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SOLID WASTE
RESOURCE GUIDE

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IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
Boone, Campbell, and Kenton Counties each have a Solid Waste Coordinator who oversees their county’s solid waste programming, such as recycling, litter abatement, household hazardous waste, and composting. The Solid Waste Coordinators enforce their county’s solid waste ordinances and handle issues regarding landfill, disposal, and illegal dumping, while also providing community education and resources.

Boone, Campbell, and Kenton Counties together comprise the Northern Kentucky Solid Waste Management Area (NKSWMA). Please call your local Solid Waste Coordinator for information on programs, special events, policies, etc.

**Boone County Solid Waste Coordinator**
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*Boone County’s Solid Waste Coordinator also serves as the NKSWMA Coordinator*

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**Conservation Districts**
Boone County: (859) 586-7903
Campbell County: (859) 635-9587
Kenton County: (859) 356-1019

**Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet**
8020 Veterans Memorial Dr., Florence, KY 41042
(859) 525-4923 Florence Regional Office

**Northern Kentucky Household Hazardous Waste Action Coalition**
www.nkyhhw.org

**Northern Kentucky Water District**
2835 Crescent Springs Road, Erlanger, KY 41018
(859) 578-9898

**Sanitation District 1 -SD1**
1045 Eaton Dr., Ft. Wright, KY 41017
(859) 578-7450

**UK Cooperative Extension Services**
Boone County: (859) 586-6101
Campbell County: (859) 572-2600
Kenton County: (859) 356-3155
WASTE HAULERS & LANDFILLS

HOW TO SIGN-UP FOR RESIDENTIAL TRASH SERVICE

FIRST, if you live in a subdivision or planned neighborhood, find out if there is a Homeowners Association for your community. Often, the HOA contracts trash service for the neighborhood.

SECOND, if you do not have a Homeowners Association, contact your city. Cities usually manage garbage service for incorporated areas.

THIRD, if you live in an unincorporated region and not in a city, you are free to contract waste removal with any hauler that you prefer.

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Bavarian Waste Services
Landfill (drop-off), Dumpster Rental
12764 McCoy Fork Road Walton, KY 41094
(859) 485-4416
http://bavarianwaste.com/

Best Way Disposal & Recycling
Curbside Trash and Recycling, Dumpster Rental
1389 Production Drive
Burlington, KY
(859) 372-4900
http://www.bestway-disposal.com/

Republic Services Transfer Station
4399 Boron Dr. Covington, KY
(859) 286-4484

Republic Services
Curbside Trash and Recycling
11563 Mosteller Road
Cincinnati, OH 45241
1-(800) 543-1339
https://www.republicservices.com/

Rumpke Ohio Landfill
3800 Struble Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45251
1-(800) 582-3107

Rumpke KY Landfill
1374 Bryan Griffin Rd, Butler, KY 41006
(859) 472-7339

Rumpke Waste Services
Curbside Trash
10795 Hughes Road
Cincinnati, OH 45251
1-(800)-543-0477
https://www.rumpke.com/

Rumpke Recycling
Curbside Recycling
5535 Vine Street
Cincinnati, OH 45217
(513) 242-4402
https://www.rumpke.com/

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HOW TO REPORT A GARBAGE DUMP

If you see a garbage pile on someone’s property, or a dump along county roads, please contact your county Solid Waste Coordinator. If you actually see someone in the act of dumping, CALL 911. Dumping is a Class D felony, so please speak up!

HELP KEEP YOUR COUNTY CLEAN!
RECYCLING

You can collect **household recyclables** and bring them to any of the drop-box bins below. Please be sure to place only acceptable recyclables in the bins, as dumping unauthorized material in or around a bin causes contamination and is illegal.

**BOONE COUNTY**
(859) 334-3629 or [www.bigbluebin.com](http://www.bigbluebin.com)

- Bellevue/McVille Fire Dept., 6900 McVille Rd
- Bellevue: Kelly Elementary, 6775 McVille Rd
- Burlington: Corner of Maplewood & Idlewild Rd
- Burlington: Extension Office Lot (Burlington Pike)
- Burlington: IHM, Veterans Way (PAPER ONLY)
- Burlington: Boone Co Bus Garage, 5505 N Bend Rd
- Burlington: Skilcraft, 5184 Limaburg Rd
- Burlington: Bullittsville Church, 3094 Petersburg Rd
- Erlanger: St. Henry High School, 3755 Scheben Dr
- Erlanger: Point Pleasant Fire Dept., 3444 Turfway Rd
- Erlanger: MQH, 1150 Donaldson Hwy (PAPER ONLY)
- Florence: Boone Co HS, 7056 Burlington Pike
- Florence: Oakbrook Park, 9905 Oakbrook Dr
- Florence: Eagle Financing Parking, 7791 Dixie Hwy
- Florence: Ockerman Middle School, 8300 US-42
- Florence: Immanual Church, 1440 Boone Aire Rd
- Florence: Kellogg’s, 500 Weaver Rd
- Florence: Boone Links, 19 Clubhouse Dr
- Florence: Sims, 7791 Dixie Hwy
- Florence: Ace Hardware, 8515 US-42
- Hebron: Ace Hardware, 3545 N Bend Rd
- Hebron: Arronco, 5578 Limaburg Rd
- Hebron: Conner High School, 3310 Cougar Path
- Hebron: North Pointe Elementary, 875 N Bend Rd
- Hebron: Monoprice, 2055 Global Way
- Petersburg: Community Center, 6517 Market St
- Union: Union Pool, 10165 Old Union Road
- Walton: Fire Dept. 12600 Towne Center Dr
- Verona: Fire Dept., 14924 Walton Verona Rd

**KENTON COUNTY**
(859) 392-1919 or [www.kentoncounty.org](http://www.kentoncounty.org)

- Beechgrove Elementary School, 1029 Bristow Rd
- Caywood Elementary School, 3300 Turkey Foot Rd
- Kenton County Animal Shelter, 1020 Mary Laidley Rd
- Kenton County Public Library, 401 Kenton Lands Rd
- Kenton Co Public Works, 420 Independence Station
- Middleton-Mills Park, 3415 Mills Rd
- Piner Elementary School, 2845 Bracht-Piner Rd
- Pioneer Park, 3951 Madison Pike
- River Ridge Elementary School, 2772 Amsterdam Rd
- Simon Kenton High School, 11132 Madison Pike
- Summit View Middle School, 5006 Madison Pike
- TANK, 3375 Madison Pike
- Taylor Mill Elementary School, 5907 Taylor Mill Rd
- Twenhofel Middle School, 11846 Taylor Mill Rd
- Woodland Middle School, 5399 Old Taylor Mill Rd

**CAMPBELL COUNTY**
(859) 547-1866 or [www.campbellcountyky.org](http://www.campbellcountyky.org)

- Animal Shelter, 1898 Poplar Ridge Rd
- TANK Park & Ride Lot, 9000 Alexandria Pike

**ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:**
Glass Bottles & Jars, Metal Cans (aluminum, steel, empty aerosol cans with lids & tips removed), Plastic Bottles and Jugs (bottles that have a small mouth and wider base, such as milk jugs), Paper (newspaper, magazines, cardboard, envelopes, cardboard), Cartons (milk, juice, soup, broth, etc.)

**UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS:**
Plastic Bags, Batteries, Plastics #3, #4, #5, #6, & #7 (food packaging), Cassette Tapes, Hangers, Metal Chains, Garden Hoses, Needles, Syringes, Electronics, Foam, Buckets, Butter Tubs, Car Parts, Food, Yard Waste, Light Bulbs, Drinking Glasses, Ceramics, Pots/Pans, Scrap Metal

**PLASTIC BAG RECYCLING**
Various retailers have receptacles for customers to drop off plastic grocery bags to be recycled. Please keep in mind that it is more Environmentally Friendly to bring reusable bags instead.
SECOND-HAND STORES/ DONATION DROP OFF

Get rid of your belongings without throwing them in a landfill. Ideas include:
Second Hand Stores
Facebook Yard Sale Groups/Facebook Marketplace
Craig’s List https://cincinnati.craigslist.org/
Freecycle www.freecycle.org: Trade, buy, or give away nearly anything!
Place at curb with a FREE sign

