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Guide to Recycling and Reusing in Stockton

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This guide lists local outlets that accept many items for responsible recycling and for reusing. See page 5 for addresses and phone numbers. Few recycled items require fees, as indicated. You may want to call before taking your items. Back page lists all items accepted at Stockton City Recycling Center. For items not listed that you want to recycle, see Springfield recycling centers at <https://www.springfieldmo.gov/DocumentCenter/View/15834/Recycling--Donation-Locations-Guide?bidId=> and <http://www.computerrecyclingcenter.org>.

Alphabetical List of Items to Recycle or Reuse Locally

Aluminum Beverage Cans (rinsed, not crushed, not bagged)

SUMC—Parking lot, behind fence (proceeds fund local missions)

Stockton City Recycling Center

Woods Super Market Recycle Bin

Aluminum Foil (balled 2" or larger), Baking/Pie Pans (clean)

Stockton City Recycling Center

Aluminum Pet Food Cans (washed, label removed)

Stockton City Recycling Center

No longer accepted in SUMC parking lot

Aluminum Tab Tops

SUMC Recycling Cabinet (Ronald McDonald House container)

Batteries

Annual Dead Electronics and Appliances Recycling Drive (AA, AAA, C, D, all buttons), see page 4

Joe's Tires (ALL TYPES: automotive; marine; A, AA, AAA, C, D, 9-volt, all button, etc.)

Westside Marine (ONLY automotive and marine)

Bicycles (good condition)

SUMC—UMW Semi-Annual Rummage Sale (proceeds fund local missions)

SAMA Thrift Store

Books (paperbacks and hardbacks)

SUMC—UMW Rummage Sale (proceeds fund local missions)—continued next column

Books (paperbacks and hardbacks)—continued

Cedar County Library/Stockton Branch—Call to see when they will accept used books in good condition again for annual book sale.

NO Reader's Digest Condensed books

NO books without covers

SAMA Thrift Store

Stockton City Recycling Center

Stockton Middle School Paper Bin

Bubble Wrap (clean)

SUMC—UMW Semi-Annual Rummage Sale

Cardboard, Corrugated (broken down)

Stockton City Recycling Center

Woods Super Market (give to employee inside)

NOT ACCEPTED at Stockton Middle School Paper Bin

CDs (compact disks) and DVDs (digital video disks)

NO cassette or VHS tapes; dispose of in trash.

SAMA Thrift Store (only good condition)

SUMC—UMW Semi-Annual Rummage Sale

(ONLY good condition)

Clothing, Furniture, Household Items (in good condition)

NO mattresses NO exercise equipment NO TVs

NO electronics NO telephones NO computers

YES prom dresses

SAMA Thrift Store

SUMC—UMW Semi-Annual Rummage Sale

For changes to this guide, contact Cheryl Y. Marcum, 276-2501, or renew.creation@gmail.com

Computers, Computer Components and Peripherals (all kinds, including hard drives, printers, laptop batteries)
Annual Dead Electronics and Appliances Recycling Drive (fee: CRT monitors and all TVs), see page 4
Computer Recycling Center (fee for CRTs)
Best Buy Stores (fee for CRTs)

Cosmetic packaging (lipstick cases, lip gloss tubes, mascara tubes, eye shadow cases, bronzer cases, foundation packaging, powder cases, eyeliner cases, eyeliner pencils, eye shadow tubes, concealer tubes, concealer sticks, and lip liner pencils)
SUMC—Recycling Cabinet



Dental Hygiene Waste (toothbrushes and outer packaging; toothpaste tubes, caps, and outer packaging; floss containers)
NO electric toothbrushes (recycle with electronics)
SUMC Recycling Cabinet



Dry Cleaning Wire Clothes Hangers (good condition)
No place in Stockton
Jenny's Dry Cleaning or check with your cleaners

