



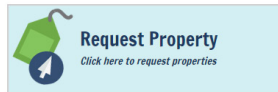
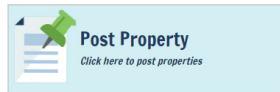
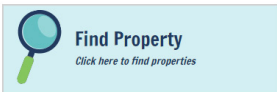
# Missouri State Recycling Program

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## Remember These Reuse Tips

Don't pitch it! **MOREuse** it!  
Need it? **MOREuse** it!



### MOREuse Agency Top Users - Estimated Cost Avoided

June 16, 2020

**Top 3 Givers** (item donations)  
House of Representatives - \$64,021  
Office of Administration - \$60,637  
Corrections - \$17,973

**Top 3 Takers** (receiving items)  
Corrections - \$192,892  
Office of Administration - \$22,800  
Health and Senior Services - \$6,693



Saving money is more important than ever. Although MOREuse is a web-based application, we believe it is much more. It is a community of almost 500 state team members (MOREusers) who are actively engaged in saving the state of Missouri money through reuse of state property. There is a great deal of satisfaction in finding a home for an item that may have been landfilled and saving your agency money at the same time.

**Does your office have paper clips, chairs, or desks that are no longer needed?** MOREuse can help find homes for these items and many more.

**Is your office looking for 3-ring binders, printer cartridges, or filing cabinets?** MOREuse makes it easy to request and find items at no cost.

To register or learn more about MOREuse, visit [oa.mo.gov/moreuse](http://oa.mo.gov/moreuse)

and be sure to check out the short "how to" videos.

**MOREuse TIP:** Are you receiving too many MOREuse emails? Did you know that you can reduce the volume of emails by selecting specific counties or property categories you want to receive notification emails? You can change this in your profile within the MOREuse application by clicking the "notifications" tab.

**MOREuser Feedback:** "MOREuse is a great program! It makes use of things that we already own and don't have to spend tax payers money buying new," ~ Richard Reital, Storekeeper II, Missouri Department of Corrections.

**Note:** Remember that once an item is transferred or the requested item is no longer needed, change the "status" of your post. This helps to keep MOREuse clutter free.

## CALLING ALL RECYCLING CHAMPIONS



We need your help to nominate a recycling champion for your office or agency.

1. Is your nominee the office recycling champion?
2. Do they make sure your office or agency has products made from recycled materials?
3. Have they reduced waste for your agency?
4. Do they promote reuse? Are they an active user of the online application MOREuse?

Visit [oa.mo.gov/general-services/missouri-state-recycling-program/recycling-champion-nomination-form](http://oa.mo.gov/general-services/missouri-state-recycling-program/recycling-champion-nomination-form) by **July 18** to nominate a champion.

### Past Recycling Champion Agencies Include:

- Department of Conservation
- Department of Corrections
- Department of Mental Health
- Department of Natural Resources
- Department of Social Services
- Department of Transportation
- Northwest Missouri State University
- Office of Administration
- State Highway Patrol

Please visit the [Missouri State Recycling Program website](http://Missouri State Recycling Program website) for a complete list of award recipients.

# RECYCLING NEWS

## ALGOA RECEIVES NEW BALER



ACC's new baler was installed on May 26.

On May 26, a new recycling baler was installed at Algoa Correctional Center (ACC), improving the efficiency of recycling operations.

The Missouri State Recycling Program (MSRP) partnered with the Department of Corrections to apply for a grant from the Mid-MO Solid Waste Management District for ACC.

"The grant provided funds for construction of a concrete pad and shelter for baling equipment. MSRP provided matching funds through the purchase of a baler that will be used to bale cardboard and tin cans. ACC recycles more than 150 tons of material each year, which is enough material to fill seven 53-foot trailers," MSRP Manager Rob Didriksen stated.

Department of Corrections Grants Administrator Jack McCleary noted that ACC recycling operations represented 10 percent of the total DOC output.

"One of our strategic themes is to create safer work environments, and we see this new grant as one opportunity to improve workplace safety in a key area while reducing waste. By creating a safer, more sustainable recycling operation, the Solid Waste District Grant is helping us in our mission of improving lives for safer communities," McCleary stated.



ACC bales of tin containers and cardboard.

# Meet Your MIRC MEMBER

## MIKE HAAKE

Lifelong Jefferson City resident Mike Haake spent 31 years with the state before his retirement on May 1. Mike was the Central Office General Manager with the Department of Mental Health (DMH), and during his tenure, he was an advocate for recycling, reducing waste, and reusing items.

Before working for DMH, Mike worked for the Department of Natural Resources. It was there that he began to foster his knowledge of conservation resources. After taking a position at DMH in 2001, he became a Missouri Interagency Recycling Committee (MIRC) member. MIRC provided information and suggestions for making improvements within state government.

"I worked in the DMH Central Office where we focused on recycling mixed office paper, cardboard, rechargeable batteries, printer and toner cartridges, aluminium cans, and plastic bottles. In addition, I assisted our 27 DMH facilities outside of Jefferson City with recycling needs. Within DMH we have made furniture and supplies available to our facilities when we no longer needed them at Central Office, which both saved state expenses and reduced waste," Mike stated.



Mike Haake

Mike was not only a recycling advocate at the workplace, but he continues to make sure his home life is treated the same.

"My wife, Rhonda, and I regularly make donations of our unused household items to local organizations for reuse. In the last couple of years, we also transitioned to reusable grocery bags, helping to eliminate the pile of plastic bags in our pantry. I realize there is too much waste all around us so recycling, reusing, and reducing use can have a major impact on the environment," he stated.

## REMEMBER THESE RECYCLING TIPS

### DON'T THROW IN THE TOWEL

#### Did you know?

Paper towels, napkins, and tissues should never be placed in a recycling container.

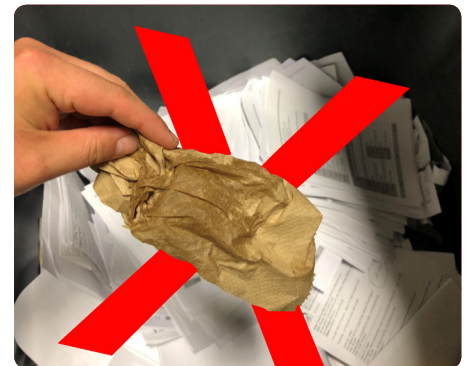
#### Why?

Paper towels and napkins are often contaminated with food residue (e.g. oil), which contaminates recyclable materials such as paper and cardboard.

#### What should I do with paper towels, napkins, and tissues?

Paper towels, napkins, and tissues should always be discarded in the trash.

This is true at all state of Missouri facilities. At home, you have additional



Paper towels or napkins cannot be recycled.

options. If the paper product is not bleached, you can compost the towel with your food products. These items break down over time and can be beneficial to your garden.