



# Blue Bin News

## St. Louis City Residential Recycling Newsletter

### Botanical Garden Continues Plastic Pot Program

Beginning May 1st the Missouri Botanical Garden once again began collecting plastic plant pots for recycling. This year, the collection will continue through October 31st. Residents can recycle cell packs, trays, pots of all sizes, and hanging baskets at the Monsanto Center parking lot (4500 Shaw Boulevard at Vandeventer) and at 6 satellite locations throughout the St. Louis area. For a detailed listing of dropoff locations, visit [www.mobot.org/hort/activ/plasticpots.shtml](http://www.mobot.org/hort/activ/plasticpots.shtml).



New this year, gardeners must sort and separate their plastic by its resin type. Each collection trailer is marked with sorting instructions and symbols to separate plastic #'s 2, 5, and 6. The separation requirement increases the value of the materials and allows it to be more easily marketed and recycled into new products. The proceeds are used to continue the annual collection. The plastics that are collected will be recycled into new cell packs and trays, shipping pallets, and landscaping timbers.

To further ensure the continuation of the annual collection of plastic plant pots, residents can support the market for their plastics by purchasing products made with those recycled materials. Contact Dr. Steven Cline to discuss purchasing the landscape timbers at [steven.cline@mobot.org](mailto:steven.cline@mobot.org) or 314.577.9561.

### Resident Recommendations

What innovative ways do you reuse household items (e.g., turning coffee cans into planters)? Email your submissions to [recycle@stlouis.missouri.org](mailto:recycle@stlouis.missouri.org) and they could be posted in next month's newsletter.

### Buy Reused



Terracycle offers organic plant food and other products made from or packaged in reused materials.

[www.terracycle.net](http://www.terracycle.net)



Check out this month's featured products at <http://stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/recycle/buyreusedrecycled.htm>

### City of St. Louis Refuse Division's Recycling Program

Website: <http://stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/recycle>  
Email: [recycle@stlouis.missouri.org](mailto:recycle@stlouis.missouri.org)  
Phone: 353.8877

### Upcoming Events

#### Saturday, May 10, 2008

Native Plant Sale  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Shaw Nature Reserve

<http://shawnature.org/nativeland/plantsale.aspx>

#### May 12-14, 2008

Missouri Recycling Association Conference  
Branson, Missouri

<http://www.mora.org>

#### Saturday, May 17, 2008

Composting Expanded: Vermicompost  
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

EarthWays Center

[www.earthwayscenter.org/calendar.html](http://www.earthwayscenter.org/calendar.html)

#### Thursday, May 29, 2008

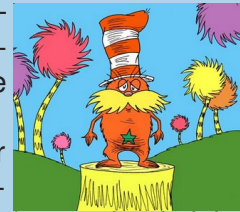
Home Composting Made Easy Class  
6:00 pm - 6:50 pm

Landscape & Garden with Native Plants Class  
7:00 pm - 7:50 pm

Both classes will be held at the  
Bevo-Long Middle Community Education Center  
To sign up, call 314.353.1034

## Lorax Challenge

Have you ever read the Dr. Seuss story *The Lorax*? If you have, then you know it is a wonderful example of how the decisions we make can effect our environment and, consequently, our lives. As a tribute to the idea that we each have the power to create change, Dr. Seuss Enterprises and Ashoka's Youth Venture in partnership with Earth Island Institute are accepting applications for the Lorax Challenge. An opportunity for people between the ages of 12 and 20 to turn their ideas for helping to save the planet into reality.



The challenge invites teams of young people to create action plans for their earth-saving ideas. To be considered for the Lorax grant, a youth-created, -led, and -managed team (at least 2 people) must propose a structured, lasting organization (new school club, business, new community organization, etc.) with clear, attainable goals and have at least one supportive adult who guides and encourages the team. Selected teams will receive funding of up to \$1000 to turn their ideas into reality. For additional information visit <http://genv.net/en-us/lorax>.

## Word Scramble

Q. How many dropoff recycling sites does the City of St. Louis offer for residential use?

A. wetnyeevst (unscramble the letters to find the answer)

A map and list of dropoff recycling locations available to City residents is posted at <http://stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/recycle>. City dropoff locations are for residential use only. If you would like to arrange for recycling at work or know a business interested in recycling, commercial recycling can be arranged by contacting haulers listed at <http://stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/recycle/BusinessReuseAndRecycle.html>.

## Recycle Cell Phones For Life



The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of St. Louis City is collecting old cell phones as a fund-raiser for its 2008 event. Any old cell phones can be dropped off at the American Cancer Society Office at 4207 Lindell

Boulevard, care of St. Louis City Relay - Kate Guess by Friday June 6th. Or, bring them to the Relay for Life event to be held from 6:00 pm Friday, June 6th until 6:00 am Saturday, June 7th at St. Louis University High School. For more information, visit <http://events.cancer.org/rflstlouiscitymo>. At <http://stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/recycle/Cellphones.html> is a listing of additional permanent cell phone collection sites.

## Reader Submissions Welcome

The Recycling Program invites you to submit material for this monthly newsletter. Would you like to share your "how to" tips, upcoming events, or something else related to residential waste management?

E-mail us at [recycle@stlouis.missouri.org](mailto:recycle@stlouis.missouri.org). We look forward to hearing from you!

## To Subscribe

Would you or anyone you know (e.g., family, friends, community leaders) like to receive Blue Bin News?

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## Recycling Professionals Gather In Branson

This year the Missouri Recycling Association (MORA) teamed up with the Arkansas Recycling Coalition (ARC) to host the 2008 Conference in Branson, Missouri. This years theme is "The Ozarks Approach to Sustaining the Environment." The conference will be held May 12, 13, and 14 and will offer guided sustainability tours, keynote and guest speakers, a welcoming reception, 80 vendors and exhibitors, an awards banquet, a golf tournament, a silent and live auction, and much more. In 2009 MORA will hold the annual conference in St. Louis, bringing professionals from all sectors of the recycling industry to our own backyard. Learn more about MORA at [www.mora.org](http://www.mora.org).