DONATION DROP OFF LOCATIONS

- **Be Concerned**, 1100 W Pike St., Covington
  (859) 291-6789
- **Brighton Center**, 741 Central Avenue,
  Newport (859) 491-8303
- **Brighton Recovery Center for Women**, 375
  Weaver Rd, Florence (859) 282-9390
- **Emergency Shelter of NKY**, 634 Scott Blvd.,
  Covington (859) 291-4555
- **Fairhaven Thrift Store**, 601 W Ninth St.
  Covington (859) 655-3959
- **Family Promise NKY**, 336 W 9th St.,
  Newport (859) 360-0908
- **Goodwill Industries**, (859) 371-1238–
  Florence Location;
  For a drop-off location near you, visit
  www.goodwill.org/donate-and-
  shop/donate-stuff/
- **Northern Kentucky Community Action
  Commission** (859) 581-6607
  For your local Neighborhood Center, visit
  www.nkcac.org/neighborhood-centers/
- **Second Time Around Thrift Shop**, 2014
  Eastern Ave., Covington (859) 431-4636
- **St. Vincent de Paul**
  2655 Crescent Springs Pike, Erlanger (859)
  341-3212
  7110 Turfway Rd, Florence, (859) 446-7715
- **Salvation Army**
  1806 Scott St., Covington (859) 261-0835
  340 W Tenth St. Newport (859) 431-1063
- **Vietnam Veterans of America**, Hamilton,
  OH 1-(800) 535-3834/ (513) 829-2800
  Call for pick up in Northern Kentucky or visit
  www.vva.org
- **Welcome House**, 205 W. Pike Street,
  Covington (859) 431-8717

CONSTRUCTION RE-USE

- **Cincinnati Re-Use Center**, 1530 Tremont
  St., Cincinnati (513) 278-7111
- **Ohio Mulch**, 5519 KY-237, Burlington
  (859) 586-1173 Yard waste drop off
- **Habitat for Humanity’s ReStore**
  8309 US-42, Florence (859) 371-0038
  15 E 6th St., Bellevue (859) 261-0456

The following companies offer money for recyclables.

- Bluegrass Recycling, 1575 Distribution
  Dr., Burlington (859) 283-9560
- Can Dew Recycling
  98 Jolly Industrial Park Dr.
  Wilder (859) 441-6300
- Cohen Recycling,13229 Dixie Hwy.,
  Walton (859) 363-8300
- Newport Recycling, 527 W. 10th St.,
  Newport (859) 261-9335
- Recycling Express, 8505 Dixie Hwy.,
  Florence (859) 282-5200
- River Metals Recycling, 1220 Licking Pike,
  Newport (859) 291-5509

Call ahead for information about accepted items.
**APPLIANCE RECYCLING**

Boone, Kenton and Campbell Counties accept certain items free from the public year-round and recycle them. Acceptable items include refrigerators (Freon is OK), stoves, air conditioners, washers, dryers, water heaters, and most other metal appliances. All mowers and engines must have all fluids removed.

**Boone County Public Works**
5645 Idlewild Road, Burlington
(859) 334-3600
Monday- Friday 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Kenton County Public Works**
420 Independence Station Road, Independence
(859) 392-1920
Monday- Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Campbell County Transportation Center**
1175 Racetrack Road, Alexandria
(859) 635-9100

Call our "WE CARE" hotline (392-1930) to have appliances picked up within three business days.

**ELECTRONICS RECYCLING**

**Cell Phones**

Many retailers will accept cell phones including Best Buy, Cincinnati Bell, Home Depot, Office Depot, Sprint, Staples, Target, and Verizon Wireless. Call the retailer directly for details.

**Toner Cartridges**

Most major office supply stores also accept empty cartridges.

**Boone Co. Public Works**
5645 Idlewild Rd
(859)334-3600

**Kenton County Public Works**
420 Independence Station Rd
(859)392-1919

**Electronics**

*Please note that charges may apply, especially for televisions and CRT monitors. Call ahead for information.*

- **Apex Technology Solutions**
  7960 Kentucky Drive, Suite 4 & 5 Florence
  (859)485-4444
  Businesses please call for prices.

- **Best Buy**
  100 Meijer Dr., Florence, KY
  (859)525-7118
  [https://www.bestbuy.com/](https://www.bestbuy.com/)
  Tube televisions up to 32” or up to 50” flat screen for $25

- **Blair Technology Group**
  4314 Boron Dr. St. D
  Covington, KY 41015
  (859) 823-6757

- **Cohen Electronics**
  www.cohenusa.com
  13229 Dixie Hwy, Walton
  (859) 363-8300

- **Tri State Escrap**
  6001 Dry Fork Road
  Cleves, OH 45002
  (513) 240-2521
  [www.TriStateEscrap.com](http://www.TriStateEscrap.com)

- **Tri State Green PC**
  6443 Taylor Mill Rd, Independence
  (859)314-9360
  [www.TriStateGreenPC.com](http://www.TriStateGreenPC.com)

*Does not accept tube TV’s or CRT monitors*

**The NKY Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event** is the 1ST Saturday in November at the UC Health Stadium in Florence (FREE for Boone, Campbell, and Kenton Residents); limit two (2) televisions per vehicle.

