



Missouri State Recycling Program

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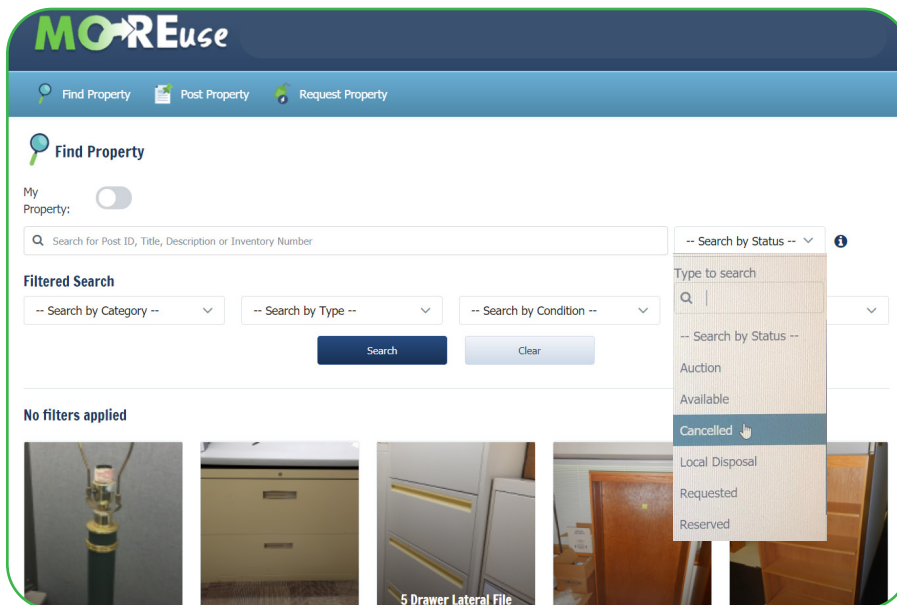
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Remember These Reuse Tips

Managing Your MOREuse Posts!

MOREuse is a great tool to find and give items without having to use agency or department funds. For MOREuse to be effective, it is important that users keep the status (reserved, transferred, etc.)

current. Managing your posts is simple and will help the MOREuse community know what property you still have or what property you still need.



1. How do you keep track of your posts? After logging in, click on the "Find Property" button. On the next screen click the "My Property" button, which will turn it green. Next, click the "Search" button. If no other filters have been selected this will produce a list of all posts where you were either the "giver" or the "taker".

2. How do I narrow my search? From the "Find Property" screen, make sure the "My Property" button is a green color. Next, click on the "Search by

Status" drop down box and select the status you would like to review, then click the "Search" button. This will produce a list of all of your posts with that status. For example, when selecting a status of "requested," a listing of all of your MOREuse property requests will be produced.

3. Keeping your account current. As you post, it is important to keep your posts current. Once a "wanted" item is obtained, the status of the post needs to be changed to "cancelled".

DOWNLOAD YOUR DEPARTMENT'S RECYCLING FLIER



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Missouri Recycles and Buys Recycled

In the past year, Missouri state employees recycled 10,687,191 pounds of material. Missouri state employees also purchased products made from recycled material, including paper products, office supplies, remanufactured printer cartridges, carpet tiles, and cardboard boxes.

Impact of Missouri's Recycling Efforts

Recycling efforts of Missouri state employees helped to:

- **Save money:** The State of Missouri saved an estimated \$333,547 through avoiding waste disposal costs and reusing supplies instead of purchasing new.
- **Help families in need:** Proceeds from recycling helped to heat the homes of 150 Missouri families enrolled in the Heating Assistance Program.
- **184 billion BTUs of energy saved:** This is equivalent to the annual energy consumption of 2,011 homes.
- **Buy Recycled:** \$15,972,984 of recycled-content products purchased.

