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# NORTHERN KENTUCKY SOLID WASTE RESOURCE GUIDE

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*A Publication of the Northern Kentucky Solid Waste Management Area*

**Boone • Campbell • Kenton**

## 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 (NKSWMMA). Please contact your local SWC for information on programs, special events, policies, and any additional questions on solid waste.

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*Judge Executive*  
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**Kenton County**  
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# IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

## County Solid Waste Management



**BOONE COUNTY**  
KENTUCKY

**Boone County  
Solid Waste Coordinator**

Jake Buerger  
Solid Waste Services Supervisor  
859-334-3629

[wbuerger@boonecountyky.org](mailto:wbuenger@boonecountyky.org)  
5645 Idlewild Road, Burlington

[www.boonecountyky.org](http://www.boonecountyky.org)



**CAMPBELL**  
COUNTY | KY

**Campbell County  
Solid Waste Coordinator**

Megan Clere Abrams  
Solid Waste Coordinator  
859-547-1866

[mclere@campbellcountyky.gov](mailto:mclere@campbellcountyky.gov)  
1098 Monmouth Street, Newport

[www.campbellcountyky.gov](http://www.campbellcountyky.gov)



**KENTON**  
COUNTY

**Kenton County  
Solid Waste Coordinator**

Melissa Grandstaff  
Solid Waste Management Coordinator  
859-392-1919

[melissa.grandstaff@kentoncounty.org](mailto:melissa.grandstaff@kentoncounty.org)  
420 Independence Station Road,  
Independence

[www.kentoncounty.org](http://www.kentoncounty.org)

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## Other Useful Local Entities

**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 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 subdivision or planned neighborhood, find out if there is a Homeowners Association (HOA) 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 incorporated areas. This may not be the case for unincorporated city areas.

**THIRD:** If you live in an unincorporated area 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.

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## 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

### **Rumpke/Covington Transfer Station**

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

### **Rumpke/Colerain Township Landfill**

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

### **Best Way/Boone County Transfer Station**

1505 Resource Drive, Burlington  
859-372-4900

### **Rumpke/Pendleton County Landfill**

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

### **Rumpke Recycling Facility**

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

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## Voucher Program

Residents in each county can apply to [get a voucher to dispose of household trash and/or large items](#) that do not fit in a curbside garbage can. Applications can be found on each respective Solid Waste webpage.

# LITTER

## Kentucky Revised Statutes & County Code of Ordinances

### Commonwealth of Kentucky

- KRS 512.010 – DEFINITION OF LITTER
- KRS 512.070 – CRIMINAL LITTERING
- KRS 433.753 – CRIMINAL LITTERING ON PUBLIC HIGHWAY
- KRS 433.757 – LITTERING PUBLIC WATERS

### Boone County

- Chapter 50 — SOLID WASTE
- Chapter 93 — NUISANCES

### Campbell County

- Chapter 50 — SOLID WASTE
- Chapter 93 — LITTER CONTROL
- Chapter 96 — NUISANCES
- Chapter 154 — ZONING CODE

### Kenton County

- Chapter 50 — SOLID WASTE
- Chapter 91 — DISCARDED ITEMS
- Chapter 130 — LITTERING
- Chapter 153 — ZONING CODE

## 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 the non-emergency line (dispatch). **Illegal dumping is a criminal offense – speak up!**

## 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!**

## Trash for Cash

All NKY Counties promote the Trash for Cash Program. This program is a fundraising opportunity for local non-profit organizations to pick up roadside litter in Boone, Campbell, or Kenton County. Typical non-profit organizations include sports teams, school clubs, church groups, conservation districts, neighborhood associations, and community charities.

All supplies are provided by your County SWC, including hi-vis vests, gloves, trash bags, hand sanitizer, first-aid kits, and other safety gear. Applications can be found on each respective Solid Waste webpage.



# 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 3) to see what bin is closest to you.

## Accepted Items

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

PLASTIC BOTTLES & JUGS



GLASS BOTTLES & JARS



METAL CANS



MIXED PAPER



CARDBOARD



### Rumpke Recycling (Campbell):

PAPER



Cardboard should fit inside cart.