Website: [http://nkyhhw.org/](http://nkyhhw.org/)
PAPER SHREDDING

Boone Co Public Works Recycling
(859) 334-4808
3275 Maplewood Dr.
Burlington, KY 41005

Document Destruction
(513) 772-1114
4511 Reading Road,
Cincinnati, OH 45229

Shred - It
(513) 301-0505
1(888)750-6450
6838 Fairfield Business Center Drive,
Fairfield, OH 45014

Office Depot and Staples
Call your nearest location for information
on paper shredding services.

PACKAGING MATERIALS

Packing peanuts and other expanded polystyrene (EPS) are among the most common sources of marine debris, where they can be mistaken as food by birds and fish. Packing peanuts do not biodegrade, meaning it will take hundreds of years for them to decompose in a landfill. Contact local shipping stores to see if they accept packaging (e.g. boxes, packing peanuts, foam, etc.) for reuse.

The UPS Store
Florence
(859) 742-5877

The UPS Store
Crescent Springs
(859) 341-9215

FedEx
Crescent Springs
(859) 341-0079

The UPS Store
Newport
(859) 261-5777

FedEx
Florence
(859) 647-1300
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Household hazardous waste (HHW) is the group of chemicals and other substances that are commonly found in many homes but require special attention when being discarded. Please keep in mind that the best way to get rid of these materials is to use them for their intended purposes.

### Antifreeze
Antifreeze can be taken to Kenton County Public Works in Independence (859-392-1920) which is open to any Northern Kentucky resident (5 gallon limit).

### Batteries 1-877-2-Recycle
Auto batteries are accepted by most stores that sell them. Boone, Campbell, and Kenton Counties also accept them during scheduled cleanup events.

Rechargeable batteries can be dropped-off at the following sites:
1. Boone County Public Works  
2. Campbell County Administration Building  
3. Kenton County Public Works  
4. City of Florence Public Services  
5. Independence City Building  
6. Walton City Building  
7. Union City Building  
*Alkaline batteries can be safely disposed of with normal household waste.

### Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs
Lowes and Home Depot accept Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) from residents only (no businesses).

### Fire Extinguishers
Fire extinguishers cannot be placed in your household recycling bin; however, you can take them to larger household waste recycling centers for disposal.

### Gasoline
Boone County Public Works  
Call for details (859) 334-3629

### Household Cleaners
If it mixes with water, it is water-soluble. Most liquid, gel, and powder household cleaning products can be disposed of down the drain with running water, just like when you use them. Most solid products (soap scouring pads, sticks, towelettes, etc.) can be placed in the trash. Never mix household cleaners when disposing. Special caution should be taken with septic systems or package treatment plants.

**Needle disposal (such as those used for insulin)**
Place used needles in a sharps container or a plastic laundry detergent bottle, duct tape the container lid shut, and place container in your trash bin for regular trash pickup.

### Paint
If you must dispose of paint, you can set it at the curb with your regular trash; HOWEVER, you must solidify it first by removing the lid from the can, mix cat litter, sawdust, sand, or “waste paint hardeners,” into the paint until you reach an oatmeal consistency, and let it dry. Be sure to do this in a well-ventilated area or outdoors. Place dried paint cans to curb with trash.

### Pesticides
The KY Department of Agriculture, Office of Consumer and Environmental Protection, runs a FREE pesticide collection and disposal 1-800-205-6543

### Propane Tanks
Tanks can be turned into cylinder exchange companies like Blue Rhino at local stores. Boone, Campbell, and Kenton Counties will accept tanks up to 20 lbs. during scheduled cleanup events.

### Solvents
Solvents, such as paint thinner, do not go bad. Allow the particulates to settle out, drain off the clear liquid. Mix the remainder with kitty litter and dispose in trash.
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Prescription Drugs
Keep your medicines secure so that a child, a teenager, or even a stranger, does not get into them. You may help prevent an accidental injury, and help stop possible unhealthy use of prescription drugs.

