



## 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:** Clean cans, foil and pans. Foil must be crumpled into balls that are at least 2" in diameter. Insert lids into food cans and pinch shut. Discard plastic parts from aluminum spray cans. Other types of aluminum must be recycled in our Scrap Metal bin (see below).

**Books:** Hardcover and softcover books. Must be clean and dry, no water-damaged books.

**Cardboard:** Clean, dry corrugated cardboard. All cardboard boxes must be folded flat, not smashed. Boxes/pieces must be no longer than 4 feet in any dimension. We cannot recycle wax-coated cardboard, any cardboard with food on it, such as greasy pizza boxes, or cardboard that has been water-damaged.

**Clothing/Household Items (Red Bridge center only):** We accept only the following items:

- Used clothing
- Household linens
- Paired shoes
- Stuffed animals
- Belts
- Pocketbooks/Purses
- Textiles
- Sheets/Bedding
- Towels
- Plastic Toys

No wet or oil-soaked items. Place all acceptable items in tied plastic bags before putting them in the bin. This will help ensure the material stays clean and can be properly reused or recycled.

**Egg Cartons (Red Bridge Center only):** We accept clean one-dozen size paper and Styrofoam egg cartons for reuse by local farmers.

**Electronics (small items only):** Cellphones, 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 small appliances can be recycled by Midwest Recycling Center ([mrcrecycling.net/electronics-recycling-kansas-city-mo](http://mrcrecycling.net/electronics-recycling-kansas-city-mo)).

**Glass:** Food and drink bottles and jars, drinking glasses and plates, perfume bottles, glass candle packaging, vases, etc. We cannot recycle: plate glass; mirrors; Pyrex/heat-safe pots, pans, bowls, etc.; tempered safety glass; ceramics; or porcelain. Please rinse your bottles and jars clean and remove all caps/lids. 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 and. **Please put brown Kraft paper such as grocery bags in Paperboard.** We cannot accept shredded paper, tissue paper, tissues, paper towels, napkins, wrapping paper, sheets of labels, plastic-lined paper, paper that is or has been wet or is dirty or food-stained. No plastic bags/wraps, binder clips or rubber bands.

**Packing Materials (not accepted at Deramus 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).

**Paperboard:** Single-layer boxes, paper towel and toilet paper rolls. Please fold all boxes flat and remove any handles, windows or other parts made out of plastic. No paper products intended to come into direct contact with food should go in the Paperboard bin because they are coated with plastic. This includes paper plates, cups, bowls, takeout containers, fast food packaging, beverage and ice cream cartons and frozen entrée trays. We cannot recycle any paper products with food on them, even just grease, or any paper that has been wet.

**Plastics:** We accept most flexible plastic containers numbered 1-7 with the following exceptions: no bags or wraps; no automotive fluid containers (windshield washer fluid, antifreeze, motor oil, etc.); no insecticide or herbicide container; no containers labeled "Danger," "Corrosive," or "Poison"; no prescription drug bottles; no foam; no brittle #6 plastics such as party cups; and no flat or nearly-flat plastics, such as cup and tub lids. Rinse clean and screw caps back on bottles (loose caps are too small to recycle). We do not accept durable plastics such as toys, furniture, storage bins, hangers, etc.

**Scrap Metal:** 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, tanks, metal that contained hazardous, flammable or explosive materials, electronic components/circuit boards, large appliances, or water heaters.

**Tin Cans:** Clean food and drink cans and completely empty spray cans, **except those that contained hazardous products**. Insert lids into cans and pinch shut. Lids from glass bottles/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:** Rechargeable 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, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas)