



KENDALL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Kendall County Recycling 45% by 2015

Recently, Kendall County passed its 5 year update to the Solid Waste Plan. One of the issues addressed was to increase the county-wide recycling rate from 38% measured in 2008 to 45% by 2015. To help the county accomplish this 7% increase, the Kendall County Health Department would like to remind residents how easy it is to recycle.

Currently, the residential sector of Kendall County produces about 57% of the county's waste, businesses create about 16%, and the rest is produced from construction debris. The new plan for Kendall County focuses on decreasing the amount of waste produced in residential areas by increasing the amount that is recycled.

Kendall County's 21st century changes to recycling have made it much easier on its residents. These changes no longer require you to separate your recyclables, rinse out bottles and cans, or use an official recycling bin. Now, you can throw all of your recyclables into one toter and have them emptied on the same day as your garbage pickup.

Residents in unincorporated areas can use regular garbage cans as their recycle bins as long as they are designated as such. Make sure you have placed a recycle sticker on it or have written "Recycle" directly on the can. If you decide to use this method, be sure to separate the cans on garbage day for easier identification. Try placing your garbage can on one side of the driveway and recycling on the other.

To help increase the amount of county waste that is recycled, the Kendall County Health Department would like residents to think about all of the items that they *can* recycle. For instance, most residents are aware that cardboard is recyclable, but some forget that chipboard is too. Cereal boxes, shoe boxes, toilet paper and paper towel centers as well as many other merchandise packaging are made from chipboard. Another item residents forget to recycle is aerosol cans. If you want to find out more information about what you can recycle in your area, contact your waste hauler or visit their website.

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If you are not recycling and would like to start, call your waste hauler and ask, "What do I have to do to recycle?" If every month Kendall County residents increased the amount of waste they recycled, we could easily reach our goal of 45% by 2015. For more

information on recycling contact Marlin Hartman at the Kendall County Health Department at (630) 553-9100 ext. 8068 or visit the Environmental Health link on our website at www.kendallhealth.org.