

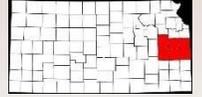


# Lake Region Solid Waste Authority

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

## Newsletter

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### Coming up >>>

The next LRSWA Meeting  
will be held on  
**October 21, 2021 @ 9 AM**  
(in Miami County)

If you would like to attend or  
participate, please contact the  
Regional Coordinator at  
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*This year KDHE awarded 29 organizations with funding from their Solid Waste Grant Program and the Lake Region's Adopt-A-Bike program was one of them!*

The Lake Region sponsors an **Adopt-A-Bike Program**, which helps to divert broken and discarded bikes from ending up in landfills by refurbishing them and arranging for them to be adopted back into participating communities, free of charge.

Thanks to funding from KDHE's Solid Waste Grant Program, the Adopt-A-Bike program will be expanding bike drop-off and application locations in all six Lake Region counties (Anderson, Coffey, Franklin, Linn, Miami, and Osage counties), plus adding a new cargo storage container in Franklin County.

A few months ago, county ECKAN offices and various partner organization who are able to publicly promote the Adopt-A-Bike program were provided with new signs to display their role as designated locations to pick up and/or drop off bike applications.

The grant funding will allow us to install more program signs, so that the public can also easily identify the designated bike drop-off locations.

The Lake Region has developed an informational pamphlet designed to promote the Adopt-A-Bike program, and which includes a copy of an **application form** and instructions for submission.

In order to increase public participation and access to the application forms, the Lake Region will be actively seeking to develop more community partnerships and set up additional bike drop-off locations throughout the counties.

Contact the Regional Coordinator if you would like to become a designated location for application access or bike drop-off.



Tri-Ko in Osawatomi (Miami County) was another Solid Waste Grant awardee within the Lake Region. They will apply the grant funding towards implementing a new recycling collection program for their office, with the potential to expand to include collection from the local community.

# Plastic Recycling Restrictions

For years we have been told that we should try to recycle *everything*, especially plastics. But, that does not mean that everything *can* be recycled.

The number inside the recycle symbol on plastic products indicates the main chemical compound used to make that material. Unfortunately, not all plastics compounds or products can be recycled easily or cost effectively. As a useful rule of thumb, the lower the number, the more likely that the product can be recycled.



Everyone can help make the Lake Region's recycling programs more efficient and cost effective by knowing which plastics are accepted within each county's recycling centers:

**Anderson County:** #1 PETE Plastics & #2 Milk Jugs ONLY

**Coffey County:** #1 - #7 Plastics

**Franklin County:** #1 PETE, #2 HDPE, #4 LDPE, #5 PP, #7 Other ONLY

**Linn County:** #1 - #7 Plastics

**Miami County:** #1 - #7 Plastics

**Osage County:** #1 PETE and #2 HDPE ONLY

Regardless of the types of plastics that are accepted, all containers should all be rinsed out prior to disposal. Container lids may also be able to be recycled, but they should be removed from the containers.

Plastic film, wrap and bags run the risk of clogging processing equipment, which is why it is important NOT to put them in with your recyclables.

*Did you ever stop to consider...*

**Q:** *Can materials only be recycled once?*

**A:** This is a popular misconception that has floated around for ages. Many materials like **metals** can be recycled over and over again without degrading or impacting their quality. **Glass** is another material that can be continually broken down and re-used. Even when not being made back into glass products, it can easily be used to make fiberglass insulation or high-performance countertops and flooring.

Unfortunately, **plastics** do have a shorter lifespan, so there is some truth in the case of continual recycling.

Items like water bottles typically do not become new water bottles, but they can still be broken down into plastic pellets and used in clothing, upholstery, rugs, and other non-recyclable items.



Lycro Recycling Ltd, Birmingham, UK

## Recycling in Linn County Schools

Thanks to the KDHE's Solid Waste Grant Program, Linn County's Solid Waste Department will be expanding their school recycling program into all three school districts within the county.

Earlier this year, USD 344 in Pleasanton agreed to pilot a new school recycling program, where student and teachers participate in collecting the recycling inside the school buildings and taking it out to a collection trailer. The students were also directly involved in designing and painting a custom wrap for the refurbished trailer.

A Can'd Aid - Crush It Crusade grant was obtained by USD 344 in order to purchase the recycling bins for inside the schools. The KDHE grant funding will allow the county to purchase three new customized recycling collection trailers.

The Lake Region hopes to use Linn County's school recycling program as a template for future implementation in its other five counties; Anderson, Coffey, Franklin, Miami and Osage counties.

*We are happy to help prepare custom lessons or presentations for your organization or school.*



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