



“One Man’s Trash...”

Your guide to reducing, reusing and recycling

Southeastern Indiana Recycling District

Serving: Franklin, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, Scott & Switzerland Counties



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Fall Collection Dates for Household Hazardous Waste

This October, the Southeastern Indiana Recycling District will host several collection days for household hazardous waste (HHW) at the county recycling centers. There is no mobile collection in Jefferson County since the SEIRD facility in Madison accepts HHW year-round.

Please mark your calendar for the mobile collection nearest your home:

October 6

Franklin County Recycle Center, Brookville – 8 to 10 a.m.

Batesville Area Recycle Center, Ripley County – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

October 13

Jennings County Recycle Center, North Vernon – 8 to 10 a.m.

Scott County Recycle Center, Scottsburg – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



October 20

Switzerland County Recycle Center, East Enterprise – 8 to 10 a.m.

Ohio County Recycle Center, Rising Sun – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If you have HHW and you do not want to store it until next spring, you can bring it during normal business hours to the Jefferson County Recycle Center on Jefferson Proving Ground. This facility is open year-round. HHW includes tub and tile cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, oil-based paint, stain, paint thinner, pool chemicals, pesticides, herbicides, and similar hazardous products. To learn more, call 800-997-4793 or visit www.seird.org.

No latex paint is accepted. Latex paint is not hazardous. You can dry it out and then discard the dried-out cans in your household trash.



Visit our Reuse Centers

The Southeastern Indiana Recycling District (SEIRD) exists to promote and practice good environmental stewardship throughout Franklin, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, Scott, and Switzerland counties. Our efforts focus upon preserving and enhancing our environment, natural resources, and public health and safety by leading in the proper management of solid waste. This may be accomplished through the practice of recycling, the reuse of satisfactory items, the safe disposal of hazardous materials, and ultimately the reduction of materials entering our landfills. Together we are partners in protecting the earth!

Our seven county Reuse Centers are among our most popular services. Do you have any unwanted, but still usable, items around the house? If so, don't put them out with the trash. Instead, take them to your county's Reuse Center. All of the centers accept these items:

- Appliances
- Books
- Clothing
- Electronics
- Fitness Equipment
- Shelving
- Tables
- Tools
- Toys

We do not accept upholstered items at any of our stores. All items brought to the centers are available to local county residents at no cost. Items from the centers are not intended to be resold. Please don't abuse the generosity of others.

Reuse Center hours and locations are listed on the back page and online at www.seird.org. On our website, click on your county (on the far left of the homepage) for specific information on the Recycle and Reuse Center nearest you.



Seeking a speaker for your club or classroom?



Our Public Outreach Coordinator Mandy Creech is available to provide informational programs for civic organizations and clubs, as well as classroom presentations that align with the Indiana Academic Standards. To learn more about these opportunities, please email mandy@seird.org.

SEIRD Building Materials Reuse Center

The District's Building Materials Reuse Center is a specialized reuse center co-located with the Switzerland County Recycling Center. The Building Materials Reuse Center is open Monday and Wednesday, from 1 to 6 p.m., and Saturday, from 8 a.m. to noon. During open hours, residents may donate reusable building materials and appliances in good working order and pick up useful items at no charge. If you are unsure about whether an item will be accepted, call 812-599-3751 or 812-574-4080.





Photo courtesy of Benjamin Von Wong

Turning e-waste into art

With all of the phones, laptops, smart watches, fitness trackers, headphones, and more that we buy and use every year, it's no wonder the average American household throws out 176 pounds of e-waste each year. Around the world, according to *National Geographic*, there were 44.7 million metric tons of e-waste in 2016. That's every TV, cell phone, computer, tablet, and other electronic device that either broke or needed to be replaced in global households.

While e-waste, or electronic waste, can be recycled, it usually isn't collected at the curb and has to be delivered to a specific location. That means you need to store your e-waste until you have time to drop it off at a collection facility in order to avoid throwing it in the trash where the toxic materials can hurt solid waste workers and the environment.

Artist Benjamin Von Wong decided to recycle e-waste in a new way — with his art. After learning about Dell's recycling program, he partnered with the company to turn 4,100 pounds of e-waste into massive sets he could photograph. His sets, crafted

of recycled e-waste like keyboards, laptops, and cables, took 10 days and 50 volunteers to take shape.

During his conversations with Dell, Von Wong wondered, "How do you convince people that recycling e-waste can be cool?" By turning it into stunning photographs that capture not only the amount of e-waste but also the power of recycling, he found the answer.

Global e-waste is growing, and it could be as large as 52.2 million metric tons in 2021, according to *National Geographic*. Art like Von Wong's encourages us to consider keeping our laptops a little longer, passing on old TVs to friends, and recycling anything that we can no longer use instead of trashing it.