Dept. of Corrections Recycles:

- Aluminum
- Batteries
- Cardboard
- Commingled Materials
- Cooking Oil
- Electronic Scrap
- Fluorescent Lamps
- Mixed Office Paper
- Pallets
- Plastic
- Printer Cartridges
- Scrap Metal
- Tin / Steel Cans

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More information can also be found from the annual report by scanning this QR Code.

In the past year, Missouri state employees recycled 10,687,191 pounds of material. Department cooperation with recycling has been the key to this success.

Recycling fliers are now available. These detail what each department recycles. From aluminium to printer cartridges, the state of Missouri recycles a wide range of materials.

A complete list of fliers can be found [here](#). Each department has their own flier, which can be printed and placed within the office.

RECYCLING NEWS

CARPET TILES DIVERTED FROM LANDFILL



Doug Doerhoff (FMDC) lifts a pallet of carpet into a truck that will take it back to be recycled.

During the past year, the state of Missouri recycled approximately 100,000 pounds of carpet tiles. Since July, between 35,000-40,000 pounds were picked up at the Truman and the Employee Security buildings resulting in an avoided landfill cost of at least \$1,000. This added to the fact that FY20 was a record year for carpet recycling.

Facilities Management, Design and Construction (FMDC) led the effort to recover the Truman Building's nearly 40 year old burnt-orange colored tiles for recycling. In all, 20 pallets of carpet were loaded and transported back to the original manufacturer (Interface) to be recycled.

Meet Your MIRC MEMBER

DEBRA GOODMAN

Debra Goodman says the best way to recycle is to keep it simple and to always look for ways to reuse items.

A Missouri Interagency Recycling Committee (MIRC) member since 2005, Goodman has long been committed to recycling, including her previous job with St. Mary's hospital. During her time at St. Mary's, Debra led the effort to get the hospital accredited with Hospitals for a Healthy Environment. Goodman worked at St. Mary's for seven years before obtaining her position at the Army National Guard.

"My role at the National Guard is to manage the day to day operations of the custodial department, which includes meeting the expectations and standards of the Guard. I am always looking for ways to save dollars and still find ways to enhance our services and productivity," Goodman said.

Goodman also knew that recycling was a very important part of the work environment. Taking what she learned while at St. Mary's she began to introduce recycling to the Guard. She also took knowledge gained from MIRC to help program implementation.

"When I arrived at the National Guard there wasn't any recycling of cardboard, cans, bottles, or paper. I asked our command group if I could start a program and they approved. We started out with cardboard only and gradually added



Debra Goodman

other materials. It was quite a challenge in the ever-changing environment to keep people informed about recycling processes. The key was to make it as easy and cost effective as possible," Goodman said.

As the program grew, Goodman was pleased by the reception from her peers.

"Our goal then, and still is, to divert as much material as possible from the landfill. The good thing is there is a large amount of recycling taking place through the Guard that I think people are more aware of now. For example, oils, tires, brass, and so much more," she said.

Goodman is excited to pass down the recycling torch to the next generation upon retirement.

REMEMBER THESE RECYCLING TIPS

HOW DO I RECYCLE PLASTIC BAGS AND PLASTIC FILM?

Did you know?

Plastic bags and film (e.g., water bottle and toilet paper wrap) do not belong in a recycling container.

Why?

Plastic bags get caught up in the sorting machinery during the recycling process and create very expensive problems at recycling facilities.

What should I do with plastic bags?

Most large grocery and retail stores have collection containers where individuals may place plastic bags or film.

More and more plastic bags and film packaging have the "How2Recycle" label that clearly explains whether the packaging can be recycled.

How2Recycle is a non-profit organization that has been working to standardize labeling of consumer product packaging to convey to consumers whether different types of packaging are recyclable.

For more information regarding the How2Recycle [labeling system](#) or to find a drop-off near you click [here](#).



This logo from [how2recycle.info](#) shows what label will be on plastic bags and wrap that can be placed in collection bins at designated areas.