

Spencer County Disposal and Recycling Handbook



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SPENCER COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (SWMD)



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Chrisney, IN 47611**

Since its inception in 1992, the District has been dedicated to providing the residents of Spencer County with unique recycling and waste disposal opportunities. From tire recycling to environmental education to household hazardous waste collection, the District offers programs to Spencer County residents, as well as assistance to area schools, businesses, and organizations.

The District is available to answer questions from Spencer County residents, businesses, and organizations. For additional information, please visit our website, **SpencerCountyRecycles.com**, or contact our office at **812-362-7401** or **recycle@psci.net**.

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Drop-Off Centers

Watch For This Sign:



Drop-Off Centers will be closed on the following holidays:

New Year's Day
Memorial Day
Fourth of July
Labor Day
Thanksgiving
Christmas Eve
Christmas Day

An attendant is always on duty when the sites are open.

Drop-Off Centers Locations & Schedules

Chrisney 844 E. County Rd 800 N. Chrisney, IN 47611 (West of Old 231 & SR 70)	Monday: 10 - 6 Wednesday: 10 - 6 Friday: 10 - 6 Saturday: 8 - 4
Dale 205 S. Dunn Street Dale, IN 47523 (East of NAPA Store)	Monday: 10 - 6 Tuesday: 10 - 6 Friday: 10 - 6 Saturday: 8 - 4
Evanston 8031 N. Old Lamar Hwy. Evanston, IN 47531 (Hwy 66, 3 mi. southwest of Troy)	Tuesday: 10 - 6 Saturday: 8 - 4
Hatfield 9771 W. Old State Rd 66 Hatfield, IN 47617 (West of Post Office)	Tuesday: 10 - 6 Thursday: 10 - 6 Saturday: 8 - 4
Richland 6063 W. Division Street Richland, IN 47634 (West of Lion's Park & Library)	Monday: 10 - 6 Wednesday: 10 - 6 Saturday: 8 - 4
Rockport 175 W. Eureka Road Rockport, IN 47635 (South of City Park)	Monday: 10 - 6 Thursday: 10 - 6 Friday: 10 - 6 Saturday: 8 - 4
St. Meinrad 19435 N. CR 1100 E. St. Meinrad, IN 47577 (Off SR 62, west of St. Meinrad)	Tuesday: 10 - 6 Friday: 10 - 6 Saturday: 8 - 4
Santa Claus 15169 N. SR 245 Santa Claus, IN 47579 (Sewage Treatment Plant, east of golf course lake)	Tuesday: 10 - 6 Thursday: 10 - 6 Saturday: 8 - 4

Trash Disposal Service

Pay-As-You-Throw

Household trash is accepted at all Drop-Off Centers through a Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) disposal program.

Under PAYT, residents pay only for what they throw away as trash. Therefore, the more you recycle...the less you pay!

Cost:

One \$1.00 yellow tag per trash bag. Bags over 44 gallons require two tags.

For the safety of our attendants, money is not kept at the Drop-Off Centers. Attendants **DO NOT** sell trash tags and are not allowed to accept money for tags.

See the next page for a list of trash tag vendors.



Trash Tag Vendors

**Tags are available
at these locations:**

Chrisney	Circle S, Town & Country Hardware
Dale	Holiday Foods, Circle S
Fulda	Village Hut
Grandview	Circle S
Hatfield	Hatfield Library, Luce Sewer Office
Mariah Hill	Patriot Store
Richland	Richland Food Mart, Richland Library, Spencer County Bank
Rockport	Chuckles, Hometown IGA, Holiday Foods, Rebel's, Jumping Jacks
St. Meinrad	Vaal's Furniture
Santa Claus	Holiday Foods, Circle S
Troy	Troy Market

**Trash Tags are also available
at the District Business Office
in Chrisney, Monday-Friday,
8 a.m.–4 p.m.**

***Tags are NOT available at
the Drop-Off Centers!!!***

Large Item Disposal

Residents ONLY – No Contractors

Located at the Chrisney Drop-Off Facility

Examples of items that are and are not accepted are listed on the next page. Yellow \$1.00 trash tags are required for payment. Tag vendors listed on page 7.

