

RECYCLING AND BEYOND!

Take the next step toward a sustainable future

Composting

- Food scraps and yard waste make up 20-30% of the waste stream. Try composting your organic material instead.
- Composting is a natural way to enrich soil and subsequently plant health.
- Compost is a natural alternative to harmful chemical fertilizers.

Buy recycled

- Close the Recycling Loop by buying recycled-content products. This fosters sustainability and conserves natural resources and energy.
- You do not need to compromise quality. Recycled content products perform as well, or better, as their virgin counterparts.

Prevent waste before you recycle

- Look for products with minimal or no packaging
- Choose reusable alternatives to disposable products
- Buy durable products that will last longer
- Recyclers should check their trash for non-recyclable items and next time you go shopping look for recyclable substitutes.

Re-think



Re-do



Re-new



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Most Sustainable



Least Sustainable

Resources:

Stop Junk Mail

The Center for a New American Dream provides online resources to “Junk Your Junk Mail” by removing your name from mailing lists. Visit www.newdream.org

Learn How to Compost at Home

Learn more about the benefits of composting, what to compost, and how to compost today. Visit epa.gov/recycle/composting.html

RecycleSpot

Offers a comprehensive list of recycling and reuse services that allows you to search by material type, community or service provider. Visit your “one-stop spot” for recycling information in Kansas City www.recyclespot.org or call 816-474-8326

Keep Updated

on waste diversion and recycling efforts in Blue Springs by visiting bluespringsgov.com/recycling

Buy Recycled

The Missouri Market Development Program compiled a Recycled Product Directory to help consumers locate vendors of recycled-content products and is accessible online at eiera.mo.gov/mmdp-recycled-products-directory/

