

# Changes to Residential Solid Waste Collection

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# Changes to Waste Collection by January 2012

- All Haulers operating in the County will have to obtain a permit from the County .
  - Separate **yard waste** collection for composting only
  - Must include **unlimited recycling** in the base rate structure
  - Must Provide **Pay-As-You-Throw**





# How are Changes Implemented?

- 55 HOAs in Leawood.
- Each HOA contracts for their waste and recycling services.
- 10 licensed haulers in the County.
- Each HOA has flexibility to work with their hauler to determine the nuances that best fit their community.



# Yard Waste Options for Residents

- Subscribe to a collection service to pick up yard waste for composting.
- Mulch grass clippings and leaves back on the lawn with a mulching mower.
- Start a backyard compost pile and use the product on your gardens.
- Use a drop-off facility



## Definition of Yard Waste:

Leaves, grass, brush and limbs.



# Curbside Yard Waste Collection

- Twigs bundled appropriately with specifications of your hauler.
- Leaves and grass containerized appropriately as required by your hauler.
- Regulations do not specify volume limits but may be implemented by your hauler.
- Minimal amounts are acceptable in the trash.



# Yard Waste 39 years later

- Green grass was found in the landfill thirty-nine years later.



# Johnson County Backyard Composting Program

- Host/attend a free class on backyard composting in the coming year.
- Purchase a backyard composting bin for a discounted cost.





# Unlimited Recycling

- All residents/contracts must have unlimited curbside recycling included in their base rate.
- Container sizes may vary and are up to your HOA and Hauler.



# What can go in your bin?



# Pay As You Throw

- Contracts will specify a max. volume for trash in the base rate (no more than 95 gal).
- You may use your own bin or one provided by your hauler OR equivalent volume of bags



# Pay As You Throw

- Any waste generated by a resident beyond the weekly allowable volume must pay extra:
  - Purchase of a sticker/tag from hauler or HOA\*
  - Individual households may subscribe to a higher weekly volume and pay extra\*
- Bulky items may be collected as part of a contract.\*
- \*Negotiated by your HAO contract.





# Pay As You Throw

- Over 7,000 U.S. communities have implemented volume-based rate structures including KCMO, Mission, Prairie Village and Westwood.
- Illegal dumping has not shown to be a problem in other cities with PAYT.
- Illegal dumping should be addressed in the same manner it is now. Contact your City.





# JoCo Outreach Efforts and Resources

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- Monthly section, Go Green, in Sun newspaper
- Two videos on our website: Recycling and Composting
- Monthly Eco Newsletter
- Hundreds of presentations to schools, churches, HOAs and community groups



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# Ripple Glass Recycling

- 15 Ripple Glass Recycling Drop-offs in the County.
- Funded by ARRA grant money.



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# You will make a difference

- HOAs work with Haulers to provide the best service for your community.
- Recycling and composting diverts material from landfills and protects natural resources.

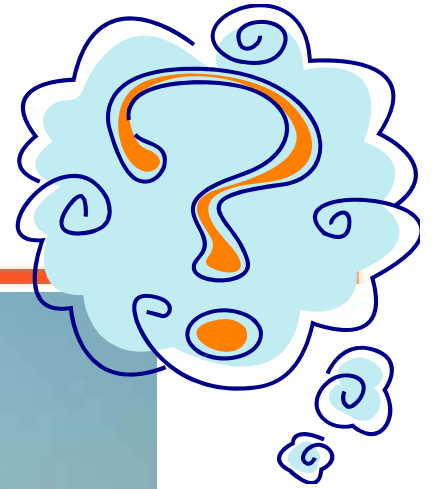


**Thank You!**

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