Cost. . . How Many Tags?

Single Item..... (3) \$1.00 Tags
Pick-Up Truckload..... (15) \$1.00 Tags
Additional charge for oversized loads

Chrisney Large Item Disposal Facility – Days and Hours of Operation:

Monday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Wednesday..... 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

NOTE: See page 26 for additional disposal options.

Large Item Disposal

Sample of Large Items Accepted



Sofas/Chairs
Mattresses
Rolled Carpet
Water Heaters

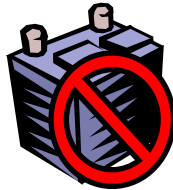


Swing Sets
Grills
Appliances
Microwaves

*Items **Not** Accepted*

No Trash Bags*

Ashes
Car Batteries
Concrete/Bricks
Yard Waste
Liquids



**Trash bags are not permitted in the open-top containers. All trash bags require a \$1.00 yellow tag and must go into the compactor.*

***Off-loading Assistance
Is **NOT** Available.***

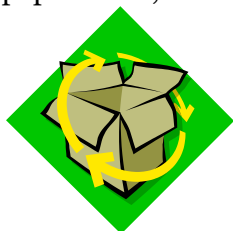
What Can Be Recycled?

PAPER ITEMS

NEWSPAPERS: Includes all inserts (slicks). *(No brown paper sacks or string bundles of newspaper)*



CARDBOARD: Includes corrugated boxes, paperboard, and brown paper sacks. Remove packing material and plastic bag liners, and flatten all boxes. Examples of paperboard include cereal, cake mix, tissue, and detergent boxes. *(No waxed or foiled paperboard such as juice and ice cream containers)*



JUNK MAIL/OFFICE

PAPER: Includes all envelopes with or without a plastic window, computer paper, shredded paper, mixed colored paper, file folders, Post-it® notes, office forms, etc. *(No carbon paper, wrapping paper, tissues, paper plates, or paper towels)*



MAGAZINES AND CATALOGS: Remove protective plastic before recycling.

PLASTICS

(BOTTLES AND BAGS ONLY)

PETE #1 BOTTLES/JARS:

Includes soft drink 2-liters, as well as single-serve Gatorade, fruit juice, water, and soft drinks, etc. Other PETE #1 containers include peanut butter jars and ketchup, syrup, and salad dressing bottles. Health and beauty products, such as mouthwash, shampoo, and



conditioners, are also packaged in PETE bottles. Check the bottom of the bottle for the number "1" inside the arrows. Remove lids, **PETE** rinse, and flatten bottles.

***Hint:** Another way to identify a PETE #1 bottle or jar is to feel for an indentation on the bottom of the container with a bump in the middle.*

HDPE #2 BOTTLES: Includes milk jugs, orange juice, liquid detergent, and softener bottles, or any other bottle or jug marked #2 HDPE. All colors are accepted. Must be empty with lids removed. Rinse. Flatten bottles, if possible.



HDPE ***Hint:** Identify HDPE #2 bottles by the seam across the bottom of the container.*



Sorry, no motor oil bottles can be accepted, even if they are HDPE #2.

***Remember:** "Stackable" plastic is NOT recyclable.*

SHOPPING BAGS: Includes plastic bags from grocery, department, and discount stores. Please remove paper sales slips.



GLASS & CANS

GLASS: All colors accepted.

Food and beverage jars and bottles only. Labels OK. Rinse and remove lids.

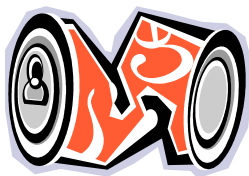
Hint: *Do not run tap water to rinse out jars. Clean them out with dirty dishwater; that way you are not wasting one resource to save another!*



TIN/STEEL CANS: Must be empty and rinsed. Labels are OK. Keep separated from other cans.

