



Region I Report

*East Central Solid Waste Management District –Region I
Serving Franklin, Lincoln, Montgomery & Warren Counties*

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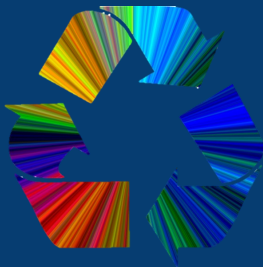
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East Central Missouri Recycling Center Celebrates 11th Anniversary



Educational display placed at the recycling center for Earth Day.

The East Central Missouri Recycling Center was established in 2010. Earth Day—April 22, 2021—marked its 11th year of operation.

The recycling center represents a collaboration

between the local governments which make up the East Central Solid Waste Management District; and serves the residents of Franklin, Lincoln, Montgomery, and Warren counties. Centrally located in the district, it provides an opportunity for individuals to recycle a large number of items, including many that are not typically accepted in curbside recycling programs.

The recycling center allows the Region I Solid Waste Management District to address several identified needs within the region with limited funding. For example,

Since 2010, more than 2,800 tons of material has been diverted from landfills.

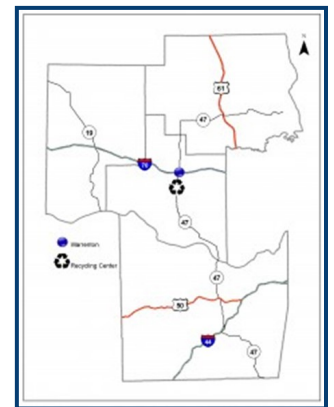
residents can recycle electronics year round. Tires are also accepted from residents and farmers. A fee does apply to some of these items.

Additionally, the recycling center provides a wonderful opportunity for education.

Groups are welcome to tour the facility to learn about recycling and have ranged from pre-school age to senior citizens.

The East Central Missouri Recycling Center is located at 24448 Hwy 47, Warrenton, Missouri, and is operated by Boonslick Regional

Planning Commission. Visit boonslick.org/recycling-center/ for more information. If you have any questions, please feel free to call BRPC staff at (636) 456-3473.



A group from the Montgomery City area tours the center.

The Region I Solid Waste Management District includes the counties of Franklin, Lincoln, Montgomery, and Warren.

Cities within those counties with a population of 500 or more are also members.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

*Gerald
New Haven
Oak Grove Village
Pacific
St. Clair
Union
Washington*

LINCOLN COUNTY

*Elsberry
Hawk Point
Moscow Mills
Troy
Winfield*

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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Montgomery City
New Florence
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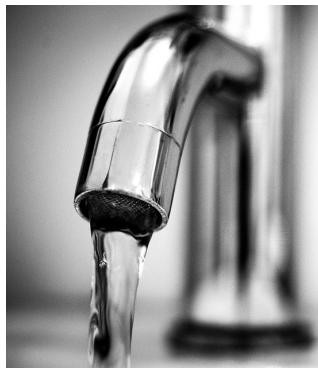
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Proper Disposal of Unused Medication is Extremely Important!



When used as prescribed, prescription drugs are essential in keeping people healthy. Oftentimes, some of this medication is left unused. Proper disposal of pharmaceuticals is important for several reasons.

Some individuals "save" unused medication in case they need it in the future. This can have the disastrous result of accidental poisoning. Young children, who have no idea what they are ingesting, have been known to think of brightly-colored pills as candy. People may take the medication without your knowledge and use it or give it to friends. This is a leading cause of abuse, especially for teens. Seniors may become confused and accidentally use the old medication for a new ailment, not taking the correct dosage or causing a reaction with other prescriptions they take.



When unused drugs are thrown in the trash, flushed down the toilet, or poured down the drain, they end up in landfills where they can seep into groundwater supplies, or in wastewater treatment facilities that are not equipped to remove them. This leads to contamination of our drinking water and harm to aquatic life.

The Missouri Solid Waste Management Districts have collaborated with the Product Stewardship Institute and identified pharmaceuticals as a priority to address. The workgroup has created an educational piece and a map that shows pharmaceutical take-back locations in Missouri.

Link to the map on the [East Central Solid Waste Management District page](#).

DID YOU KNOW?

- Every 8 minutes, an American dies from an unintentional drug overdose.
- In Missouri, medications make up the top 3 poison substances in children ages 0-5 years with the most serious outcomes. (pain relievers, heart medications, and stimulants)
- Flushing leftover medicines sends them into our rivers, streams, and waterways. Wastewater treatment plants can't remove them.
- Chemicals from medicines can end up in our drinking water, and have been shown to have harmful effects on aquatic life.

Boonslick Regional Planning Commission serves as administrator for the Region I Solid Waste Management District. Contact District Planner Chad Eggen at ceggen@boonslick.org or by calling (636) 456-3473.

