

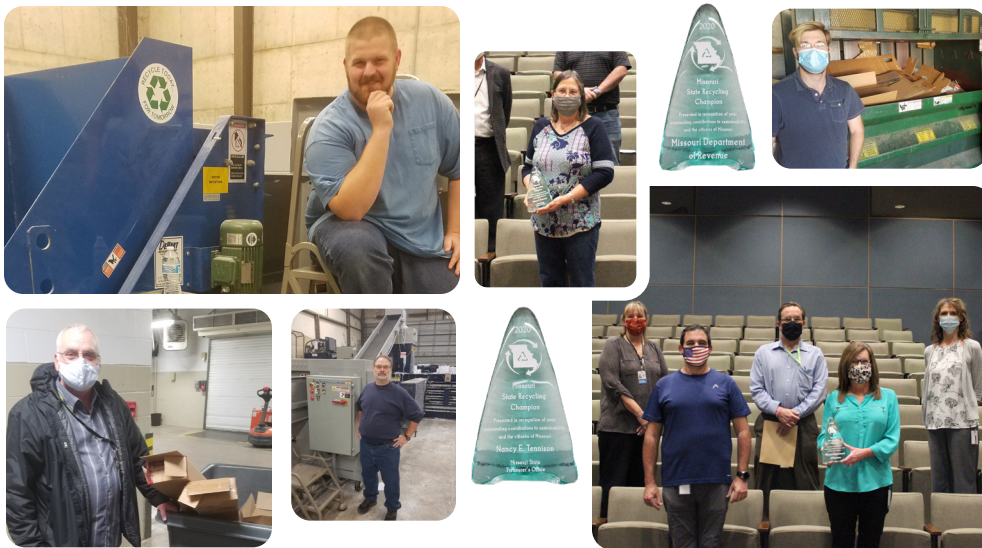


Missouri State Recycling Program

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Calling All Recycling Champions

JUNE 2021



UPCOMING EVENT

Free Buy Recycled Workshop

June 23 | 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Learn more and register [here](#).

The Missouri State Recycling Program has been part of a multi-stakeholder team developing workshops centered around ways to support recycling markets.

Highlights of the workshop include:

- 1.5 contact hours of training (Universal Public Procurement Certification Council approved)
- The importance of sustainable purchasing with an emphasis on buying recycled products
- Learn about tools for finding recycled products



If you know someone who meets the criteria below, please consider nominating them for a recycling champion award. Nominations may be for an individual or a team.

- 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?

Past recycling champion individuals and agencies include:

- 2016** Individual: Kelly Brunson, OA-Personnel
Team: Earth Day Committee, DNR
- 2017** Individual: Chris Terry, DPS-State Highway Patrol
Team: Brandt Vocational Enterprises, DMH-Fulton State Hospital
- 2018** Individual: Kevin Vanover, DNR
Team: Howerton Building Green Team, DSS
- 2019** Individual: Sharon Hultberg, DNR
Team: Information Technology Services Division, OA
- 2020** Individual: Nancy Tennison, State Treasurer's Office
Team: Department of Revenue

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

Click [here](#) to nominate a recycling champion or team in this easy online form.

SUBMIT PHOTOS

Send us a picture of you with your favorite product made from recycled materials. Please email Edward.Lang@oa.mo.gov your photos.

Meet Your MIRC MEMBER MICHELLE HALLFORD

Michelle Hallford has a knack for rejuvenating items. Her creative nature and eye for potential has contributed to a fiscally responsible Governor's Office when it comes to item acquisitions. She is the manager of the Governor's Office and a Missouri Interagency Recycling Committee (MIRC) member.

"I don't recall the year I became a member of the MIRC committee, but I have been actively recycling, reusing, refurbishing and donating for most of my career in state government. Taking care of the earth and our state resources has long been a priority," Michelle stated.

Recycling and reuse is a vital part of the Governor's Office according to Michelle.

"It is important for all leaders of the State of Missouri, including the Governor's Office, to set a good example and be the best stewards of Missouri revenue," she stated.

Being a 31-year veteran of state employment, Michelle has learned how to exhaust all recycling resources before



Michelle Hallford

making a purchase, both at work and at home.

"It's mind-opening to see how much waste we generate on a daily basis," she stated.

In addition, knowledge gained from MIRC has made a wide impact within the office.

"I think the team I work with may be learning a lot from my recycling ways because I've overheard statements like, 'don't let Michelle see you throw that away.' I've been seen in the building with old furniture with stain and a brush refurbishing reused furniture we've acquired from other agencies," Michelle stated.

The office is not the only place where Michelle uses her recycling and reuse knowledge, but she has brought that knowledge to her home.

"When I was young I wanted everything to be new, but as I learn more about reusing/upcycling, I take pride in making the 'old' stuff my own. I have found that I enjoy Facebook Marketplace and going to thrift stores more and more," she stated.

When Michelle isn't reusing, refurbishing, and recycling she enjoys spending time with her six grandchildren, listening to books, walking, and organizing.

BUYING RECYCLED PROMOTES SUSTAINABILITY

When we think of recycling, many of us think about the act of placing the can, bottle, or piece of paper into a recycling container. This is the first step in a series of processes that sends materials on their way to be recycled. The ultimate recycling goal is for material that is collected to be used as a raw material to manufacture new products. This is the part of recycling that tends to be forgotten.

The good news is that it is getting easier to buy recycled. More corporations are making commitments to consume more scrap materials and use these to manufacture new consumer goods and packaging. A significant amount of investment has been made in domestic recycling infrastructure over the past several years, which positions the United States to consume more scrap materials.

The State of Missouri has several contracts

where recycled products can be ordered. Here's a list of those [contracts](#).

To see the journey of how products are recycled, click the following links:

- [Recycling Journey-Aluminum](#)
- [Recycling Journey-Glass](#)
- [Recycling Journey-Paper](#)
- [Recycling Journey-Plastic](#)
- [Recycling Journey-Steel](#)

The items pictured to the right are manufactured from recycled materials. The State of Missouri makes an effort to purchase supplies that promotes sustainability.

RECYCLING TIP

- Do you have a recycling question?
- Do you need a recycling container or supplies?

Contact recycling@oa.mo.gov for any recycling needs.