PLASTICS

Bottles, jugs, tubs and cups



Reattach lid. Yogurt and fruit cups OK.

METAL CANS & CUPS



Non-hazardous, non-flammable material only.

GLASS BOTTLES & JARS



Any color.

CARTONS



Remove caps and straws.

**\*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



OTHER PLASTIC ITEMS



YARD DEBRIS



HAZARDOUS WASTE



ORGANICS



ELECTRONICS



**\*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. All NKY counties have Voucher Programs with local transfer stations/landfills.**

# Hefty ReNew Program

Boone, Campbell, and Kenton Counties are able to recycle even more in their curbside bins through the new **Hefty ReNew Program**. Recycle items like plastic bags, chip bags, plastic foam, and plastic utensils! All items must be secured in the orange Hefty ReNew bags—these can be purchased at your local Kroger, Target, Walmart, or other participating grocery stores. Request a FREE starter kit at [www.hefty.com/hefty-renew-starter-kit](http://www.hefty.com/hefty-renew-starter-kit).



Learn more at [www.hefty.com/products/hefty-renew](http://www.hefty.com/products/hefty-renew).

## Hefty ReNew PROGRAM

Check this list for the many hard-to-recycle plastics that can go in your Hefty® ReNew™ orange bags. All items must be clean, dry and free of foil lining:



### PLASTIC PACKAGING - NO FOIL LINING

- See-through chip bags
- Snack food bags
- Plastic pet food bags
- Fresh/frozen vegetable & fruit bags
- Salad bags
- Shredded cheese packages
- Cheese stick packages
- See-through granola & energy bar wrappers
- See-through candy wrappers
- See-through stand up pouches
- Dry mix liners (cake, powder mixes)
- Cereal box liners
- Cookie/cracker box liners



### PLASTIC BAGS & WRAPS\*

- Plastic air pillow packs
- Plastic bubble wrap
- Plastic grocery bags
- Plastic food wrap
- Food storage bags



### FOAM PRODUCTS

- Foam cups, plates & bowls
- Foam to-go boxes
- Foam packing peanuts
- Foam egg cartons
- Foam block packaging



### PLASTIC DINNERWARE

- Plastic straws and stirrers
- Plastic utensils
- Plastic colored cups
- Plastic plates and bowls
- Rigid plastic clear glasses



The following items ARE NOT accepted in the orange bags

**NO**



**NO** batteries or electronics

**NO** food, liquid or coffee grounds

**NO** cans, glass or plastic bottles

**NO** 1, 2, or 3 plastics

**NO** paper, cartons or boxes

**NO** medical products or hazardous waste

**NO** hoses, tubes or rope

**NO** foil or aluminum

\*Please include plastic bags & wraps if store drop-off recycling programs are not available locally.

*\*In partnership with Rumpke (curbside or drop-off) only.*

## 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

### Cohen Recycling

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

### Recycling Express

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

### Can Dew Recycling

1510 Russell Street, Covington  
859-261-8264

### Newport Recycling

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

### 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 8). *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.

### Kenton County Public Works

420 Independence Station Road, Independence  
859-392-1920

### Close the Loop

*Business options*

859-757-1115

[www.closestheloopusa.com](http://www.closestheloopusa.com)

### Cincinnati Recycling & Reuse Hub

911 Evans Street, Cincinnati

513-629-9040

[www.cincinnati recycling and reuse hub.com](http://www.cincinnati recycling and reuse hub.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](http://www.bestbuy.com)

### Cincinnati Recycling & Reuse Hub

911 Evans Street, Cincinnati  
513-629-9040

[www.cincinnati recycling and reuse hub.com](http://www.cincinnati recycling and reuse hub.com)

### Staples

Various locations

[www.staples.com](http://www.staples.com)

### Blair Technology Group

4314 Boron Drive, Suite D,  
Covington

1-855-252-4784

[www.blairtech.com](http://www.blairtech.com)

### Cohen Recycling

13229 Dixie Highway, Walton  
859-363-8300

5038 Beech Street, Cincinnati  
513-731-7222

[www.cohenusa.com](http://www.cohenusa.com)