ALUMINUM BEVERAGE

CANS: Must be empty. Crush cans to save space. Keep separated from other metal. (Sorry, no cat food cans. Our vendor only accepts aluminum beverage cans.)





When in doubt, leave it out!

It only takes one or two non-recyclable items in a load of recyclables to contaminate the entire load and make it impossible to recycle. Please follow the recycling guidelines found in this handbook!

Disposal & Recycling Chart

Items	All Drop-Off Centers	Chrisney Large Item Site Only	District Business Office Only	Fees Apply	Not Accepted
Acids			X		
Aerosol Cans			X		
Aluminum Cans	X				
Antifreeze	X				
Appliances		X		X	
Batteries - Car					X
Batteries - Household & Rechargeable	X				
Books - Hardback & Paperback	X				
Bulky (Large) Items		X		X	
Cardboard	X				
Carpeting		X		X	
Cell Phones	X				
Christmas Trees - Artificial		X		X	
Christmas Trees - Live/No Decorations	X				
Compact Fluorescent Bulbs (CFLs)	X				
Computer Equipment			X		
Construction/Demolition Debris					X
Electronic Equipment			X		
Fluorescent Light Bulbs	X				
Freon Appliances		X		X	
Furniture		X		X	
Glass Bottles & Jars - All Colors	X				
Household Chemicals			X		
Household Trash	X			X	
Ink Toner Cartridges (Small Only)			X		
Junk Mail	X				
Lawn Mowers		X		X	
Magazines/Catalogs	X				

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Items	All Drop-Off Centers	Chrisney Large Item Site Only	District Business Office Only	Fees Apply	Not Accepted
Medications			X		
Mercury	X				
Microwaves		X		X	
Motor Oil	X				
Motor Oil Bottles					X
Newspapers	X				
Office and Shredded Paper	X				
Oil Filters	X				
Paints - Oil-Based Only			X		
Paperboard Boxes	X				
Pesticides & Herbicides			X		
Phone Books	X				
Plastic (HDPE #2) Bottles & Jars	X				
Plastic (PETE #1) Bottles & Jars	X				
Plastic Shopping Bags	X				
Pool Chemicals			X		
Propane Cylinders/Tanks		X	X		
Roadside Orange Clean-Up Bags	X				
Roofing Materials					X
Scrap Steel		X		X	
Sharps & Needles (see p. 21 for more locations)			X		
Shopping Bags	X				
Solvents & Wood Preservatives			X		
Styrofoam/Packing Peanuts					X
Televisions and Accessories			X		
Thermometers/Thermostats	X				
Tin/Steel Cans	X				
Tires			X	X	
Water Heaters		X		X	

How do I dispose of ____??

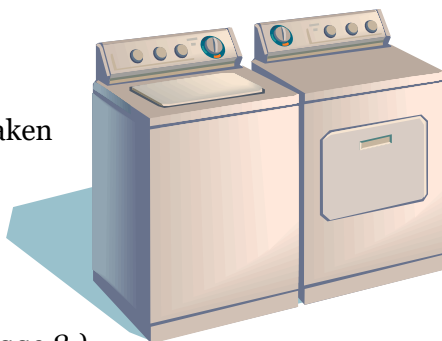
Service is free unless otherwise stated.

ANTIFREEZE: Four 55-gallon drums (covered by a yellow tarp) are available at each Drop-Off Center to hold used antifreeze.

APPLIANCES/ FURNITURE:

Appliances and furniture may be taken to the Large Item Facility at the Chrisney Drop-Off Center during scheduled hours.

(Fee schedule on page 8.)



BATTERIES: Includes household batteries, rechargeable batteries, battery packs, batteries from watches, radios, toys, clocks, etc. Leaking or damaged batteries should be sealed in a plastic bag before delivery to the Drop-Off Centers or battery collection bins. Battery collection bins are also

available at many grocery and hardware stores.

CELL PHONES: Cell phones may be given to the Drop-Off Center site attendants for recycling.





