Community Recycling Center Guide

At our three Community Recycling Centers (see reverse for locations), we accept the materials accepted at curbside in KCMO plus materials that cannot be accepted at curbside for one reason or another. Unlike curbside recycling, where all materials go in one bin and are separated later, the materials we accept must be separated into the following categories:

Aluminum cans, foil and disposable pans: Must be empty, clean and dry. Foil must be crumpled into a ball that is at least 2" in diameter. Spray cans must be completely empty, no hiss. Please discard plastic parts in your trash. Other types of aluminum must be recycled in our Scrap Metal bin (see below).

Books (Hardcover): Must be clean and dry, no water-damage. Softcover books go in Mixed Paper.

Cardboard: Must be clean and dry. All boxes must be folded flat, not smashed. We cannot recycle plastic-laminated or wax-coated cardboard; cardboard with paint, oil, or chemicals on it; or cardboard that has been badly water-damaged.

Electronics: Cellphones, iPods and other mp3 players, digital cameras, GPS units, tablets, and laptops. No larger electronics such as TVs, DVD or VCR players, stereo components, desktop computer components or other large items. These items as well as most things that are powered by a cord or battery can be recycled by Midwest Recycling Center (mrcrecycling.net/electronics-recycling-kansas-city-mo).

Food scraps/waste: Discard all packaging including produce stickers, which are made of plastic. Must be in a bag certified to be commercially compostable by the Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI-certified).

Glass: Food and drink bottles and jars, drinking glasses and plates, perfume bottles, glass candle packaging, vases, etc. We cannot accept: plate glass; mirrors; Pyrex/heat-safe pots, pans, bowls, coffee pots, measuring cups, food storage containers, etc.; laminated safety glass; ceramics; or porcelain. Please rinse your bottles and jars clean. Metal caps/lids can be recycled in Scrap Metal, please dispose of plastic caps/lids in your trash. You do not need to remove labels.

Mixed Paper: Office-quality paper, magazines, catalogs, phone books, envelopes and most inserts from mail, newspaper, off-white packing paper, molded fiber forms and paperback books. Please put Kraft paper including plain paper bags in Paperboard. We cannot recycle: paper in pieces smaller than a playing card, such as shredded paper; tissue paper, tissues, paper towels, napkins; gift bags or wrap; sheets of labels or label-backing; plastic-laminated paper; or paper that is or has been wet or is dirty or food-stained. No plastic bags/wraps, boxes, binder clips or rubber bands.

Packing Materials (only at Red Bridge Center): We accept bubble wrap, foam wrap, and packing peanuts for reuse. Must be clean.

Paper Cartons: Milk and juice cartons plus box-shaped aseptic cartons used to package non-dairy beverages, soups, broths/stocks, and juices. Rinse clean, screw the caps back on, and place these cartons in with your Plastics (they will be separated for recycling later). Please **do not** flatten.

Paperboard: Single-layer boxes, paper towel and toilet paper rolls. Must be empty, clean and dry. Please fold all boxes flat and remove any handles, windows or other parts made from plastic. No paper products intended to come into direct contact with food should go in the Paperboard bin because they are lined or coated with plastic or contain chemicals. This includes paper plates, cups, bowls, takeout containers, fast food packaging, beverage and other liquid cartons, ice cream/frozen dessert pints/tubs, canisters and frozen entrée trays.

Plastic film #1 & #2: Must be clean and dry and we only accept these forms unless it bears a How2Recycle label specifying it can be recycled through Store Drop-off: grocery/shopping bags, case overwraps, dry-cleaner bags, newspaper sleeves, bread bags, bubble wrap, air pillows (deflated), pallet wrap and other stretch film and bulk produce bags.

Plastic packaging containers: empty, clean and dry bottles, jars, jugs, food/household cleaner tubs & to-go cups (discard cup lids) that are marked #1, 2, 4 or 5. No other forms or numbers of plastic are being recycled through our centers or in curbside and other mixed recycling bins.

- Do not crush plastics.
- Caps and lids can only be recycled if securely on bottles, jars, jugs and tubs.
- Discard pumps and spray nozzles.
- No prescription drug bottles.
- Discard empty hazardous material containers in your trash, such as motor oil, insecticide/herbicide and lighter fluid containers.

Scrap Metal (only at Deramus & Red Bridge centers): Includes chain link fence, chicken wire, sheet metal, aluminum window frames, bike frames, bike parts, garden tools, nuts, bolts, screws, nails, metal office furniture, springs, electrical wire, bottle caps, clean aluminum foil/pans, etc. Leave plastic casing on electrical wire. Remove all non-metal components such as plastic or wood handles or wheels. Remove all glass. We're sorry, but we cannot accept aerosol spray cans, non-stick coated cook/bakeware, tanks, metal that contained hazardous, flammable or explosive materials, electronics or components with circuit boards, appliances, air conditioners or water heaters.

Tin Cans: Clean food and drink cans and completely empty – no hiss – spray cans. No cans that held hazardous materials such as insecticide, insect repellent, paint or oven cleaner. Discard plastic parts from spray cans. Lids from glass bottles and jars can only be recycled in this bin if enclosed in a can. Other types of steel go in Scrap Metal (see guidelines above).

Toner and Inkjet Cartridges: Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) toner and inkjet cartridges from printers and copiers. Must not be damaged. Please recycle in original packaging.

Community Recycling Center Locations

Red Bridge Community Recycling Center: 5200 E. Red Bridge Rd., intersection of Red Bridge and I-49/71-Hwy

Deramus Community Recycling Center: 4707 Deramus, north of Front St., east of Chouteau on the KCMO Environmental Campus

Pleasant Valley Park Community Recycling Center: Pleasant Valley Park, 6401 NE Pleasant Valley Rd., KCMO

Hours of operation: 9 am-5 pm Wednesday – Saturday (except New Year's Day, 4th of July, Thanksgiving and the day after and Christmas Day). Centers close when the weather is dangerous including when the heat index is well over 100.