### Tri State Escrap

6001 Dry Fork Road, Cleves

513-240-2521

[www.tristateescrap.com](http://www.tristateescrap.com)

### Cleanlites Recycling

7806 Anthony Wayne Avenue,  
Cincinnati

1-800-778-6645

[www.cleanlites.com](http://www.cleanlites.com)

### Environmental Enterprises

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

[www.eeienv.com](http://www.eeienv.com)

### USA Green PC

61 Jolly Industrial Park Drive,  
Wilder

859-314-9360

[www.usagreenpc.com](http://www.usagreenpc.com)

**Reboot Electronics Reuse & Recycling hosts free 24/7 drop-off bins for most electronics.** TVs are not accepted.

- **Hellmann Creative Center** (321 W Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Covington)
- **Christ Church UCC** (15 S Fort Thomas Avenue, Fort Thomas)
- **Campbell County Public Library – Cold Spring Branch** (3920 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring)
- **Pendery Park** (4113 Williams Lane, Melbourne)
- **Southern Campbell Fire Department** (1050 Racetrack Road, Alexandria)



**\*\*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 [www.nkyhww.org](http://www.nkyhww.org) for more details or contact your SWC.**

# “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.cincinnati recycling and reuse hub.com](http://www.cincinnati recycling and reuse hub.com)

### TerraCycle

[www.terracycle.com](http://www.terracycle.com)

*Mail-in programs and zero waste boxes*

### Hefty ReNew Program

*Partnership with Rumpke only*

## TIRE DISPOSAL

Landfills and Transfer Stations (located on Page 4) will accept tires for a fee. **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.cincinnati recycling and reuse hub.com](http://www.cincinnati recycling and reuse hub.com)



## VEHICLE DISPOSAL

### Cohen Recycling

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

### Union Auto Parts

1354 Frogtown Road, Union  
859-384-3381

### Goodwill

Various locations  
[www.goodwillcars.com](http://www.goodwillcars.com)

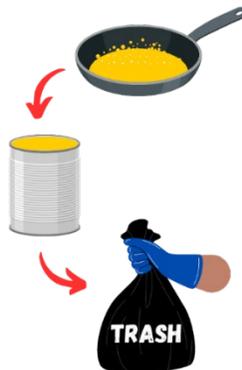
### The Salvation Army

Various locations  
[www.satruck.org/vehicle/create](http://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.

**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 [www.sd1.org](http://www.sd1.org) for more information on the Fats, Oils, & Grease (FOG) Program.



### 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

# 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

**Midwest Environmental Enterprises**  
27 Kiesland Court, Hamilton  
513-681-9990

## Antifreeze

**Universal Environmental Services**  
7550 Empire Drive, Florence  
859-647-9192

**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 11) for additional disposal methods.

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

**Campbell County Road Department**  
1175 Racetrack Road,  
Alexandria  
859-635-9100

**Kenton County Public Works**  
420 Independence Station Road,  
Independence  
859-392-1920

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

## Batteries – Single-Use & Rechargeable

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. **Lithium-ion batteries (typically in electronics, including e-cigarettes) should never go in your household trash and should be properly disposed**, as they will explode and cause fires. See General Electronics (located on Page 9) for additional disposal methods. *Lithium-ion batteries can be dropped off at participating fire departments:*

**Central Campbell Fire Department**  
4113 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring

**Fort Wright Fire Department**  
409 Kyles Lane, Fort Wright

**Ludlow Fire Department**  
234 Oak Street, Ludlow

*This program is in partnership with the Cincinnati Recycling & Reuse Hub.*

# Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) Bulbs & Fluorescent Tubes

See General Electronics (located on Page 9) 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.cincinnati recycling and reuse hub.com](http://www.cincinnati recycling and reuse hub.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](http://www.bluerhino.com/propane-info/how-to-exchange)

**Environmental Enterprises**  
4650 Spring Grove Avenue, Cincinnati  
1-800-722-2818

## 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, full, and not mixed, consider donating (located on Page 16).

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



Source: American Cleaning Institute

## How to Read a Cleaning Product Label

**WHAT TO LOOK FOR:**

**Directions**  
Always use products as instructed for safe use and best results. Directions will include:

- Which surfaces or fabrics to use the product on
- How much of the product to use

**Caution Warnings**  
Warnings will often be in bold, large print. Most products will say:

- Do not ingest.
- Do not mix with other cleaning products.
- Avoid contact with eyes and skin.