Egg Cartons
SUMC—Recycling Cabinet
Cramer Animal Care Clinic

Eyeglasses (prescription and reading)
SUMC—Recycling Cabinet (for Festival of Sharing)
Lion's Club (any member)

Fishing Line (used or new; monofilament line, spool)
SUMC—Recycling Cabinet

Foam Packaging Blocks and Coolers (Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) foam)
Clean, white (only), uncontaminated molded EPS identifiable by small round beads molded together to form the block or shape such as a foam cooler.
NO food service foam: meat trays, plates, cups
NO packing peanuts
Foam Fabricators

Glass Food Jars, Beverage Containers (all colors)
NO plate glass **NO** ceramics or porcelain
Stockton City Recycling Center
SUMC—Recycling Cabinet (honey jars only,
SUMC—UMW Semi-Annual Rummage Sale
(small jelly jars with lids only)



Hair Care Packaging (shampoo caps, conditioner caps, hair gel tubes and caps, hair spray triggers, hair paste caps)
SUMC—Recycling Cabinet



Ink and Toner Cartridges (all kinds)
SUMC—Recycling Cabinet (square plastic bucket)

Light Bulbs (incandescent, CFLs, florescent tubes, Halogen, Christmas, LEDs, all kinds of bulbs)
America Recycles Day drive, see page 4
Computer Recycling Center (\$1 fee/tube or CFL)
Any *Lowe's* (**only CFLs**, place in zip lock bag, no fee)
Home Depot (**only CFLs**, place in zip lock bag, no fee)

Magazines (also see "Paper Products" in this guide)
SUMC—Magazine bookshelf (bring magazines, TRADE for others you want to take home)

Mattresses (**NO** wet or infested)
No place in Stockton
Springfield Recycling Centers (\$15 fee/any size)

Microwave Ovens
Annual Dead Electronics and Appliances Recycling Drive (no fee), see page 4
C & C Appliance (no fee)

Motor Oil and Transmission Fluid
Caplinger Mills Fire Stations (also gear grease)
Deliver to station 1 or 2. If large amount like 55-gallon barrel, call Raymond Heryford for pickup.
O'Reilly Auto Parts (also oil filters)

Newspapers (also see "Paper Products" in this guide)
Cramer Animal Care Clinic

Paint, Latex Water-Based
Safely dispose of in the trash as follows:
Stir cat litter (or a commercially prepared absorbent available at hardware stores) into the paint until all is absorbed. Let mixture completely dry, place can with dried mixture in the trash. Leave lid off of the can.

Paper Products
Books, hard backs and paper backs (also see "Books" in this guide)
Boxboard/pasteboard without plastic or wax coating (cereal, cake, pasta, shoe boxes; toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls, tissue boxes, etc., flattened)—*continued next page*

Paper Products—continued from previous page


- Brown paper grocery bags
 - Cardboard, corrugated (see “Cardboard, Corrugated” in this guide)
- NOT ACCEPTED at Stockton Middle School Paper Bin**
- Feed or seed sacks/bags (if no plastic lining, or remove plastic lining); remove all strings
 - File folders
 - Junk mail and envelopes, including those with windows
 - Magazines and catalogs (also see “Magazines” in this guide)
 - Newspapers and slick inserts (also see “Newspapers” in this guide)
 - Office, school, and pastel paper with staples (**REMOVE** rubber bands, plastic covers, dividers, tabs, metal brads, clamps, clasps, clips, spirals)
 - Paper cartons for eggs, berries, and fruit
 - Phone books (remove plastic wrap)
 - Shredded paper (empty from bag)
 - Wrapping and craft (brown) papers
 - NO** thermal-coated fax/calculator paper (receipts)
 - NO** plastic-coated paper or wax-coated paper
 - NO** juice or milk cartons
 - NO** aluminum foil lined paper **NO** foil **NO** Mylar
 - NO** original blueprints **NO** soiled or wet items
- Stockton Middle School Paper Bin*
Stockton City Recycling Center

Plastic Shopping/Grocery Bags

- # 2** (typically opaque; shopping, grocery, trash, retail—clean and dry)
SAMA Food Pantry
Many retail and grocery stores, such as HyVee, collect these in bins located near the entrance.
Walmart and Lowe’s stores
- # 4** (fresh produce; bread; frozen food, i.e., vegetables and fruit; dry cleaning—clean and dry)
No place in Stockton
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Walmart and Lowe’s stores

CHOOSE TO USE REUSABLE CLOTH BAGS!