COMPUTER EQUIPMENT: Free recycling at Solid Waste Management District Office M-F from 8 a.m.—4 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month at the Chrisney Drop-Off Site from 8 a.m.—4 p.m. Items accepted include Monitors, CPUs, printers, keyboards, and any other hardware that plugs into a computer.

DEMOLITION AND CONSTRUCTION

DEBRIS: The Solid Waste District does not have the facilities to handle a large amount of demolition and construction debris at one time. Residents are asked to transport demolition and construction debris to one of the area transfer stations listed on page 26. Debris from small remodeling projects may be accepted. Please call the office for more details.

FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS: Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) and fluorescent light tubes and bulbs contain mercury vapor, which is hazardous to the environment. Fluorescent light tubes/bulbs and CFLs may be brought to any of the District's eight (8) Drop-Off Centers and handed to the attendant for proper recycling. There is no charge for this program.



HARDBACK BOOKS:

Books are accepted during the regularly scheduled hours at the Drop-Off Centers. Please give the books to the attendant on duty.

HOUSEHOLD & FARM CHEMICALS (HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTES):

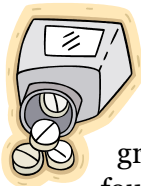
Household Hazardous Wastes (HHW) include cleaners, stains, pesticides, certain paints, and many things found under the kitchen sink, in the garage, and in out-buildings located on your property. By improperly disposing of material, residents could contaminate ground water and soil and present a threat to children and pets. Below is a sample list of HHW materials that the District Business Office accepts for recycling and/or proper disposal.

- Adhesives
- Aerosols
- Drain Cleaners
- Driveway Sealers
- Glues
- Herbicides
- Insecticides
- Oil-Based Paint/Paint Thinners
- Pool Chemicals



HHW is accepted only at the District Business Office. At present, there is no charge for this service.

MEDICATIONS: Outdated prescription and over-the-counter drugs can be hazardous to you and the environment. Medicines can contaminate the environment if they get into drinking and ground water. The complex chemicals found in today's drugs may kill bacteria in



sewage treatment plants and septic systems if flushed down the toilet.

Don't Flush!!! Take unwanted/ outdated medication to the District Business Office for proper disposal.



MICROWAVES: There are no special disposal regulations for microwave ovens in the State of Indiana. If size allows, they may be put in a trash bag and disposed with your normal household trash. Larger microwaves may be disposed of in our Large Item Facility, located at the Chrisney Drop-Off Site. Individual ovens require three (3) yellow \$1.00 trash tags or ovens may be included with the (15) \$1.00 tag truck load.



MOTOR OIL: Includes used motor, hydraulic, and gear oil. Residents must manually deposit used motor oil in the 400-gallon tank located at each Drop-Off Center. Limit of 5 gallons per visit. Note: Plastic oil bottles **CANNOT** be recycled.



OIL FILTERS: Includes auto, large truck, and farm equipment oil filters. There are drums at each Drop-Off Center for the deposit of drained used filters.



PAINTS — LATEX/ACRYLIC:

Latex/acrylic paint is 100% water-based and is not considered a Hazardous Waste. Currently, the District is spending over

\$3,000 a year to dispose of a non-hazardous product. The reason trash haulers don't accept latex/acrylic paint is because it's liquid, not because it is hazardous. Please review the following suggestions for drying your latex/acrylic paint. Paint cans with dried out or hard paint can be disposed safely with your other household trash:

- ◆ Use up or give away usable latex paint. Dry out unusable or unneeded latex paint by mixing it with kitty litter or "floor dry" (an absorbent material sold at hardware and home supply stores).
- ◆ Spread small amounts of paint onto cardboard to dry.
- ◆ In a well-ventilated area, remove the lid on the latex paint can and allow paint to harden and dry.
- ◆ Place the hardened paint and dry cans (with the lids off) in the trash.



PAINTS — OIL-BASED: Oil-based paint and products used for cleanup of oil-based paint should be treated as a Household Hazardous Waste. If possible, combine small amounts of oil-based paint into a common paint can before bringing the paint to the District for recycling. Oil-based paint cans that are dry can be disposed in the trash (with the lids off). To avoid having excess oil-based paint, buy only what you need. Then use it up or share it with a friend!