"The images will hopefully live on forever and empower every individual to tell their friends and family to rethink electronic waste [and] recycle it responsibly," said Von Wong.

For more information, and to see more images from the project, visit <https://blog.vonwong.com/dell>.

Good advice from *Good Bones*

For expert advice on home renovation and reuse of materials, we turned to Karen E Laine of the hit HGTV show *Good Bones*. Known for her passion for rescuing old clothes, fixtures, and building materials from the demo dumpster, Karen offers, "In every job, there is always something to reuse or recycle. Whether it is for reuse or

to make recycled art, there is someone who wants what you have."

Now entering its third season, the popular TV series follows the down-to-earth mother/daughter duo Karen E Laine and Mina Starsiak Hawk as they buy and renovate dilapidated old houses in their hometown of Indianapolis. Focusing on the Fountain Square, Bates Hendricks, and surrounding areas, Karen explains, "We want to revitalize neighborhoods. We know we've done well when we can't afford to buy a house in a neighborhood anymore."

Karen and Mina found their passion for rehabbing houses in 2007, shortly after Mina graduated from Indiana University. After a few successful home transformations, Karen left her job as a defense attorney to join her daughter to co-found Two Chicks and a Hammer, Inc. While many home improvement shows focus on the quick flip and high profit, the pair demonstrates that they care more about revitalizing their community and minimizing their impact on the environment. They save the neighborhoods, the houses themselves, and whatever they can from inside.

In many shows, Mina lovingly and proudly teases her mother about salvaging anything reusable: old clothes, windows, grates, doors, architectural elements, lighting fixtures, and more. Some of these items are donated to charity, but many go straight



Karen E Laine

Photo by Alex Jess, Provided by Karen E Laine

Put down the sledgehammer!

Remove and donate — don't demolish home renovation materials



Donating your renovation materials keeps functional — and often desirable — items out of the landfill. Find out which common items can be donated at www.habitat.org/stories/8-things-to-donate-when-renovating. (Photo courtesy of Habitat for Humanity)

Whether you are a do-it-yourselfer or you contact a professional, home improvement is an exciting but messy business. Once the job starts, the disarray, dust, and debris can seem to seep into your soul, and you just want it done. So before you begin, consider what you will do with your salvaged or surplus materials. In short, try to return, sell, donate, and recycle as much as possible. When choosing a contractor, ask if they recycle and can remove materials for donation.

Here are some simple ways to reduce home remodeling waste:

- **Be smart when ordering supplies.** Accurately determine how much tile, flooring, fixtures, and paint you will need. In some instances, it is advisable to order extra supplies, but don't go overboard. Research online and make reasonable calculations. Know the store's return policy before you buy; save and return unused items.
- **Remove items intact, when possible.** Step away from the sledgehammer glorified on many home improvement shows! Unscrewing kitchen cabinets or removing intact sinks and countertops is easier, safer, and creates less mess. Plus, now these items can be donated and kept out of the landfill.
- **Know how and where to donate or sell.** Check local online marketplaces like Facebook, Craigslist, Nextdoor, or Freecycle to find someone interested in buying your items or hauling them away for free. Contact the nearest Habitat for Humanity ReStore about donating materials. Or check out the website www.donationtown.org, which has an extensive directory of charities, as well as a feature where you can schedule a free pickup of donated items based on ZIP code. Remember, donating is cheaper than paying tipping fees at the landfill, donations may be tax deductible, and it's better for the environment!
- **Be realistic when donating items.** Any partially damaged items should be offered as-is on an online marketplace. Any unusable, shattered, or moldy items should be thrown away. Use common sense. Donating items such as rotted wooden boards or broken appliances to charities does not help them; it costs them money!
- **Don't forget to recycle.** Some construction debris can be recycled. Check with a local scrap yard to find out whether they accept aluminum siding or gutters, metal radiators, grates, piping, and other metals. And don't forget to recycle the cardboard packaging from new products and the containers from beverages consumed by workers.



Good Bones hosts Karen and Mina

into a storage area referred to as Karen's Corner, where they are resurrected for reuse in future remodels.

"It takes time and thoughtfulness," notes Karen. "We must all start to have a conservation mindset."

Karen is not only dedicated to making a difference in her community. She also wants to model for others the importance of salvaging and recycling. "Our resources are finite. How we act today has an impact on the lives of others for generations."

Photo courtesy of Two Chicks and a Hammer, printed with permission from Karen E Laine

the secret double life of donated textiles

NEARLY **100%** OF DONATED TEXTILES ARE RECYCLED! They are separated into three grades:



Recycled fiber products **SAVE MONEY** and **RESOURCES** by using existing materials.

