

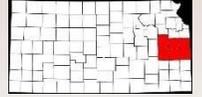


# Lake Region Solid Waste Authority

Serving Anderson, Coffey, Franklin, Linn, Miami, and Osage Counties

## Newsletter

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### Coming up >>>

The next LRSWA Meeting  
will be held on  
**July 15, 2021 @ 9 AM**  
(in Franklin County)

If you would like to attend or  
participate, please contact the  
Regional Coordinator at  
[lrswa@lakeregionsolidwaste.org](mailto:lrswa@lakeregionsolidwaste.org)

# Waste Tire Bench Project

*This year KDHE awarded only 47 organizations with funding from their Waste Tire Grant Program. The Lake Region's bench project was one of the awardees!*

The community of Osawatomie, in Miami County, has been actively engaged in various public service and improvement projects. In order to contribute to these positive initiatives and allow for more enjoyment of local outdoor locations and safer bus stops, a group of community organizations partnered with the Lake Region to submit an application under the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Waste Tire Grant Program to fund a community bench project.



The Lake Region was awarded the grant and will be installing 11 new benches, made from 100% recycled materials, in various locations around the community;

- 3 park benches at the playground areas around the Osawatomie Lake
- 1 park bench at the Soldier's Monument
- 1 park bench at the outdoor Family Fitness Park
- 6 trail benches at various school bus stops around town

Project funding will be provided by the KDHE Waste Tire Grant and contributions from the Osawatomie Rotary Club, City of Osawatomie, Osawatomie Chamber of Commerce, and Osawatomie PRIDE Committee.

In order to celebrate **Earth Day** and launch the bench project within the community, the Osawatomie Chamber of Commerce has sponsored a **Creative Recycling Contest** for local students, offering a \$25 prize for each category!

Winners will be decided based on submissions that best highlight the benefit of recycling and using recycled materials (especially waste tires). Prizes will be awarded at the public ribbon cutting ceremony for the project.



The City of Louisburg was another Waste Tire Grant awardee within the Lake Region. They received funding to install picnic tables at Lewis Young Park.

# Community Recycling Options

We all know that the landfill isn't the best place for most of what we throw away, but sometimes we don't always know what recycling options are available.

Each county within the Lake Region has different collection and material acceptance policies. For example, some recycling centers accept all types of plastics and others only accept #1 PETE or #2 HDPE plastics. Some cities and counties offer curbside service and others have community collection trailers.

It is best to contact your individual county's Solid Waste Department to verify if your materials will be accepted for recycling or if they have any suggestions for recycling special wastes.



The Kansas Department of Health & Environment sponsors **Kansas Recycles**, an app which allows recycling centers or commercial resources to be found using an interactive map that searches by location and material type. The app can be downloaded at [www.kansasrecycle.org](http://www.kansasrecycle.org).



Another option is the **RecycleSpot.org**, sponsored by the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC). It is Kansas City Metro Area's one-stop spot for recycling information and offers connections to hundreds of area services and providers.

*Did you ever stop to consider...*

**Q:** *Why can't I bag my recyclables?*

**A:** It might appear that bagging recyclables is neat and tidy for collection purposes. Unfortunately, plastic bags get caught in recycling machinery and can cause damage to the equipment. Plus, these machine jams are typically cleared manually by recycling workers, which can lead to serious injuries.



Plastic bags, wraps, and films may not be accepted at local recycling centers, but can still be recycled when they are returned to a participating retail location, such as a grocery or hardware store.

## Adopt-A-Bike Program



New program signs were recently gifted to multiple partner organizations who support and promote the Adopt-A-Bike program within the six Lake Region counties.

Each county has a variety of partner organization where bike adoption applications are available.

Submissions are always accepted at the county ECKAN offices.

Bike donations are accepted at county Transfer Stations.

Additional questions about the program can be directed to 785-242-2073 or [lakeregion@lakeregionrcd.org](mailto:lakeregion@lakeregionrcd.org)



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