



# Missouri State Recycling Program

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## MSRP Partners with DNR

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The Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is charting the roadmap to getting rid of hazardous waste around the state.

*In helping bring awareness to DNR's Environmental Remediation Program, the Missouri State Recycling Program has partnered with DNR to spread the word.*

Throughout the year households commonly purchase items that are part of a category of products known as household hazardous wastes (HHW). Improper handling of these products could be harmful to human health. Common problems include air pollution, water contamination, fire and health hazards, and danger to the elderly, children, and pets.

In recognition of *America Recycles Day*, DNR's Waste Management Program partnered with the Office of Administration's State Recycling Program by setting up an information table at the *Harry S Truman State Office Building*. In an effort to increase awareness of proper handling and recycling of HHW, numerous household items such as cleaners, antifreeze, paint, medicines, mobile phones, and computers were displayed.

When finished with HHW products, households are encouraged to utilize one of the many permanent HHW disposal facilities or one-time collection events throughout Missouri. Proper disposal of HHW is important to the health of our water, air, and land resources.



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Visit MoDNR's website for a list of Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facilities and *Missouri Materials Management Directory* for local contractors, vendors, and drop-off locations offering recycling, reuse, and disposal services or contact the Waste Management Program at 573-751-5401.

Use household chemicals with care and dispose of them thoughtfully. Read labels carefully when making purchases and invest in safer household cleaning materials. For safer chemical ingredients, check products for EPA's safer choice labels. Simple and naturally derived products such as vinegar, lemons (peel), and baking soda can keep your home safe, healthy, and shining clean.

## Missouri State Recycling Program

### MISSION STATEMENT

The *Missouri State Recycling Program* partners with state employees and agencies to facilitate fiscally and environmentally responsible strategies for reuse and recycling of state property.



## Congratulations

We congratulate Jessica Johnsen for being the winner of the bottle cap challenge that was held on November 14, as the *Missouri State Recycling Program* was promoting *America Recycles Day*. Jessica's prize was a shirt that was made out of recycled bottles.

# Recycling News

## More State Employees Sign the Recycling Pledge During ARD '19



Numerous employees signed a recycling pledge showing their commitment to sustainable practices at work and at home during *America Recycles Day* (ARD) at the *Harry S Truman State Building* on November 14.

ARD was recognized during the entire month of November, and to bring awareness to recycling within state agencies, the *Missouri State Recycling Program* set up an information table on the fourth floor.

State team members learned more about MSRP and how Missouri agencies were partnering to reduce waste by promoting better stewardship of state resources and ideas.

## MIRC Meeting February 4

**Who:** Missouri Interagency Recycling Committee Members

**What:** Quarterly Meeting

**Where:** *Runge Nature Center*  
330 Commerce Drive  
*Jefferson City*

**When:** 1 – 3 p.m.

Kick off 2020 with a discussion of state recycling.

## Meet Your 2019

# RECYCLING CHAMPIONS

Each year, the *Missouri State Recycling Program* recognizes state agencies and employees for excellence in recycling. The 2019 awards were given on November 15.

## Team ITSD, Information Technology Service Division Office of Administration



(L – R) Sarah Steelman, Aaron Stalter, Phil Seeley, Amy Raburn, Steve Siegler, Angie Craig, Russell Blair, Lynn Ratchford, Leslie Berhorst, Kristie Bailey, and Rob Didriksen.

TEAM AWARD

The *Information Technology Service Division* (ITSD) of the Office of Administration continues to impress the *Missouri Interagency Recycling Committee*, with its proven track record of reuse and recycling. From office paper to scrap electronics, numerous employees in different sections of ITSD have stepped up to the plate to ensure that materials are recycled. One of the outstanding characteristics of this team effort is that recycling processes and procedures are communicated from one generation of employees to the next; thereby assuring the long-term sustainability of recycling throughout the division.

## Sharon Hultberg, Washington State Park Department of Natural Resources

INDIVIDUAL AWARD

For several years, Sharon has diligently worked to incorporate sustainable practices—including recycling—into the daily operations of Washington State Park (WSP). The Missouri Interagency Recycling Committee was impressed with Sharon's efforts at WSP that allowed the park to save on disposal costs by recycling thousands of pounds of material each year. In addition, thousands of visitors annually get to see many of these sustainable practices first-hand when they visit the park.



Sharon Hultberg with her award.

Please send any submissions to [recycling@oa.mo.gov](mailto:recycling@oa.mo.gov). We'd love to see photos of you recycling at work, objects made from recycled products, or anything else recycling-related that you'd like to share!

Visit [OA.MO.GOV/General-Services/Missouri-State-Recycling-Program](http://OA.MO.GOV/General-Services/Missouri-State-Recycling-Program) for more information.