PHONE BOOKS: Phone books are collected in the spring of the year. Watch for special programs and announcements.



PROPANE CYLINDERS/TANKS:

Empty propane tanks and cylinders may be brought to the Chrisney Large Item Facility or the District Business Office for disposal.

At this time, there is no charge for recycling propane tanks.



SHARPS AND NEEDLES: The District has a sharps disposal program. Residents may pick up free containers for the storage of sharps (needles, syringes, and lancets) at the **District Business Office**, the **Dale Town Hall Office**, the **Santa Claus Town Hall**, and the **Spencer County Health Department**. When your container is full, bring it to one of these locations for free disposal and a new container.



TELEVISIONS: Televisions and anything that plugs into televisions (VCR & DVD players, cable boxes, etc.) can be recycled free of charge at the SWMD Business Office M-F from 8 a.m.—4 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month at the Chrisney Drop-Off Site from 8 a.m.—4 p.m.



THERMOMETERS/

THERMOSTATS: Many thermometers and thermostats contain mercury, which is hazardous to the environment. When you replace these items, bring the old ones to your nearest Drop-Off Center for proper disposal. There is no charge to dispose of mercury-containing thermometers and thermostats.



TIRES: Residents are encouraged to leave old tires with the tire dealer when purchasing new tires. This may result in a small fee, but it is worth it. Tire piles are a great breeding ground for mosquitoes that may be carriers of Encephalitis or West Nile Virus, infecting your family, farm animals, and/or pets. **Tires are accepted year-round** at the District Business Office/Warehouse Facility.

Fee schedule as of October 2016:

Passenger & Small Truck Tires	\$1.50
Semi Tires	\$6.00
Tractor Tires	\$25.00
Each Rim	\$1.50

Please check with the office for the current price.

It has been the practice in the past years to hold June Tire Amnesty Days for Spencer County residents. Depending on state and other agency funding, a set number of passenger tires have been recycled for free.



Watch for more information about the Tire Recycling program on our website, **www.SpencerCountyRecycles.com** or in the local newspapers.

Yard Waste



While leaf burning has not been banned by the Trash Burning Ordinance, we still do not recommend it. Leaf burning releases many pollutants into the air. Smoke from just 5 pounds of burning leaves creates a full pound of pollution. Leaf burning can create health hazards for children, the elderly, and people with breathing difficulties. As with other burning, leaf burning can also put nearby properties at risk.

SUGGESTIONS FOR REUSING FALL LEAVES IN THE YARD:

- Shred leaves with a mulching mower (or a mower with the bagger removed) and let them stay on the grass. Shredded leaves provide a protective winter cover and decompose by spring. Mow often during the weeks with the heaviest leaf fall.
- Pick up leaves with a bagging mower. The shredded leaves create great mulch. Use the leaf mulch in gardens or flower beds.
- Add shredded or whole leaves to a compost pile. Shredded leaves will decompose faster, but whole leaves will also break down into nutrient-rich compost. Mixing fall leaves with grass clippings, as well as over-ripe fruit and vegetables, will help the material decompose more quickly. For more information about composting, call our office at **812-362-7401**.

YARD WASTE DISPOSAL OPTIONS

SPENCER COUNTY RESIDENTS:



Spencer County residents can drop off fall leaves, as well as brush and limbs, west of the Chrisney Drop-Off Site. The yard waste drop-off is open Monday through Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is the only site that accepts yard waste of any kind! Please,

NO trash bags. If you bag your leaves or brush, you will be asked to empty the bags and take the empty bags home with you.

INCORPORATED COMMUNITIES:

Residents of Dale, Chrisney, Grandview, Gentryville, Richland, Rockport, and Santa Claus should contact their local officials to ask about leaf and/or yard waste programs.



Business Recycling

Businesses in Spencer County can save money by recycling. By generating less trash, a business can save money on disposal costs. Paper comprises the largest percentage (about 40% by weight) of the waste stream. Most types of paper found in offices are recyclable.