Plastics #1-2—continued next column

-  Dispose of plastics #3-7 with household trash.
Stockton City Recycling Center

Plastics #1-2—continued

- NO** plastic caps or lids
- NO** Styrofoam or molded EPS foam (see “Foam Packaging Blocks and Coolers” in this guide)

- Plastics #1-7** (all plastic items marked #1-7, including cups, plastic caps and lids left on bottles and jars)
Springfield Recycling Centers

Plastic Plant Trays and Round Pots

- NO** multi-pack cells
Rovenstein Greenhouse
Any Lowe’s (also accept plastic plant tags)

Shoes, Boots, Sports Shoes, etc. (gently used)

- SAMA Thrift Store*
- SUMC UMW Rummage Sale*
- St. Andrew Lutheran Church*

- Skin Care Packaging** (lip balm tubes and caps, soap dispensers and tubes, body wash caps, lotion dispensers and caps)
SUMC Recycling Cabinet



Tin and Steel Cans (rinse, do not crush or flatten)

- Aerosol Cans** (empty, no plastic caps)
- Loose Metal Jar Lids and Steel Bottle Caps**
Stockton City Recycling Center

Tires

- Joe’s Tires* (\$2 fee per tire)

TVs

- Annual Dead Electronics and Appliances Recycling Drive* (fee for CRT monitors, all TVs), see page 4
- Computer Recycling Center* (fee for CRTs)
- Best Buy Stores* (fee for CRTs)

Towels (old, clean)

- Cramer Animal Care Clinic*

Vegetable Oil (used)

- Larry Stockstill* accepts vegetable oil, preferably in gallon plastic jugs (farmers burn it in diesel engines)

Walnuts

- Hammons Products Co.*

Yard Debris (grass clippings, small limbs, leaves)

- Stockton City Hall*

CHOOSE TO START A SIMPLE COMPOST PILE!

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More Opportunities to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle in Stockton

Annual Dead Electronics and Appliances Recycling Drive, SUMC Go Green Team | SUMC parking lot

★ Saturday in April close to Earth Day. For next drive date, visit <http://stocktonumc.org/index.php/calendar> and scroll down to April or call 276-4717.

Semi-Annual Rummage Sales, SUMC United Methodist Women | Family Life Center

★ May and October, first Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Donate and shop for gently used household items and clothing; proceeds help fund missions of the church—local and beyond.

Annual Drive for America Recycles Day, SUMC Go Green Team | Portico on east side of SUMC

★ November 15. Recycle residential compact florescent lamps (CFLs), florescent tubes (\$1/fee per tube), incandescent, halogen, metal halide (\$2.50/per bulb), LED bulbs, and Christmas lights. Wait for volunteers to collect bulbs from your car.

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God loves his creation and dedicated us, human beings, to tend and keep it. We deliberately recycle and reuse waste streams as acts of discipleship. When we recycle, we imitate God’s creation design.



Our Go Green Team partners with Terracycle to recycle otherwise hard-to-recycle-waste streams: cosmetic packaging, dental hygiene waste, hair care packaging, and skin care packaging. Sponsoring manufacturers pay for our free shipping. Terracycle awards points per unit or pound of waste which we redeem for cash.

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Things to Remember About Recycling at our City Recycling Center

Recycling in 2020 differs from recycling in 1970-1990s. Contamination is a serious problem that requires us to focus on **Empty • Clean • Dry • Loose • Symbol** in addition to **Reduce • Reuse • Recycle**.

