

# NORTHERN KENTUCKY SOLID WASTE RESOURCE GUIDE

A Publication of the Northern Kentucky Solid Waste Management Area

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## Northern Kentucky Solid Waste Management Area

Boone, Campbell, and Kenton Counties each have a Solid Waste Coordinator who oversees their County's solid waste programming, including recycling, litter abatement, household hazardous waste, and composting. The Solid Waste Coordinator (SWC) enforces their County's solid waste ordinances and handles issues regarding landfill, disposal, and illegal dumping. Additionally, the SWC provides community education and any available solid waste resources.

Boone, Campbell, and Kenton Counties together comprise of the Northern Kentucky Solid Waste Management Area (NKSWMA). Please contact your local SWC for information on programs, special events, policies, and any additional questions on solid waste.

The Northern Kentucky Solid Waste Management Area is funded by the Fiscal Courts of Boone, Campbell, and Kenton Counties. The NKSWMA is governed by the Judge Executives and one Commissioner of each county, as well as the Technical Advisory Committee. More information can be found online at <a href="https://www.boonecountyky.org/nkswma">www.boonecountyky.org/nkswma</a>.

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# IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

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1098 Monmouth Street, Newport

www.campbellcountyky.gov



## Kenton County Solid Waste Coordinator

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420 Independence Station Road,
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www.kentoncounty.org

\*Serves as the NKSWMA Coordinator

## **Conservation Districts**

Boone County: 859-586-7903 Campbell County: 859-635-9587 Kenton County: 859-356-1019

#### **Emergency Management (Hazard Mitigation)**

Boone County: 859-334-2279 Campbell County: 859-635-1111 Kenton County: 859-392-1488

#### **Kentucky Energy and Environmental Cabinet**

Florence Regional Office 8020 Veterans Memorial Drive, Suite #110, Florence 859-525-4923

#### **Northern Kentucky Water District**

2835 Crescent Springs Road, Erlanger 859-578-9898

## **Boone County Water District**

2475 Burlington Pike, Burlington 859-586-6155

## **Public Works/Road Department**

Boone County: 859-334-3600 Campbell County: 859-635-9100 Kenton County: 859-392-1920

## **Sanitation District No. 1 (SD1)**

1045 Eaton Drive, Ft. Wright 859-578-7450 Opt. 1 for emergencies

## **UK Cooperative Extension Services**

Boone County: 859-586-6101 Campbell County: 859-572-2600 Kenton County: 859-356-3155

# WASTE HAULERS, LANDFILLS, & TRANSFER STATIONS

FIRST: If you live in a <u>subdivision or planned neighborhood</u>, find out if there is a <u>Homeowners Association</u> (<u>HOA</u>) for your community. Often, the HOA contracts a specific waste disposal hauler for their neighborhood(s).

**SECOND:** If you do not have an HOA and live in a city, contact your city. Cities usually manage waste disposal for <u>incorporated areas</u>. This may not be the case for unincorporated city areas.

**THIRD:** If you live in an <u>unincorporated area</u> and *not in a city*, you are free to contract any local waste disposal hauler that you prefer. It is a mandatory service. For larger items, you may dispose at a local landfill or transfer station for disposal for a fee. Contact your local SWC for information on landfill vouchers and cleanup events.

## Waste Haulers

## **Best Way Disposal**

Curbside Trash & Recycling
Dumpster Rental
1389 Production Drive, Burlington
859-372-4900

## Republic Services

Curbside Trash & Recycling
Dumpster Rental
11563 Mosteller Road, Cincinnati
1-800-543-1339

## **Rumpke Waste & Recycling**

Curbside Trash & Recycling
Dumpster Rental
3990 Generation Drive, Cincinnati
1-800-828-8171

## Landfills & Transfer Stations

#### **Bavarian Waste Landfill**

12764 McCoys Fork Road, Walton 859-485-4416

## Best Way/Boone County Transfer Station

1505 Resource Drive, Burlington 859-372-4900

# Rumpke/Covington Transfer Station

4399 Boron Avenue, Covington 1-800-828-8171

# Rumpke/Pendleton County Landfill

1374 Bryan Griffin Road, Butler 1-800-828-8171

## Rumpke/Colerain Township Landfill

3800 Struble Road, Cincinnati 1-800-828-8171

#### Rumpke Recycling Facility

5535 Vine Street, Cincinnati 1-800-828-8171

## Report an Illegal Dump

If you see a garbage pile or dumped items on someone's property, along right-of-ways, or in a public area, please contact your local SWC or Public Works Department immediately. If you see someone in the act of dumping, call 911. *Illegal dumping is a criminal offense* – *speak up!* 

# COUNTY RECYCLING

Big Blue Bins are located throughout Boone and Kenton Counties and Rumpke Recycling bins are located throughout Campbell County for 24/7 recycling. Visit your County's Solid Waste website (located on Page 4) to see what bin is closest to you.

## Accepted Items

## **Big Blue Bins (Boone & Kenton):**











## Rumpke Recycling (Campbell):











\*Please keep plastic bags, food, yard debris, electronics, furniture, flooring, wood, plastic foam, and hazardous materials out of the bins. They contaminate the recycling bin and can cause safety issues (ex: fires).

## **Prohibited Items**

#### PLASTIC PACKAGING

















**ELECTRONICS** 



<sup>\*</sup>Dumping in and around recycling bins is illegal and will be assessed by the County SWC. Prohibited items can either be put into your trash, taken to a landfill/transfer station, or properly disposed of at a hazardous waste facility.

## Getting Money for Your Recyclables

The following companies offer money for **scrap metal and certain appliances**. Call ahead for pricing information.

## Bluegrass Recycling

1575 Distribution Drive, Burlington 859-283-9560

## Can Dew Recycling

1510 Russell Street, Covington 859-261-8264

## **Cohen Recycling**

13229 Dixie Highway, Walton 859-363-8300 5038 Beech Street, Cincinnati 513-731-7222

## Newport Recycling

534 W 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Newport 859-261-9335

#### Recycling Express

7430 Industrial Road, Florence 859-282-5200 8505 Dixie Highway, Florence 859-282-5206

## River Metals Recycling

1220 Licking Pike, Newport 859-291-5509



# APPLIANCE RECYCLING

Get rid of your broken-down appliances through Boone, Campbell, or Kenton County Solid Waste. Please remove ALL fluids and food before drop-off. Contact your SWC for more details. If you live within city limits, you may also contact your Public Services Department for additional methods.

## Boone County Recycling Center

3275 Maplewood Drive, Burlington 859-334-3151

## Monday – Friday 8:00am – 3:30pm

## Campbell County Road Department

1175 Racetrack Road, Alexandria 859-635-9100

> Monday – Friday 7:00am – 3:30pm

## **Kenton County Public Works**

420 Independence Station Road, Independence 859-392-1920

> Monday – Friday 8:00am – 3:30pm \$25 fee for Freon drop-off

# **ELECTRONICS RECYCLING**

## Cell Phones

Many retailers will accept cell phones, including local cellular wireless stores, Best Buy, AltaFiber, Office Depot, Staples, Target, and even the Cincinnati Zoo. Please call each location for details. For battery-only disposal, see Single-Use & Rechargeable Batteries (located on Page 10). Be sure to wipe your phone by removing the SIM card before recycling.

## Ink/Toner Cartridges

Most major office supply stores accept these items, including Best Buy, Office Depot, and Staples.

Boone County Public Works 5645 Idlewild Road, Burlington 859-334-3151

Cincinnati Recycling & Reuse Hub
911 Evans Street, Cincinnati
513-629-9040
www.cincinnatirecyclingandreusehub.com

**Kenton County Public Works** 

420 Independence Station Road, Independence 859-392-1920

Close the Loop
Business options
859-757-1115
www.closetheloopusa.com

## General Electronics

Each location accepts different items – be sure to visit their website or contact them directly beforehand. *Proper disposal is not always free, please call ahead for pricing information.* 

**Best Buy** 100 Meijer Drive, Florence

> 859-525-7118 www.bestbuy.com

Cincinnati Recycling & Reuse Hub

911 Evans Street, Cincinnati 513-629-9040

www.cincinnatirecyclingandreusehub.com

**Staples** 

Various locations www.staples.com

Blair Technology Group

4314 Boron Drive, Suite D, Covington 1-855-252-4784 www.blairtech.com **Cohen Recycling** 13229 Dixie Highway, Walton

859-363-8300 5038 Beech Street, Cincinnati 513-731-7222 www.cohenusa.com Tri State Escrap

6001 Dry Fork Road, Cleves 513-240-2521 www.tristateescrap.com

**Cleanlites Recycling** 

7806 Anthony Wayne Avenue, Cincinnati 1-800-778-6645 www.cleanlites.com **Environmental Enterprises** 

4650 Spring Grove Avenue, Cincinnati 1-800-722-2818 www.eeienv.com **USA Green PC** 

61 Jolly Industrial Park Drive, Wilder 859-314-9360 www.usagreenpc.com

# "HARD-TO-RECYCLE" ITEMS

Some items like beauty packaging, pens, k-cups, toothbrushes, chip bags, razor blades, animal feed bags, and solo cups are hard to recycle in most local recycling programs.

Cincinnati Recycling & Reuse Hub

911 Evans Street, Cincinnati 513-629-9040

www.cincinnatirecyclingandreusehub.com

TerraCycle

www.terracycle.com

Mail-in programs and zero waste boxes

<sup>\*\*</sup>All electronics can be brought and disposed of for free to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event, typically held the first Saturday in November. Visit <a href="www.nkyhhw.org">www.nkyhhw.org</a> for more details or contact your SWC.

# TIRE DISPOSAL

Landfills and Transfer Stations (located on Page 5) will accept tires <u>for a fee</u>. Every three years, Kentucky Division of Waste Management will host free Waste Tire Collection Events in the Northern Kentucky area – contact your local SWC for more details. Additionally, most tire detailers will accept tires for a fee.

Cincinnati Recycling & Reuse Hub 911 Evans Street, Cincinnati 513-629-9040

www.cincinnatirecyclingandreusehub.com



# VEHICLE DISPOSAL

#### **Cohen Recycling**

13229 Dixie Highway, Walton 859-363-8300 5038 Beech Street, Cincinnati 513-731-7222

#### Goodwill

Various locations www.goodwillcars.com

## **Union Auto Parts**

1354 Frogtown Road, Union 859-384-3381

## The Salvation Army

Various locations www.satruck.org/vehicle/create



# USED OIL & OIL FILTERS

Certain auto parts stores will accept used oil – please call the individual stores for more details.

## Boone County Public Works

5645 Idlewild Road, Burlington 859-334-3600

Accepts used motor oil up to five gallons and oil filters

# Universal Environmental Services

7550 Empire Drive, Florence 859-647-9192

Accepts used motor oil, cooking oil, and oil filters



Cooking oils should not be dumped down your drain. Oil particles clump together and form large clogs over time. You can solidify your used oils and toss them in your regular trash. Visit <a href="www.sd1.org">www.sd1.org</a> for more information on the Fats, Oils, & Grease (FOG) Program.

\*\*Used oil can be brought and disposed of for free at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event, typically held the first Saturday in November. Visit <a href="https://www.nkyhhw.org">www.nkyhhw.org</a> for more details or contact your local SWC.

# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Household hazardous waste is the group of materials that are commonly found in homes but actually require special attention when being discarded. *Keep in mind, the best disposal method is to use up the item as it is intended until it is empty.* Please note that most organizations charge for disposal.

## Aerosols

Aerosols that are completely empty can be recycled if the top sprayer part is pulled off. If not empty, the contaminants are hazardous and need to be disposed of properly.

# Cleanlites Recycling 7806 Anthony Wayne Avenue,

Cincinnati 1-800-778-6645

## **Environmental Enterprises**

4650 Spring Grove Avenue, Cincinnati 1-800-722-2818

## "Antifreeze

# Universal Environmental Services

7550 Empire Drive, Florence 859-547-9192

## Midwest Environmental Enterprises

27 Kiesland Court, Hamilton 513-681-9990

## **Environmental Enterprises**

4650 Spring Grove Avenue, Cincinnati 1-800-722-2818

## Auto & Rechargeable Batteries

Most stores that sell auto batteries offer disposal. Lead-acid batteries are toxic and should not go to the landfill. See General Electronics (located on Page 8) for additional disposal methods.

Boone County Recycling Center 3275 Maplewood Drive, Burlington 859-334-3151

## Kenton County Public Works

420 Independence Station Road, Independence 859-392-1920

## Single-Use & Rechargeable Batteries

Single-use alkaline batteries (AA, AAA, 9V, D) are generally OK to put in your household trash. For more protection, tape the ends with Scotch tape or place in a plastic bag. <u>Lithium-ion batteries (typically in electronics, including e-cigarettes) should never go in your household trash and should be properly disposed</u>, as they will explode and cause fires. See General Electronics (located on Page 8) for additional disposal methods.

#### Cincinnati Recycling & Reuse Hub

911 Evans Street, Cincinnati 513-629-9040

www.cincinnatirecyclingandreusehub.com

<sup>\*\*</sup>If you live within city limits, contact your Public Services Department for additional methods.

## Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) Bulbs & Fluorescent Tubes

See General Electronics (located on Page 8) for additional disposal methods.

## **Universal Environmental Services**

7550 Empire Drive, Florence 859-647-9192

#### **Environmental Enterprises**

4650 Spring Grove Avenue, Cincinnati 1-800-722-2818

## Cincinnati Recycling & Reuse Hub

911 Evans Street, Cincinnati 513-629-9040

www.cincinnatirecyclingandreusehub.com

## Cylinders & Tanks



Cylinders and tanks include fire extinguishers, propane tanks, helium tanks, and more. Certain tanks can be exchanged in cylinder exchange programs, like Blue Rhino. Call ahead for more information.

#### **Blue Rhino**

Various locations

www.bluerhino.com/propane-info/how-to-exchange

## **Environmental Enterprises**

## Gasoline

Boone County Public Works 5645 Idlewild Road, Burlington 859-334-3600

Community Car Care 1047 Perkins Drive, Alexandria 859-635-1788 Environmental Enterprises 4650 Spring Grove Avenue, Cincinnati 1-800-722-2818

## Household Cleaners

**Check the label before disposal.** If water-soluble and OK to flush down the drain, do so. If still usable and not mixed, consider donating (located on Page 15).

NEVER mix cleaners, as they can and will produce toxic gases.



Source: American Cleaning Institute

## How to Read a Cleaning Product Label



## Latex & Oil Paint

Certain paint will last up to 20 years and can be donated to organizations. <u>Latex paint (including paint thinner) is not considered hazardous</u> and can be dried out to put in household trash. For large amounts, mix in paint hardener, cat litter, concrete mix, or something similar. <u>Oil paint contains toxic chemicals</u> and should be properly disposed of.

## **Cleanlites Recycling**

7806 Anthony Wayne Avenue, Cincinnati 1-800-778-6645

#### **Matthew 25 Ministries**

11060 Kenwood Road, Blue Ash 513-793-6256

Latex paint donations

## **Environmental Enterprises**

4650 Spring Grove Avenue, Cincinnati 1-800-722-2818

#### **Midwest Environmental Services**

27 Kiesland Court, Hamilton 513-681-9990

## Pesticides & Fertilizers

Pesticides should never go down the drain or in a landfill, as their residues can cause serious harm. If able, use them up before disposing. The Kentucky Department of Agriculture hosts a free pesticide collection for farmers.

## **Kentucky Department of Agriculture**

Office for Consumer & Environmental Protection
Program
502-573-0282
www.kyagr.com/consumer

#### **Environmental Enterprises**

4650 Spring Grove Avenue, Cincinnati 1-800-722-2818

## **Prescription Drugs**

Certain medications should never be flushed, as it can affect local soil and water. There are two ways to dispose of expired medication:

- 1. **Drug disposal pouches:** This specialized pouch de-activates medication and are available at the Northern Kentucky Health Department. Visit www.nkyhealth.org for more information.
- Medication drop-boxes: Most sheriff and police departments have medication drop-boxes for unneeded or expired medications. <u>They will not accept liquid medication, vitamins, supplements, needles, asthma inhalers, mercury thermometers, iodinecontaining medication, or illegal drugs/substances (including marijuana).
  </u>
- DEA's National Prescription Take Back Day: The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) offers Take Back Days throughout the year. Visit <a href="www.dea.gov/takebackday">www.dea.gov/takebackday</a> for more information. Vaping devices are accepted at this event, but lithium-ion batteries must be removed first.



## Needles

Place used needles in either a Sharps container (provided by most pharmacies) or a rigid plastic #2 laundry detergent bottle, duct tape the lid shut, and dispose with household trash. **Sheriff and police departments will not accept needles.** 

## Stericycle

Sharps Mailback Program 1-855-703-1916 www.stericycle.com

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## Additional Hazardous Waste

If you have something not already mentioned in this guide, reach out to your local SWC or contact the organizations below for assistance.

Cleanlites Recycling
7806 Anthony Wayne Avenue,
Cincinnati
1-800-778-6645

Environmental Enterprises 4650 Spring Grove Avenue, Cincinnati 1-800-722-2818 Midwest Environmental
Enterprises
27 Kiesland Court, Hamilton
513-681-9990









## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

The Northern Kentucky Household Hazardous Waste Action Coalition is dedicated to spreading awareness of the proper disposal and recycling of household hazardous waste.

The **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Event** is typically the first Saturday of November each year, located at the Thomas More Stadium (Home of the Florence Y'alls) in Florence. The HHW Collection is FREE for Boone, Campbell, and Kenton County residents. There are certain limitations and guidelines. More information can be found at <a href="https://www.nkyhhw.org">www.nkyhhw.org</a> or by contacting your local SWC.

**Accepted items:** aerosol cans, antifreeze, batteries (all types), corrosives/flammables, electronics, ink/toner cartridges, light bulbs, oil, paint (10 can limit), pesticides, tanks/cylinders, and TVs (limit of two).

Prohibited items: appliances, fertilizers, mercury-containing devices, medications, tires, or paper.

# CONSTRUCTION & YARD WASTE

Construction waste can include concrete, steel, wood, asphalt, and more. Yard waste includes dirt branches, and tree debris. See Landfills and Transfer Stations (located on Page 5) for additional disposal methods.

## **Affordable Landscape Supplies**

Yard waste 4346 Bullittsville Road, Burlington 859-903-0022

#### Cincinnati ReUse Center

Reusable building materials 1530 Tremont Street, Cincinnati 513-921-0111

#### H. Hafner & Sons

Construction and yard waste 5445 Wooster Road, Cincinnati 513-321-1895

## **Habitat for Humanity ReStore**

Gently-used building material
15 Donnermeyer Drive, Bellevue
859-261-0456
8309 US-42, Florence
859-371-0038

#### Newtown Fill Ltd.

Construction waste 7960 Main Street, Cincinnati 513-271-8540

#### **Ohio Mulch**

Yard waste 5519 North Bend Road, Burlington 859-586-1173

# PAPER SHREDDING

## **Boone County Recycling Center**

During certain events
3275 Maplewood Drive, Burlington
859-334-3151

## Office Depot

Various locations

#### **Document Destruction**

4511 Reading Road, #1229, Cincinnati 513-772-1114

## **Staples**

Various locations

## Shred-It

1-866-593-9280 www.shredit.com

# PACKAGING MATERIALS

Packing peanuts and other expanded polystyrene (EPS) are among the most common sources of litter and are often mistaken as viable food by birds and fish. EPS can take thousands of years before breaking down. Other plastic materials, like bubble wrap and air pillows, can take hundreds of years.

## **Eco Development**

EPS only 4219 US-42, Mason 513-336-0777

## Cincinnati Recycling & Reuse Hub

911 Evans Street, Cincinnati 513-629-9040 www.cincinnatirecyclingandreusehub.com

#### **Grocery Stores**

Plastic bags, bubble wrap, air pillows, etc.
Various locations

#### FedEx

Various locations

#### **UPS**

Various locations

## Plastic Bags



Certain convenient, grocery, and retail stores have a barrel in the front of the store to recycle single-use plastic bags. These stores utilize companies like Novolex, How2Recycle, and Beyond the Bag (Closed Loop). Some stores include Kroger, Meijer, Dick's Sporting Goods, Walgreens, Walmart, Target, and Kohl's. Next time you are going to the store, be sure to check out the recycling options in the front!

# DONATING UNWANTED ITEMS

There are many ways to get rid of unwanted items, some even paying you in the process. Unwanted items can include clothing and footwear, furniture, toys, household cleaners, and building material. By donating or selling your items, you are giving them a second life and diverting from landfills. Some ways include:

- Phone apps: Poshmark, ThredUP, Etsy, etc.
- Facebook Marketplace
- eBay
- Craig's List Cincinnati
- Yard sales

- Clothing donation bins
- Local secondhand stores and charity organizations

Secondhand stores and charity organizations are easy ways to get rid of items without the hassle of shipping. Before donating or selling items at the organizations below, please be aware that each location has different item guidelines, most-needed items wishlists, drives, operating hours, and drop-off times. More information can be found on their individual websites. Here are some local ones to the Tri-State:

#### **Be Concerned**

General household items
1100 Pike Street, Covington
Erlanger United Ministries
525 Graves Avenue, Erlanger
859-727-0300

www.beconcerned.org

## Goodwill

General household items
Various locations
www.goodwill.org

# Plato's Closet & Once Upon A Child

Gently-used clothing 7941 Mall Road, Florence 859-282-9800

<u>www.platosclosetflorence.com</u> www.onceuponachild.com/locations

## **Brighton Center**

General household items
Various locations
www.brightoncenter.com

## **Helping Hearts**

General household items
7199 Turfway Road, Florence
www.helpingheartsnky.org

## St. Vincent de Paul

General household items
Various locations
<a href="https://www.svdpnky.org">www.svdpnky.org</a>