CLOSING THE LOOP

Recycled cloth rags use **LESS WATER, LESS ENERGY** and create a **LOWER CARBON FOOTPRINT** than all other alternatives.

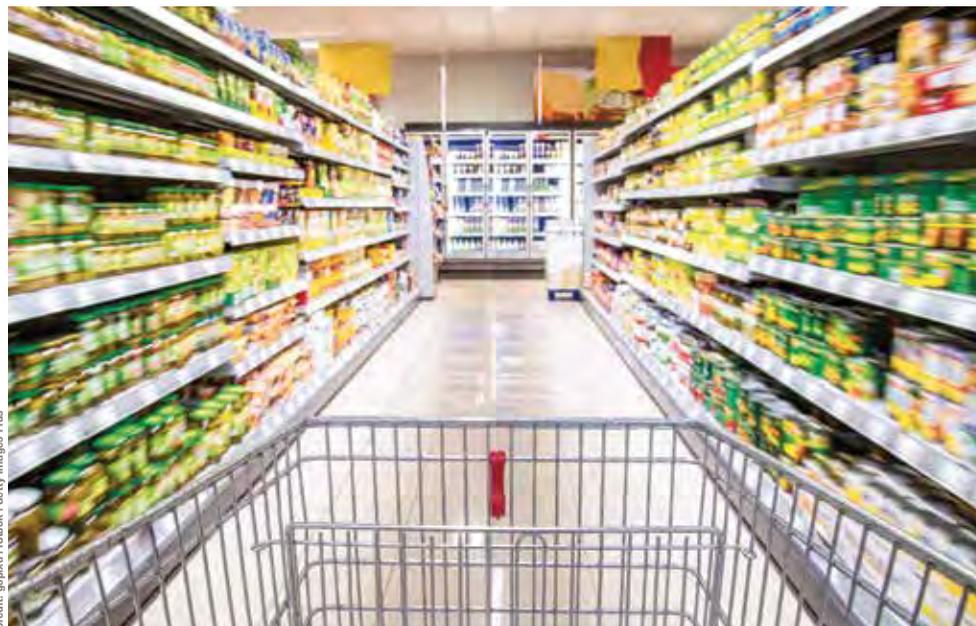
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Precycling

What is it? Why do it?

Precycling means selecting products in packaging that you know is locally recyclable. Easily recyclable packages include metal food and beverage cans, plastic bottles and jugs, glass bottles and jars, and paperboard and cardboard. We call it precycling because you are planning ahead to recycle.

Here's an example that gives you the chance to reduce waste, save money, and pre-cycle. Applesauce is sold in all sorts of containers — you can choose from squeezable pouches, plastic cups, glass jars, metal cans, and plastic jars. Take a second to stop and think. Which of those containers is locally recyclable? Which isn't? By choosing the bulk recyclable container, you reduce the total amount of waste, usually pay less per serving, and precycle. That's a win-win-win!

Before you shop, visit our website and be sure you know what you can recycle. If you aren't sure, don't try to guess! Instead, give us a call — we'll be happy to help.

Did you know?

Squeezable food pouches, yogurt tubes, and juice pouches are not locally recyclable. If you purchase these products, please be sure that the empty tubes and pouches go into the trash. In the future, consider buying in bulk and filling your own washable, refillable containers. You'll reduce your trash and probably save money too.

Slow down to get around



You've seen the "Give 'em a brake" signs encouraging you to slow down in road construction zones. You know what the flashing lights on a school bus mean. You yield and move over to let emergency vehicles pass. But what happens when you see a trash or recycling truck at the side of the road?

For too many people, the answer is to race the engine and speed around, without paying attention to where workers are located or what they might be doing. As a result, there are many near misses and several serious accidents each year, too many of which involve fatalities.

Last year, there were 132 recorded fatalities involving workers or vehicles in the solid waste industry. Each person was someone's child, spouse, parent, sibling, or friend. Of those who died, 38 were workers on the job and 94 were members of the public. Of those 94 non-worker fatalities, 57 were in other vehicles, 23 were pedestrians, eight were bicyclists, four were motorcyclists, and two occurred at disposal facilities.

When you see a trash or recycling truck

stopped or slowed, follow the steps below to avoid accidents — the life you save may be your own.

- **Slow down** when approaching a garbage or recycling truck making its rounds. Stop, if necessary, to allow workers to do their jobs.
- **Look for workers** before attempting to pass the truck.
- **Check for traffic** approaching from the opposite direction before attempting to pass the truck.
- **Avoid distractions** like texting, talking on the phone, adjusting your entertainment system, or programming your GPS while driving near a garbage truck.

Protect those who must work in the streets to do their jobs and yourself — slow down to get around!

