



The St. Louis - Jefferson Solid Waste Management District is a regional agency that was created in 1993 to assist the public, private and nonprofit sectors in establishing and expanding programs for recycling and waste reduction. The service area includes the City of St. Louis, St. Louis County, Jefferson County and St. Charles County. Funding for this program is provided by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. For more information visit www.swmd.net or call 314-645-6753.

Grant Proposals Being Accepted

The St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District is accepting grant proposals for waste reduction, recycling, composting, and education projects in St. Louis City, St. Louis County, Jefferson County, and St. Charles County. Cities, counties, private entities, and not-for-profit organizations are eligible to seek district grant funds.

Grant applications packages can be accessed from the district website at www.swmd.net, on October 30th, 2023. Applications are due to the district by 5:00pm on December 22, 2023. For more information, call (314) 645-6753.

REMAINS: Giving Textiles A Second Chance

Did you know 6.3% of the waste stream is clothing and household textiles?

Did you know the average person throws away 81 lbs. of clothing annually?

Remains purchases and processes unwanted donations from charities, thrift stores, communities and gives 40-50xxx lbs. of used clothing/household linens a second life in the reuse, rag, and fiber markets.

Founded in 1981 as a used clothing boutique, Remains evolved into a vintage wholesaler, and now a processor for reuse/recycle. The growth from a small van processing up 500 lbs. a day to 50,000+ per day was supported by grant funding through St. Louis Jefferson County Solid Waste District, DNR and St. Louis County.



Remains currently is located on what was an abandoned contaminated battery plant. 50% of the property has been remediated(recycled) and plans are in the works to remediate(recycle) the rest of the property.

Call to Action! Support your local charities and thrift stores! Donate in season items: Reuse, reduce, recycle! Contact Remains for a fundraising collection drive to capture textile

waste and generate funds for your group! We supply the trailer!

Remains is a member of Missouri Recycling Association(MORA) and the Secondary Materials and Recycled Textiles Association (SMART).

Both organizations have great resources for Reuse/Reduce/Recycling!.

Christmas Tree & Holiday Lights Recycling

Christmas Tree Recycling
All trees must have tinsel, ornaments and lights removed.

City recycling options: (city park sites subject to change with official announcement coming later this year.)

- St. Louis City Parks — free live Christmas tree dropoff — December 26th to January 8th
- o Forest Park: Lower Muny parking lot
- o Carondelet Park: Grand & Holly Hills, area next to maintenance yard gate

o O'Fallon Park: (YMCA) Southwest corner of parking lot

- St. Louis Composting locations for \$3 charge/tree (locations listed below).
- Set out your tree for bulk pickup. Find your bulk pickup week at www.stlouis-mo.gov/my-pickup. Do NOT put trees in the yard/green waste containers.

County recycling options:

- St. Louis County Parks — free live Christmas tree dropoff — December 26th to January 15th
- o Creve Coeur Park: 13777 Marine Ave., 63146
- o Queeny Park: 550 Weidman Rd., 63011
- o Bee Tree Park: 2701 Finestown Ave., 63129
- o Spanish Lake: 12500 Spanish Pond Rd., 63138
- St. Louis Composting locations for a \$3 charge/tree
- o 39 Old Elam Ave., 63088
- o 11294 Schaefer Rd., 63043
- o 13060 County Park Rd., 63034
- o 18900 Franklin Rd., 63069
- Fick Supply Services Inc.: 501 N. Eatherton Rd., 63005

For more information visit: RecycleResponsibly.org

Holiday Light Recycling
Do NOT put holiday lights in your recycling bin.