Some products may advise to use in a well-ventilated area. There

**Ingredients**  
The label usually lists the scientific names of ingredients. Although some may also note the function or source of ingredients. More detailed information can be found on the manufacturer's website or through the SmartLabel

**Storage and Disposal Instructions**  
Specifications on storage to ensure safety and to help products last. This may include:

- A temperature range that's safe for the product
- Places not to store the product.

Always keep cleaning products out of reach of children. Disposal instructions will say how to discard leftover product, such as pouring it down the drain with the water running. Look for the recycling symbol and instructions to determine what of the packaging is recyclable and how. Note: Many products include an

american cleaning institute  
[www.cleaninginstitute.org](http://www.cleaninginstitute.org)

## Latex & Oil Paint

Certain paint will last up to 20 years and can be donated to organizations. **Latex paint (including paint thinner) is not considered hazardous** and can be dried out to put in household trash. For large amounts, mix in paint hardener, cat litter, concrete mix, or something similar. **Oil paint contains toxic chemicals** 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](http://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](http://www.nkyhealth.org) for more information.
2. **Medication drop-boxes:** Most sheriff and police departments have medication drop-boxes for unneeded or expired medications. *They will not accept liquid medication, vitamins, supplements, needles, asthma inhalers, mercury thermometers, iodine-containing medication, or illegal drugs/substances (including marijuana).*
3. **DEA's National Prescription Take Back Day:** The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) offers Take Back Days throughout the year. Visit [www.dea.gov/takebackday](http://www.dea.gov/takebackday) 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](http://www.stericycle.com)

## 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 [www.nkyhww.org](http://www.nkyhww.org) or by contacting your local SWC.

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

**Prohibited items:** latex paint, 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 4) for additional disposal methods.

## Affordable Landscape Supplies

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

## H. Hafner & Sons

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

## Newtown Fill Ltd.

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

## Cincinnati ReUse Center

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

## Habitat for Humanity ReStore

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

## 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

## Document Destruction

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

## Shred-It

1-866-593-9280  
[www.shredit.com](http://www.shredit.com)

## Office Depot

Various locations

## Staples

Various locations

# 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.cincinnati-recycling-and-reuse-hub.com](http://www.cincinnati-recycling-and-reuse-hub.com)

## FedEx

Various locations

## Hefty ReNew Program

Through Rumpke curbside or drop-off recycling

## Grocery Stores

*Plastic bags, bubble wrap, air pillows, etc.*  
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!** The Hefty ReNew Program also accepts these items (located on Page 7).

# 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](http://www.beconcerned.org)

## **Goodwill**

*General household items*  
Various locations  
[www.goodwill.org](http://www.goodwill.org)

## **Plato's Closet & Once Upon A Child**

*Gently-used clothing*  
7941 Mall Road, Florence  
859-282-9800  
[www.platosclosetflorence.com](http://www.platosclosetflorence.com)  
[www.onceuponachild.com/locations](http://www.onceuponachild.com/locations)

## **Brighton Center**

*General household items*  
Various locations  
[www.brightoncenter.com](http://www.brightoncenter.com)

## **Helping Hearts**

*General household items*  
7199 Turfway Road, Florence  
[www.helpingheartsnky.org](http://www.helpingheartsnky.org)

## **St. Vincent de Paul**

*General household items*  
Various locations  
[www.svdpnky.org](http://www.svdpnky.org)

## **Emergency Shelter of NKY**

*General household items*  
436 W 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Covington  
859-291-4555  
[www.emergencyshelternky.org](http://www.emergencyshelternky.org)

## **Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission**

*Collection drives*  
Various locations  
859-581-6607  
[www.nkyfamilypromise.org](http://www.nkyfamilypromise.org)

## **The Salvation Army**

*General household items*  
Various locations  
[www.satruck.org](http://www.satruck.org)