## **Emergency Shelter of NKY**

General household items 436 W 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Covington 859-291-4555

www.emergencyshelternky.org

# Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission

Collection drives Various locations 859-581-6607

www.nkyfamilypromise.org

## **The Salvation Army**

General household items
Various locations
www.satruck.org

#### Fairhaven Rescue Mission

General household items 260 Pike Street, Covington 859-491-1027 www.fairhavenmission.org

**Family Promise NKY** 

General household items 336 W 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Newport 859-360-0905

www.nkyfamilypromise.org

#### **Master Provisions**

Gently-used clothing, bed sheets, towels 7725 Foundation Drive, Florence 859-474-0467

www.masterprovisions.org

## Matthew 25 Ministries

General household items
11060 Kenwood Road, Cincinnati
513-793-6256
www.m25m.org

## Vietnam Veterans of America

General household items 1-800-535-3834 www.vva.org

#### **Welcome House**

General household items 1132 Greenup Street, Covington 859-431-8717

www.welcomehousenky.org

# FOOD DONATIONS & FOOD WASTE

## **Food Donations**

Before donating items, please be aware that each location has different item wishlists, drives, operating hours, and drop-off times. More information can be found on their individual websites.

#### Be Concerned

General household items 1100 Pike Street, Covington Erlanger United Ministries 525 Graves Avenue, Erlanger 859-727-0300

www.beconcerned.org

## **Brighton Center** General household items

Various locations www.brightoncenter.com

# Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission

Various locations 859-581-6607 www.nkyfamilypromise.org

#### **Master Provisions**

Gently-used clothing, bed sheets, towels 7725 Foundation Drive, Florence 859-474-0467 www.masterprovisions.org

#### **Matthew 25 Ministries**

General household items
11060 Kenwood Road, Cincinnati
513-793-6256
www.m25m.org

#### St. Vincent de Paul

General household items
Various locations
www.svdpnky.org

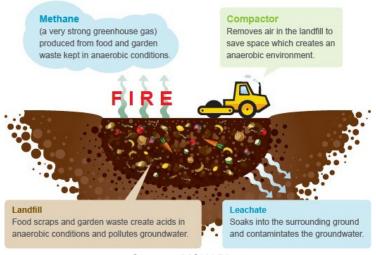
#### **Welcome House**

General household items
1132 Greenup Street, Covington
859-431-8717
www.welcomehousenky.org

## Food Waste

Food waste that ends up in a landfill decomposes and releases carbon dioxide and methane. Methane is over 20x more potent than carbon dioxide and is considered to be a powerful greenhouse gas (GHG). To decrease this GHG, we can divert food waste and give it a new life: compost! Compost can easily be done in our own backyards and used for growing our own food or plants. Contact your local SWC for more information.

Residents in Campbell County are eligible to receive a free compost bin and educational information. Contact the UK Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service (located on Page 4) for more information.



Source: MSW Plant

# LITTER CLEANUPS



Litter is an unhealthy, harmful, and intolerable blight. It not only affects our quality of life, but also create s a negative impression of our community. It pollutes our land and water, and is detrimental to wildlife. Litter is also expensive to remove – Kentucky spends millions of dollars each year cleanup up roadways. Littering is ILLEGAL!

NKSWMA hosts litter cleanups and abatement programs to combat litter year-round. If you would like to learn more about how to get involved and stop litter in your community, contact your local SWC. Your SWC can work with you to plan a community litter cleanup for your neighborhood or business. Join us for our Community Cleanups, Trash for Cash Cleanups, River Sweeps, and more!

# **EDUCATION**

Your SWC has a wealth of information to share with you! They are available to give presentations to schools, civic groups, churches, camps, and anyone else. Your SWC can discuss any subject related to solid waste, including recycling, composting, waste reduction, household hazardous waste, and litter. Please contact your local SWC if you are interested in any programs, wish to schedule a presentation, or need additional information.



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The NKSWMA and this Resource Guide do not seek to endorse or promote any company. The listings are provided as a service to inform the public of proper disposal and recycling options. Anyone with suggestions, additions, or corrections, please contact your local SWC.