Take an inventory of your medicines. Check for any that have expired or that you no longer use. Flush medications down the toilet only if the label or patient information specifically instructs doing so.

Dispose of medication properly. Take advantage of medication disposal programs. Two types are available in Northern Kentucky:

- Drug disposal pouches: You can get a specialized pouch that de-activates medication, and then use the pouch to dispose of un-needed or expired medications at home. Pouches are available at the Northern Kentucky Health Department’s county health centers (Covington, Florence, and Newport).
- Medication drop-boxes: You take un-needed or expired medications to a police station or other public building and place them in a specialized container. Below is a list of locations in NKY:
  - Boone County Sheriff’s Office
  - Campbell County Police Department
  - Covington Police Department
  - Dayton Police Department
  - Edgewood Police Department
  - Erlanger Police Department
  - Florence Police Department
  - Fort Thomas Police Department
  - Fort Wright Police Department
  - Highland Heights Police Department
  - Kenton County Police Department
  - Newport Police Department
  - Park Hills Police Department
  - Southgate City Building
  - Villa Hills Police Department
  - Wilder Police Department

NORTHERN KENTUCKY HHW COLLECTION EVENT

The Northern Kentucky Household Hazardous Waste Action Coalition is dedicated to spreading awareness of the proper disposal/recycling of household hazardous waste. They are available to provide presentations, as well as printed resources and information.

The NKY Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event is the 1st Saturday in November at the UC Health Stadium in Florence (FREE for Boone, Campbell, and Kenton Residents). There is a limit two (2) televisions per vehicle and (10) paint cans per vehicle.

Website: http://nkyhhw.org/
ENVIRONMENTAL DISPOSAL

The companies below safely and legally dispose of any hazardous waste material. Please note that fees may apply. Call ahead for information and pricing.

Cleanlites Recycling, Inc.
7806 Anthony Wayne Ave., Cincinnati
(513) 641-4155
https://cleanlites.com/

Environmental Enterprises, Inc. (EEI)
(513) 641-4155
1-800-392-1503 Emergency Response
4560 Spring Grove Ave., Cincinnati
http://www.eeienv.com/

VEHICLES

Boone Co Auto & Truck Salvage 384-1164
Union Auto Parts 384-3381
Walton Recycling 363-8300
Webster’s General Contracting 393-4890

Goodwill 356-5591 (Independence);
371-1238 (Florence); 384-0430 (Union);
291-1333 (Bellevue); 441-0803 (Cold Spring)

USED MOTOR OIL & OIL FILTERS

Used motor oil from home oil changes must be taken to a facility that can dispose of it properly. Most instant oil change businesses accept used oil as well, but be sure to call ahead before as there may be restrictions.

Boone (334-3629) and Kenton Counties (392-1920) Public Works Departments accept up to five gallons of used motor oil from private residents. Boone County also accepts used oil filters.

TIRES

Bavarian (859) 485-4416, CSI (513) 771-4200, and Rumpke (513)472-7339) will all accept waste tires for a fee. Most tire dealers will take old tires, but call for info about quantity, size & fee charged for disposal. Boone, Campbell, and Kenton Counties accept waste tires at scheduled cleanup events, but restrictions apply. Contact your local Solid Waste Coordinator for details.
LITTER ABATEMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS

Litter is an unhealthy, harmful, and intolerable blight. It not only affects our quality of life, but also creates a negative impression of our community. It pollutes our land and water, and is detrimental to wildlife. Litter is also expensive to remove—Kentucky spends millions of dollars each year cleaning up roadways. Littering is also ILLEGAL!

Northern Kentucky hosts litter clean ups and abatement programs to combat litter year-round. If you would like to learn more about how to get involved and stop litter in your community, call your local Solid Waste Coordinator or the NKSWMA Coordinator. We would love to plan a community litter cleanup for your neighborhood or business. Join us for our Spring & Fall cleanups, Commonwealth Cleanup Week, River Sweep and the Great American Cleanup.

EDUCATION

Your Solid Waste Coordinators have a wealth of information to share with you. They are available to give presentations to schools, civic groups, churches, camps, and anyone else! We can discuss any subject related to solid waste management, such as recycling, waste reduction, household hazardous waste, and litter. Please contact your County Solid Waste Coordinator if you are interested in these programs, wish to schedule a presentation, or need more information.

Northern Kentucky is OUR home - Help Us Keep it Clean!

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