Take your holiday string lights to one of these convenient locations:

- Lowe's**
- o 1212 Kirkwood Rd., 63122 by main entrance
- o 932 Loughborough Ave., 63111 at front of the store
- Earthbound Recycling*
- o 25 Truitt Dr., 63025 | 636-938-1188
- o Mon – Sat: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Scrap Mart* (get paid 17 cents/lb)
- o 145 N Outer Rd., 63088 | 636-256-7400
- o Mon – Fri: 7:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m., Sat 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Spectrum E-cycle*
- o 1521 Page Industrial Blvd., 63132 314-428-0777
- o Mon – Fri: 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Wellston Scrap & Metal*
- o 6540 Dr. Martin Luther King Dr., 63133 314-389-2526
- o Mon – Sat: 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Sun: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Wonderland at Tilles Park**
- o Dropoff near park entrance 11/17/23 - 01/15/24
- *This location accepts lights year-round.
- **This location accepts lights for a limited time only.

Artfully Repurposed Trash Bins In The LOOP

The East Loop Community Improvement District (CID) repurposed ten old concrete trash receptacles, each weighing a substantial 400 pounds, into planters and decorative street fixtures. This initiative addresses a hard-



to-recycle item, repurposing the hefty concrete containers into artist-designed planters filled with soil and plants. The trash receptacles were adorned with artist-created designs to serve as decorative street fixtures, ultimately enhancing the underserved areas of the district.

STL Artworks played a pivotal role in this project, collaborating with the East Loop CID to provide artistic design expertise and engage youth apprentices in the creation of the planters and decorative street fixtures. This

transformative project left an enduring imprint on the community, promoting youth art, creativity, community engagement, and environmental enhancement. The strategically placed planters effectively deterred unwanted behaviors, exemplifying the principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED).

With approximately 500,000 annual visitors to the Delmar Loop, this project created a positive impact by saving around 2,000 pounds of concrete from landfills, revitalizing and enhancing the appearance of certain areas, and adding captivating public art to the community. The transformed trash receptacles provide a warm welcome to visitors, showcasing the district's commitment to sustainability and creativity.

We want to thank our partners and collaborators: St. Louis Jefferson Solid Waste Management, STL Artworks, Harambee, and Forest ReLeaf.

Do you have medical equipment that is not being used? Do you need medical equipment?

Now there is HELP...

St. Louis HELP (Health Equipment Lending Program) accepts donations of manual wheelchairs, electric hospital beds, shower chairs, canes/crutches/walkers, grab bars, elevated toilet seats, portable commodes, lift chairs, seating cushions, back supports, diapers/bedpans, folding ramps - every type of item except oxygen tanks and medications. St. Louis HELP loans the donated home medical items to individuals at no cost or fee.

St. Louis HELP provides anyone in need

with access to free home medical equipment through our recycle and reuse program enabling them to live as independently as possible and remain contributing members of the community. Additionally, our program diverts unnecessary waste from area landfills by providing a local resource for the reuse or recycling of unwanted medical equipment - over 150 tons each year. St. Louis HELP is an IRS 501(c)(3) charity - all monetary and equipment donations are tax-deductible.

The program's services are at absolutely no cost or fee. St. Louis HELP annually serves over 6,000 uninsured, underinsured, disabled, elderly, children, parents, Veterans, caregivers,



equipment donors and partner charities - literally anyone with no geographic boundary. Our recycle and reuse program enables individuals to live as safely as possible promoting equity and opportunity for all. Mobility and independence are basic human rights and St. Louis HELP works to provide that for all people. Our program gives people a greater choice in living arrangements, transportation options and overall daily living issues as well as diverting tons

of items from the solid waste stream. Clean the attic, garage or basement and pass your items on to someone in need.

Volunteers, volunteers and more volunteers are needed to help clean, repair and stock donated items. Each year St. Louis HELP receives over 2,000 hours of volunteer service. If you would like to join our team, please call 314-897-HELP (4357).

If you need equipment or would like to donate equipment, please call 314-897-HELP (4357) or visit the website www.stlhelp.org.

St. Louis: 9709 Dielman Rock Island Ind. Drive, St. Louis, MO 63132. Jefferson County: 300 Baily Rd., Crystal City, MO 63019.