## **Fairhaven Rescue Mission**

*General household items*  
260 Pike Street, Covington  
859-491-1027  
[www.fairhavenmission.org](http://www.fairhavenmission.org)

## **Master Provisions**

*Gently-used clothing, bed sheets, towels*  
7725 Foundation Drive, Florence  
859-474-0467  
[www.masterprovisions.org](http://www.masterprovisions.org)

## **Vietnam Veterans of America**

*General household items*  
1-800-535-3834  
[www.vva.org](http://www.vva.org)

## **Family Promise NKY**

*General household items*  
336 W 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Newport  
859-360-0905  
[www.nkyfamilypromise.org](http://www.nkyfamilypromise.org)

## **Matthew 25 Ministries**

*General household items*  
11060 Kenwood Road, Cincinnati  
513-793-6256  
[www.m25m.org](http://www.m25m.org)

## **Welcome House**

*General household items*  
1132 Greenup Street, Covington  
859-431-8717  
[www.welcomehousenky.org](http://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](http://www.beconcerned.org)

### Brighton Center

General household items  
Various locations  
[www.brightoncenter.com](http://www.brightoncenter.com)

### Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission

Various locations  
859-581-6607  
[www.nkyfamilypromise.org](http://www.nkyfamilypromise.org)

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### St. Vincent de Paul

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Various locations  
[www.svdpnky.org](http://www.svdpnky.org)

### Welcome House

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[www.welcomehousenky.org](http://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 3) for more information.

### Queen City Commons

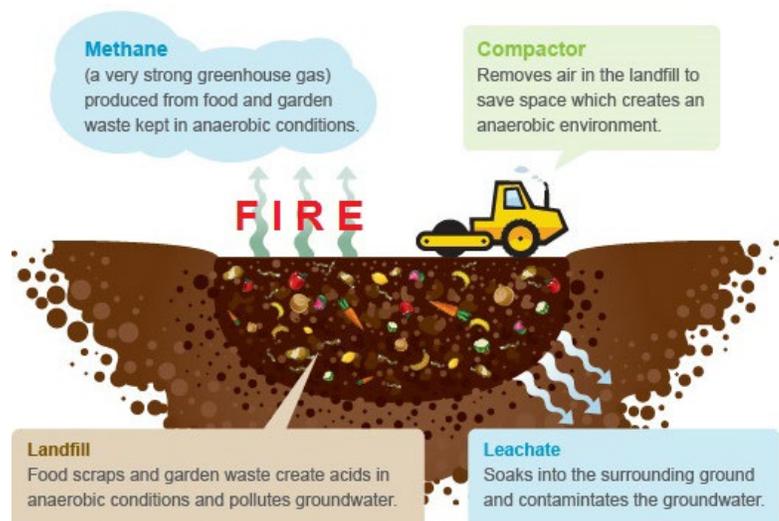
Compost Drop-Off\*

@queencitycommons

[lets.talk@queencitycommons.com](mailto:lets.talk@queencitycommons.com)

[www.queencitycommons.com](http://www.queencitycommons.com)

\*Only certain NKY communities



Source: MSW Plant

# 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.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Solid Waste programs are funded by not only each County’s Fiscal Court, but also grants received from Kentucky Division of Waste Management. This includes the following grants:

- Litter Abatement
- Recycling
- Household Hazardous Waste
- Composting
- Illegal Open Dump
- Crumb Rubber
- Rubber-Modified Asphalt
- Waste Tire

For more information on Solid Waste, please visit your County’s Solid Waste webpage or visit Kentucky Division of Waste Management’s webpage:

<https://eec.ky.gov/Environmental-Protection/Waste/recycling-and-local-assistance/Pages/default.aspx>.



**BOONE COUNTY**  
KENTUCKY

**Boone County**  
**Solid Waste Coordinator**

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5645 Idlewild Road, Burlington

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CAMPBELL  
COUNTY | KY

**Campbell County**  
**Solid Waste Coordinator**

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**KENTON**  
COUNTY

**Kenton County**  
**Solid Waste Coordinator**

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*Solid Waste Management Coordinator*  
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420 Independence Station Road,  
Independence

[www.kentoncounty.org](http://www.kentoncounty.org)

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