



# Missouri State Recycling Program

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## 2020 Recycling Champions

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Team Champion: **Department of Revenue**

The Missouri Department of Revenue (DOR) recycles at least a truckload of paper and cardboard each month! There is also a noticeable recycling culture within DOR. Recycling containers throughout offices are clearly labeled and staff are kept informed about the recycling rules. Different operations within DOR make the extra effort to recycle unusual things such as metal banding from license plate shipments or paper clips from incoming mail. For many years now the Department of Revenue has been a key partner for the Missouri State Recycling Program.

ABOVE: (l-r) Lynn Kempker, Ivan Soler, Rob Didriksen, Brenda Davis, and Vickie Akin.

RIGHT: (l-r) Sarah Wilhoit, Brad Spraggs, Scott Harper, Ryan Ferrell, Nancy Tennison, Lisa Hopkins, Mike Price, and Rob Didriksen.



Individual Champion: **Nancy Tennison**  
Treasurer's Office

For more than 20 years, Nancy Tennison has provided leadership with recycling for the Missouri State Treasurer's Office (STO). As the Interagency Recycling Committee representative for the STO, Nancy always ensures staff in the Treasurer's Office are informed about what can be recycled. Her recycling leadership isn't limited to contracted recycling services, but has also includes making sure STO offices are setup for plastic bag recycling and other unusual items such as CDs and microfilm. Nancy has consistently supported the mission of the Missouri State Recycling Program for many years now.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR QUIZ WINNERS

Last month, we commemorated America Recycles Day with a quiz. We are happy to report that our audience has pristine recycling knowledge. Below you will find the answers to the questions from our "November Recycling News" email.

1. ARD is celebrated every November, but what does the ARD acronym mean?

Answer: America Recycles Day

2. Which item does not belong in a recycling container at work?

Answer: Paper towel

3. What should you do to cardboard when recycling it?

Answer: Flatten it

4. Which two materials are most commonly recycled from Christmas lights?

Answer: Copper and plastic

5. What is the best option to dispose of plastic bags?

Answer: Find a drop-off location

Congratulations to our 10 winners who received a pen made from plastic bottles.

- Anita Stanfield, DNR
- Victorine Mahon, DOLIR
- Donna Foul, DSS
- Cassandra Wren, DOR
- Lori Cody, DNR
- Kathy Scheulen, MDC
- June Simonton, SEMA
- Julie Jenkins, DSS
- Bryan Hartnagel, MoDOT
- Richard Sapp, DHSS

# Meet Your **MIRC MEMBER** JACK McCLEARY

Georgia native Jack McCleary has been a good friend and asset to the Missouri State Recycling Program (MSRP) as a Missouri Interagency Recycling Committee (MIRC) member and partner on strategic recycling initiatives. He has helped further the mission of the MSRP by pursuing grants that make it possible to have a greater recycling capacity within the Department of Corrections (DOC).

McCleary has worked for DOC for almost two years as the Grants Administrator in the Research, Planning, and Process Improvement Section under the Office of the Director.

"I am very lucky to work with such an amazing group of people who are all doing great things for the State of Missouri. In the short time I have worked here, it has been exciting to see DOC become a more dynamic, data-driven organization," McCleary stated.

For much of that time, McCleary has been a MIRC member.



Jack McCleary

"I value MIRC because it provides an opportunity to network and learn from my peers in other areas of state government," he stated.

MIRC membership opened up the complexities of recycling beyond the

simplicity that is seen on the outside.

"There are complex, interdependent contracts and relationships at every level that determine what happens to that plastic cup. There are events that occur in China that directly affect what happens to our recyclables here in Missouri. When you take a step back and think about how much waste just one person creates in a year – how many plastic cups, trash bags, grocery bags, etc. – you begin to understand how important it is not just to recycle but also to reduce and reuse,"

McCleary hopes to continue to be an integral part of state recycling solutions.

"Looking to the future, I hope to continue working with the MSRP to create safer, more sustainable work environments," McCleary stated. "There is definitely something beautiful and unique in the landscape here that is worth preserving, which is why the mission of the MSRP is so important."

## HOW TO RECYCLE E-WASTE

### Non-IT equipment can be recycled too

Did you know state agencies recycle 250,000 pounds of IT equipment and more than 100,000 pounds of non-IT equipment such as microwaves, adding machines, and refrigerators each year? This is accomplished through the e-waste contract where the contractor processes equipment for refurbishment or recycling.

This service is primarily used by the Office of Administration's Information Technology Services Division (ITSD); however, the contractor will accept almost anything that runs on a power cord or battery.

#### How do I recycle non-IT electronics?

Our current e-waste contractor schedules pickups of IT equipment around the state several times a year. The key is to coordinate with your IT staff to see

about recycling non-IT equipment such as microwaves and adding machines. Reach out to your IT staff to let them know you have equipment you would like to recycle through the e-waste contract. Non-IT equipment, in many instances, can be picked up at the same time as the IT equipment.

**RIGHT: E-waste, such as microwaves, refrigerators, adding machines, and calculators can all be recycled.**

#### CALLING RECYCLING NEWS!

If you have any recycling news to share, we want to hear about it.

Email [Edward.Lang@oa.mo.gov](mailto:Edward.Lang@oa.mo.gov) to tell your story.

