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# HARDIN COUNTY FOCUS

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## Hardin County Recycling

Many citizens call my office to get information about our recycling program—It has become a very popular program in our county!

We implemented the program in 2007, locating just one tractor trailer behind the Central Hardin Fire Station on Ring Road. Shortly thereafter we added a second trailer in Vine Grove. Currently, we have trailers placed in five locations throughout the county—Central Hardin Fire Station and Farmers' Market in Elizabethtown, Vine Grove, Rineyville, and Sonora.



Our most popular recycling location is in Elizabethtown behind the Central Hardin Fire station where we placed two trailers. March, June, and November are the most popular months for recycling.

Our locations are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, maintained daily by the county and emptied as needed.

We accept tin cans, newspaper, magazines, cardboard, and plastics (No. 1 to 7). Newspaper comprises 55% of the weight, cardboard 31%, plastic 13% and tin 1%.

We employ one full-time employee who transports between 30 to 36 trailer loads to the processing center, averaging approximately 70,000 lbs. monthly. We recently entered into an agreement with Meade County to process our recycling items at their center resulting in a substantial savings to the taxpayer.

In FY 2011/2012, the county budgeted \$300,000 to cover the costs of our current ongoing recycling programs, litter clean-up programs and illegal dump remediation efforts. Curb-side recycling pickup is cost prohibitive within the unincorporated areas our county, but our locations are conveniently located for our residents to drop off their recycling items on their way to work, shopping, or other activities.

In addition to these recycling locations for paper, plastic, cardboard, aluminum and tin, we sponsor two annual events with the assistance of local industries such as AGC Automotive Americas, Akebono, Metalsa, 2trg, and the League of Women Voters — “Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Prescription Drug Disposal Day” in September and “E-Scrap Day” in April. These two events draw crowds of environmentally concerned residents.