

## WHY RECYCLE

- If every American household recycled just one milk jug, we would keep 200 million pounds of plastic out of America's landfills
- Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV set for three hours or a one 100-watt bulb for 20 hours
- Recycling one ton of aluminum saves 37 barrels of oil. We throw away enough aluminum to rebuild all of America's commercial airliners every three months
- The wood and paper we throw away each year is enough to heat 50 million homes for 20 years
- Recycling a stack of newspapers just 3 feet high can save one tree
- Packaging makes up 1/3 of America's garbage
- In one year the average American:
  - Throws away one ton of garbage
  - Uses and discards two pine trees in paper products



## REUSE

Less waste is created when materials are reused and recycled, extending the life of existing landfills, and reducing the need for new ones.

## REDUCE

Reducing your waste saves money and generates revenue from recyclables. Waste reduction helps conserve our valuable natural resources, reduces pollution and saves energy.

## RECYCLE

Recycling prolongs the life of materials by reprocessing them into a new material or product rather than land filling them.

## LOCATIONS

Our recycling center is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week at the following locations:

### Elizabethtown Farmers' Market

Highway 62

The corner of Leitchfield Road  
and Peterson Drive

### Elizabethtown

2520 Ring Road  
Behind Lions Club

### West Point

South Fourth Street  
Behind Red Caboose  
Near RR Tracks

### Vine Grove

South Mill Street  
Near Railroad Crossing

### Sonora

121 N Maple St  
Beside Sonora Fire House/City Hall

### Glendale

129 College Street  
Behind East Hardin Middle School

### Eastview

West 84 Fire House  
21129 Sonora Hardin Springs Rd

*For more information contact the  
Solid Waste/Recycling Department at:  
Hardin County Government Center  
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Elizabethtown, Kentucky 42701*

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## HARDIN COUNTY KENTUCKY

*Kentucky's Premier County to live,  
work, and raise a family.*



*Our Mission is to maximize all available  
resources to provide well-planned, adequately  
resourced, professionally executed public  
programs, infrastructure, and services to the  
citizens of Hardin County.*



## MAKE RECYCLING A DAILY HABIT



Recycling is the simplest and easiest way to preserve the earth's valuable and finite resources. It only takes a few minutes to rinse out a can and place it into a recycling container.

Recycling has a profound impact upon our earth and helps maintain it as a healthy and sustainable place for future generations.

## WHAT TO RECYCLE

### Aluminum and Plastics

**Recycle:** aluminum such as soft drink/beverage cans, and steel food containers

**Do Not Recycle:** steel aerosol cans, and paint cans.

**Recycle:** plastic containers labeled with a plastic type of "1" or "2" such as milk containers, soda bottles, and shampoo bottles.

*Note: Plastics can be labeled by the type of material used. Plastics with a "1" are made out of polyethylene terephthalate (PETE) and those with a "2" are made from high-density polyethylene (HDPE) both of which are recyclable.*



Look on the bottom for these symbols



**Do Not Recycle:** items made of other plastic, such as yogurt containers, toys or shopping bags.

## Mixed Paper

**Recycle:** Most types of paper, including office paper, shredded paper, colored paper, newspapers, computer printouts.

If possible, remove glue, tape or paper clips from paper.



## Corrugated Cardboard

**Recycle:** Flattened corrugated cardboard or cereal boxes (Corrugated cardboard is thick with ridges or grooves i.e., shipping boxes)

**Do Not Recycle:** paper liners such as inside cereal boxes, and any contaminated cardboard with food waste or grease on them.



## WHAT NOT TO RECYCLE

We cannot accept glass, Styrofoam, light bulbs, phone books, magazines, food wrappers, plastics 3 through 7, liquids, helium tanks, electronics, batteries, or appliances.

We offer an annual *Household Hazardous Waste Day* in August or September. At this time we take hazardous household products such as batteries, antifreeze, prescription drugs and other household chemicals.

We offer an annual *E-Scrap Day* in April. At this time we accept electronic equipment such as computers, cell phones, televisions, printers, etc.



## CLEAN-UP DAYS

Throughout the year, many Hardin County residents plan clean-up days. We offer "Free Services Days" at our county landfill to accommodate your need from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Pearl Hollow Landfill, 1620 Audubon Trace Road, Elizabethtown, Kentucky 42701 Phone: (270)506-1062 or (270)769-2951. **No tires, batteries, antifreeze, motor oil, paint or any free flowing liquids will be accepted.** Refrigerators and air conditioning units must have freon removed with proper stamp applied. All vehicles will be weighed in/out on these days.

**All loads must be secured and covered.**

**Directions:** From Interstate 65 (North or South) take Exit 93 to the Bluegrass Parkway, travel East on the Bluegrass Parkway approximately 8 miles to Exit 8. Turn right and immediately turn right again on Audubon Trace Road.

## What to do with leftover paint: Use it up!

Small amounts of paint can be mixed with other colors and used as a primer on jobs where the final finish is not critical.

- Avoid creating waste, buy only what you need. One gallon of paint will cover 250 to 300 sq. ft.
- Donate unopened cans of paint to non-profit groups. Even a neighbor may need paint.
- Paint will last for years. Cover the opening with plastic wrap making sure the lid fits securely. Store the paint can upside down, creating a tight seal.

## Dry it up!

- Paint must be hardened or dried before discarding in the trash.
- Remove the lid and place can in a safe, well-ventilated area
- Mix paint with kitty litter, sand, dirt, sawdust, dry mulch or shredded newsprint. **DO NOT PUT LID BACK ON CAN.**
- Use a large piece of cardboard or box, pour out a thin layer of paint, allow to dry thoroughly and repeat until all paint is hardened.