- **EMPTY**—Make sure no food or product residue remains in the items you want to recycle.
- **CLEAN**—Rinse empty recyclable containers. If you cannot get a container completely clean, put it into the trash so as not to contaminate the rest of your recycling material and the overall process.
- **DRY**—Make sure clean containers are dry before placing them in the recycle bin. Wet or soiled paper and cardboard cannot be recycled.
- **LOOSE**—Never deposit plastic bags filled with recycling items in the recycling dumpster. Dump bag contents in recycling dumpster and reuse bag or discard in the trash. Better yet, collect and carry recycling items in a sturdy reusable container, such as a bucket.
- **SYMBOL CONFUSION**—The familiar chasing arrows symbol found on many plastic items is the Resin Identification Code that identifies types of plastics, #1-7. While the symbol means the item is recyclable, not all community recycling vendors accept each type of plastic. Stockton’s **recycling vender, Republic Services, accepts only plastics #1-2 and no plastic lids or caps.**



Practice **Empty. Clean. Dry. Loose. Symbol.** to ensure our recycling materials actually get recycled!

For your convenience, we published the list of items accepted at our City Recycling Center on the back page.

Let’s act like we are made in God’s image and choose to consume less and recycle more.

Locations of Recycling Outlets Listed in this Guide

- Jenny's Dry Cleaning** (417) 326-4723
215 North Main Avenue, Bolivar
- Best Buy, Primrose Market** (417) 886-5118
3450 South Glenstone Avenue, Springfield
- C & C Appliance** (417) 865-3296
1101 South Scenic Avenue, Springfield
- Caplinger Mills Fire Stations** 276-1448
Station 1 in Caplinger Mills; Station 2, J Highway
(Station 2 is closest to Stockton)
- Cedar County Library/Stockton Branch** 276-3413
717 East Street, Stockton
Hours: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday-Friday
9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturday
- Computer Recycling Center**
528 North Prince Lane, Springfield (417) 866-2588
Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday
- Cramer Animal Care Clinic** 276-3597
South Highway 39, Stockton
- Foam Fabricators** (417) 876-6880
417 W. Industrial Drive, El Dorado Springs
Hours: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday-Friday (call first)
- Hammons Products Co.** 276-5181
General Office, 106 Hammons Drive, Stockton
- Home Depot** (417) 881-7277
2104 East Independence, Springfield
- Joe's Tires** 276-6750
205 South Worley Street, Stockton
Hours: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday-Friday
(close for lunch)
- Lowe's Home Improvement** (417) 833-2000
1707 West Norton Road, Springfield
- O'Reilly Auto Parts** 276-7200
524 West Street, Stockton
- SAMA (Stockton Area Ministerial Alliance) Food Pantry**
903 MO-32, Stockton (east of Woody's Fast Stop)
Hours: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Monday
- SAMA (Stockton Area Ministerial Alliance) Thrift Store** (417) 955-2492
903 MO-32, Stockton (east of Woody's Fast Stop)
Hours: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Monday-Saturday
- Springfield Recycling Centers** (417) 864-1904
Franklin Avenue Recycling Center
731 N. Franklin Avenue, Springfield
Lone Pine Recycling Center
3020 S. Lone Pine, Springfield
Hours: (winter) 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.;
(summer) 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday
- St. Andrew's Lutheran Church** 276-3511
South Highway 39, Stockton; drop box open 24-7
- Stockstill, Larry** 276-5518
South of Stockton on B Highway, just west of
intersection with Highway 39. Sign in front says,
"Larry's Ag Repair"
- Stockton City Hall** 276-5210
Call for appointment to drop off yard debris;
any Monday at 1:15 p.m.
- Stockton City Recycling Center**
Near north water tower on Arnold Wallen
Street, west of solar array. (MO-32/West Street
to Fourth Street, turn north, then turn west
onto Arnold Wallen Street)
Hours: 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday
Closed on Federal holidays and during bad weather.
- Stockton Middle School Paper Bin**
Large green dumpster owned by Nestlé-Purina
behind the middle school, just off Blake Street
at the back of the parking lot by baseball field;
in front of Tinsley Show Barn
Hours: Open 24/7 **NO corrugated cardboard!**
NO plastics!
- SUMC (Stockton United Methodist Church)** 276-4717
708 East MO-32, Stockton
Hours: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Monday – Thursday
9:30 a.m. – Noon Sunday
Recycling Cabinet—in hall to Family Life
Center
Magazine bookshelf—in hall to Family Life
Center across from bulletin boards
Parking lot—barrels behind wood fence by
trash dumpster
UMW Semi-Annual Rummage Sale (first
weekend in May and October)
- Walmart Supercenter** (417) 326-8424
2451 South Springfield Avenue, Bolivar
- Woods Super Market** 276-4714
South of Stockton on Highway 39

