywords: CRT Computer Screen, Tube Computer Monitor, Tube Computer Screen

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> Desktop Computers

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> Laptop Computers

Keywords: Laptops, Notebook Computers

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> LCD Computer Monitors

Keywords: Flat Screen Computer Monitors, Flat Screen Computer Screens, Flat Computer Screens

BEYOND THE BLUE BIN

▼ **Household**

Step 3:

- Type in your zip code

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computer

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▼ Electronics

> Computer Peripherals - External

Keywords: Keyboard, Keyboards, Computer Keyboard, Computer Keyboards

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> Computer Peripherals - Internal

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> CRT Computer Monitor

Keywords: CRT Computer Screen, Tube Computer Monitor, Tube Computer Screen

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▼ Desktop Computers

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Find Places That Reuse or Recycle This Item

63116

Search

> Laptop Computers

Keywords: Laptops, Notebook Computers

BEYOND THE BLUE BIN

Step 4:

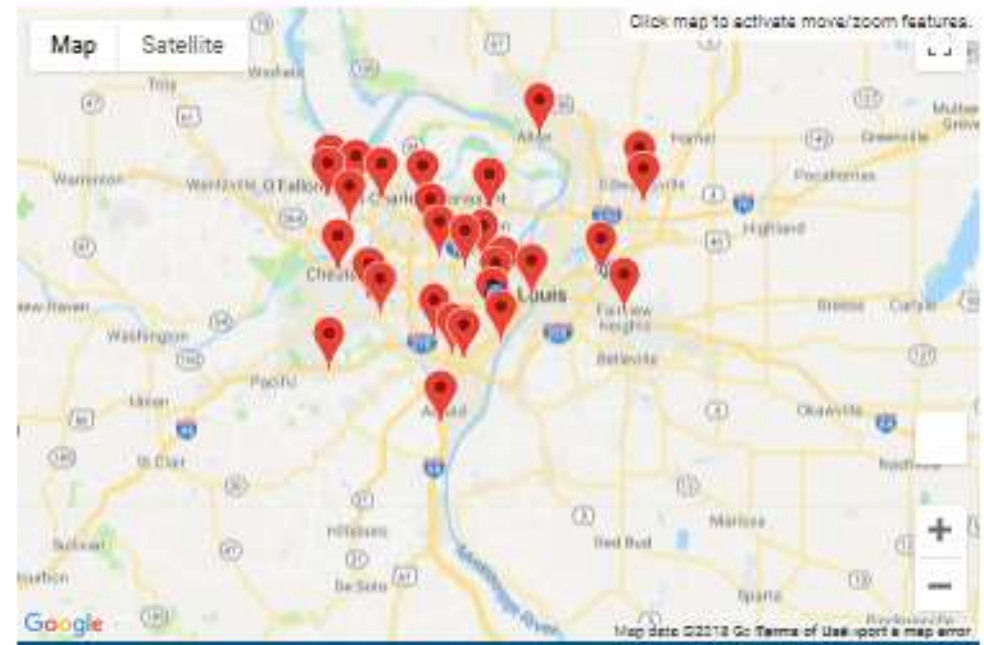
- Find a nearby place to donate or recycle your item
 - Address, Phone number and website are listed to find out cost, hours of operation, etc.

Places to Recycle Beyond Your Blue Bin

Locations Near 63116

Select Distance: 25 miles ▼ Submit

Search For More Items to Recycle



Spectrum Ecycle

1521 Page Industrial Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63132
314-428-0777

[View Website](#)

Services Residents

Services Businesses/Commercial

Accepts this item for recycling

Earthbound Recycling

25 Truitt Drive
Eureka, MO 63025
636-938-1188

[View Website](#)

Accepts this item for recycling

Services Residents

EPC

3941 Harry S Truman
St. Charles, MO 63301

What happens to my recycling?

Recyclables taken to the Material Recovery Facility (MRF, pronounced MERF)

- Republic Services



What happens to my recycling?

Recyclables sorted and separated

- Using a combination of human and machine power



Pitfalls of Plastic Bags

Plastic bags and other tanglers jam the gears at the MRF

- Our MRF loses over **6 hours a day** cutting out bags



Other tanglers include: hoses, VHS tapes, string lights, clothing, cords, netting and wire hangers.

What happens to my recycling?

After sorting, materials are baled and shipped to manufacturers



What happens to my recycling?

Recyclables are made into new products!



Buy recycled products to help close the loop!

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

- HHW: leftover household products that can catch fire, react or explode under certain circumstances or are corrosive or toxic (EPA)
- Examples:
 - Paints
 - Pesticides
 - Oils
 - Solvents
 - Poisons
 - Antifreeze
- Any resident of St. Louis City, County or Jefferson County can go to either facility once a year
 - The first 50 pounds are free! Beyond that it's \$0.83/pound
 - Latex paint is not hazardous but is accepted for \$0.50/pound
 - To make an appointment, visit the website or call the CSB: 622-4800



What about Batteries?

Alkaline/non-rechargeable

While standard household batteries *can* be put in the trash, we recommend recycling them because they can leak harmful chemicals. Check our database for locations or use a mail-in program:

Call2Recycle.org

Lithium-Ion/Rechargeable



NO BINS: These cause fires at facilities!

Make a reservation to drop-off at: HHWSTL.com

Batteries contain hazardous waste!

Brightside St. Louis

- **Blitz:** Help clean-up St. Louis streets, alleys and lots by registering to organize a **Blitz** clean-up project in your neighborhood.
 - Register a clean-up by April to get FREE flower seedlings through Blitz Blooms!
- **Graffiti Removal:** Nearly **150,000** locations treated since program began!
 - Call to request graffiti be removed from any property in the city: 314-772-4646
- **Neighbors Naturescaping:** Over **800** neighborhood projects have been established or enhanced through our grant program!
 - Applications will be available in May and are due August



BrightsideSTL.org



Questions, comments, suggestions?

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