QUOTES REQUESTED

EARTH TEACH ME COURAGE AS THE TREE WHICH STANDS ALL ALONE.

~ NANCY WOOD, 1936-2013

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SEIRD Recycle and Reuse Centers

Batesville Area Recycle Center

616 John Street, Batesville
 Phone: 812-801-9099
 Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri., 1–6 p.m.;
 Sat., 8 a.m.–noon

Franklin County Recycle and Reuse Center

9076 Landfill Road, Metamora (located off of U.S. Highway 52, west of Brookville)
 Phone: 765-647-6710
 Recycle Center Hours: Mon.–Sat., 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.
 Reuse Center Hours: Tues. and Thurs., 9 a.m.–3 p.m.; Sat., 9 a.m.–noon

Jefferson County Recycle Center

6556 N. Shun Pike Road, Building #534, Madison (inside Jefferson Proving Ground)
 Phone: 812-574-4080
 Hours: Mon.–Fri., 7 a.m.–3 p.m.*; 2nd and 4th Sat., 8 a.m.–noon
 *The center stays open until 7 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.

Jefferson County Reuse Center

6511 N. Meridian Road (inside Jefferson Proving Ground), Madison
 Phone: 812-801-7012
 Hours: Tues. and Thurs., noon–5 p.m.; Sat., 8 a.m.–noon

Jennings County Recycle and Reuse Center

4800 State Road 3, North Vernon (behind county garage)
 Phone: 812-352-0800
 Recycle Center Hours: Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri., 8 a.m.–6 p.m.; Sat., 8 a.m.–4 p.m.
 Reuse Center Hours: Wed. and Fri., 1–6 p.m.; Sat., 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Ohio County Recycle and Reuse Center

1432 Barbour Way, Rising Sun
 Phone: 812-801-9037
 Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri., 1–6 p.m.; Sat., 8 a.m.–noon

Ripley County Recycle and Reuse Center

2710 N. Hasmer Hill Road, Osgood
 Phone: 812-609-4371
 Recycle Center Hours: Mon., 8 a.m.–3 p.m.; Tues. and Thurs., noon–6 p.m.; Fri., 8 a.m.–3 p.m.; Sat., 8 a.m.–noon (closed Wed. and Sun.)
 Reuse Center Hours: Tues. and Thurs., noon–6 p.m.; Sat., 8 a.m.–noon

Scott County Recycle and Reuse Center

4689 Double or Nothing Road, Scottsburg
 Phone: 812-752-8474
 Recycle Center Hours: Mon.–Fri., 9 a.m.–3:45 p.m.; Sat., 8 a.m.–12:45 p.m.
 Reuse Center Hours: Tues. and Thurs., 9 a.m.–3 p.m.; Sat., 8 a.m.–noon

Switzerland County Recycle and Building Materials Reuse Center and Reuse Store

19 McCreary Ridge Road, East Enterprise
 Phone: 812-599-3751
 Recycle and Building Materials Reuse Center Hours: Mon. and Wed., noon–6 p.m.; Sat., 8 a.m.–noon
 Reuse Store Hours: Mon. and Wed., noon–5 p.m.; Sat., 8 a.m.–noon



For more information:
www.seird.org

Get caught recycling!



Check out the Southeastern Indiana Recycling District Facebook page. Follow us as we visit each county Recycle Center and post pictures of YOU recycling and doing the right thing. Be sure to like us and visit our page often!



Electronics Amnesty Week was a huge success!

In early August, we held our first Electronics Amnesty Week. During this week-long event, residents were able to drop off up to three TVs and computer monitors for free recycling. Typically, we charge \$15 per screen for these types of electronics because of the disposal challenges they present. During Amnesty Week, we received 734 units! Thanks to everyone who took part!

America Recycles Day

Each year in November, we celebrate America Recycles Day, which reminds us about the important economic and environmental benefits of recycling. Since the 1980s, the national recycling rate has steadily increased and currently sits just above 34%. In order to continue this upward trend, Keep America Beautiful asks us to find new ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

Recycling is the easiest thing we can do 365 days a year to save energy, conserve natural resources, and create green jobs. Take the pledge for America Recycles Day and commit to taking action. When you pledge this year,

you have the option of choosing one item that you'll recycle more than you have in the past. Nationwide, Americans recycle more than 65% of paper, but just above 31% of plastic milk jugs. Think about something you might not normally recycle, like cell phones or shampoo bottles, and make an effort to increase your recovery of that item.



Go to www.americarecyclesday.org to learn more about America Recycles Day and to pledge your support.

Check out the list of what is accepted at each of our county recycle centers on our website, www.seird.org, and start recycling more today!

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We want your suggestions, questions and comments!

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