Items Accepted for Recycling at Stockton City Recycling Center

Hours: 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday **Closed on Federal holidays and during bad weather.**

For questions about a potential closing, call City Hall, 276-5210.

Bagging items for recycling or trying to recycle unclean or unrecyclable material increases sorting time and slows the recycling process, damages the facility's equipment and causes contaminants in the bales of clean recyclables which decreases their value and often diverts the entire load of recyclables into the landfill.



Ensure our recycling materials actually get recycled, practice

EMPTY • CLEAN • DRY • LOOSE • SYMBOL

Republic Services collects recyclables in two dumpsters: (1) Glass only, and (2) Comingled aluminum; plastic containers; paper, paperboard, corrugated cardboard; steel and tin cans, lids, and caps (loose).

1. Glass Dumpster

Deposit all types and colors of glass food and beverage containers. Empty, clean, dry; **no plastic bags**, please!

NOT ACCEPTED

Ceramics	Pane glass
Laminated or safety glass	Porcelain
Mirrors	Pyrex

2. Co-mingled Dumpster

Deposit without sorting the many items listed below. Empty and rinse all containers, do not flatten; **no plastic bags**, please!

Aluminum

Aluminum baking/pie pans (clean)
Aluminum beverage cans (do not crush or flatten)
Aluminum foil (clean, balls 2" or larger)
Aluminum pet food cans (remove labels, do not crush)

Paper, Paperboard, Corrugated Cardboard

Books, paper and hardback
Boxboard (cereal, cake, pasta boxes, etc.)
Brown paper grocery bags
Corrugated cardboard (must be broken down flat)
Feed/seed bags (remove strings)
File folders
Junk mail and envelopes
Magazines and catalogs
Newspapers and newspaper inserts
Office and colored paper
Paper cartons (eggs, berries, fruit)
Phone books
Pizza boxes (clean, no food residue)

NOT ACCEPTED

Batteries (see *Guide to Recycling*)
Diapers
Food-tainted items
Food waste or garbage
Frozen food, ice cream or frozen juice containers
Glass
Hazardous or bio-hazardous waste
Kraft (orange/brown) envelopes
Light bulbs (see *Guide to Recycling*)
Needles or syringes
Paper ream wrappers
Paper to-go food containers
Plastic 6-pack holders
Plastic lids and caps (see *Guide to Recycling*)
Plastic microwave trays
Plastic sacks or bags (see *Guide to Recycling*)
Styrofoam of any kind (see *Guide to Recycling*)
Tissues, paper towels or napkins
Toiletries
Tyvek envelopes
Waxed paper or waxed cardboard
Yard waste or trash (see *Guide to Recycling*)

Plastics

Only #1-2 (dispose of all plastics #3-7, including all plastic caps and lids with household trash)

Steel and Tin Cans, Lids, and Caps (loose)

Aerosol cans (empty, no caps)