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BOTH ST. CHARLES COUNTY RECYCLE WORKS CENTERS NOW ACCEPT PLASTICS, FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS

St. Charles County, Missouri – Both of the St. Charles County Department of Community Health and the Environment’s Recycle Works locations now accept small batches of plastic material and undamaged fluorescent bulbs from residents at no cost. Recycle Works Central (in St. Charles) and Recycle Works West (in Wentzville) complement the efforts of area curbside collectors to efficiently process recyclable materials for transition into raw materials.

“We have accepted plastics and fluorescent bulbs from residents at our Recycle Works West location for several years, and expansion now allows us to collect these items at Recycle Works Central as well,” said Pieter Sheehan, director of the Division of Environmental Health and Protection. “Residents have shown that they prefer to recycle plastics and potentially toxic fluorescent bulbs as a means for keeping them out of our landfills and for allowing materials to be recovered for future uses. Our new policy makes it more convenient for a greater number of St. Charles County residents to take advantage of this free service.”

St. Charles County collects a wide variety of materials through these two drop-off centers and accepts most items at little or no cost. All plastics – except PVC, vinyl siding, and individual plastic shopping bags – can be brought to the facilities, although residents must cut large items like toys or kids play houses into smaller pieces. Residential fluorescent tubes (up to five per day) and compact fluorescent bulbs are also accepted at no charge, but there is a small fee for commercial businesses and organizations to drop-off of these materials (please note that Recycle Works West only accepts compact fluorescent bulbs – no tubes). For a complete list of items accepted and recycling fees at the Recycle Works locations, and for information on preparing material for recycling, please visit www.scchealth.org/docs/es. To speak with an attendant at the facilities, please call (636) 949-1800.

Both of the County’s Recycle Works locations are open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Recycle Works Central is located at 60 Triad South Drive in St. Peters (off Central School Road). Recycle Works West is located at 2110 E. Pitman Ave. in Wentzville (between Lake Saint Louis Blvd. and Highway 40/61).

The St. Charles County Department of Community Health and the Environment is committed to the protection and enhancement of health and the quality of life for all members of our community. For information on programs offered and to discover ways the Department assists our community, please visit www.scchealth.org or call 636-949-7400.

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