Call the Spencer County Solid Waste Management District (**812-362-7401**) for information on waste audits and presentations. All pick-ups are free and depending on the waste audit and the needs of the business, most of the containers needed to start a workplace recycling program can be furnished by the District.

Roadside Litter

Residents are encouraged to take pride in Spencer County by pitching in and cleaning up the litter and trash along the county roads.



The District provides FREE orange trash bags and FREE disposal to any group or individual that cleans our roadsides. Bags are available at any of the Drop-Off Centers in the County. Watch for special promotions in the Spring of the year to learn how you can participate in our "BAG IT" program.

Private Trash Disposal Options

Subscription Trash Service



There are several companies that provide residential trash service. Residents may contact the District Business Office (**812-362-7401**) for names of haulers that are registered with Spencer County.

Area Landfills & Transfer Stations

Advanced Disposal (Blackfoot) Landfill
Pike County, IN
888-867-8066

Daviess County Transfer Station
Grimes Avenue
Owensboro, KY
270-688-8138

Daviess County Landfill
Owensboro, KY
270-229-4484



Velpen Construction & Demolition Landfill
Velpen, IN
877-976-2144

Spencer County Trash Burning Ordinance

No. 2005-6*

THE PROBLEM: Over the last 20 years, many things have changed; one of these changes is in the composition of household garbage. Many commodities previously purchased in paper and glass containers are now packaged in plastic. When plastic and paper are burned, toxic pollutants, such as Benzene Compounds, Dioxins (which have been linked to cancer), and Acid Gases, are released. Smoke from burning trash can travel a long distance and can trigger asthma attacks.



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PURPOSE: This ordinance is intended to promote public health, safety, and welfare for the citizens of Spencer County by protecting them from the air pollution and fire hazards of outdoor burning and burning trash.

WHAT CAN I BURN? Clean wood products may still be burned. “Clean wood” is natural wood which has not been painted, varnished, or coated with similar material, has not been pressure-treated with preservatives, and does not contain resins or glues, such as in plywood or other composite wood products. When “clean wood” is burned, the smoke is white. Black/gray smoke indicates that the item should not be burned.

**The entire Burning Ordinance can be found on our website, www.SpencerCountyRecycles.com.*

YES Can Be Burned (White Smoke)		NO Cannot Be Burned (Black/Gray Smoke)	
Trees	Dry Leaves	Household Trash	Diapers
Brush	Weeds	Plastics	Newspapers
Stumps	Branches	Tires	Cardboard
Fence Rows	Drift Wood	Waste Oil	Roofing Materials
		Painted Wood	Treated Lumber

ENFORCEMENT POLICY:

- All trash burning violations should be reported to Spencer County Dispatch at **812-649-2286** or **800-498-7300**.
- Trash burning violations may be reported anonymously.
- An officer will be dispatched to investigate violations.
- Officers will supply the Solid Waste Management District (SWMD) with a written case report.
- The SWMD will mail the violator a letter with instructions.

PENALTIES AND FINES:

- First violation is a written warning.
- Second and subsequent violations will result in a \$100 fine.
- All violations (including the first) of burning noxious and/or hazardous materials, such as roofing material, tires, etc., will result in a \$250 fine.

Spencer County Property Maintenance Ordinance

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide minimum standards for the prevention and suppression of disease and health risks associated with the accumulation of trash, junk, weeds, and vehicles. This Ordinance does not address abandoned buildings.

AUTHORITY: The following shall be authorized enforcement agents of this ordinance within the unincorporated areas of Spencer County, Indiana: Law Enforcement Officials serving in Spencer County, Health Department, Plan Commission, Solid Waste Management District, and their representatives/agents.



REPORT A VIOLATION:

Contact our office **812-362-7401** for questions and/or to report a violation.

What does the Property Maintenance Ordinance cover?

1. Accumulation of Trash & Junk

- Within 100 feet of a residence.
- Visible from any public road.



2. Weeds & Rank Vegetation

- Weeds in excess of eighteen (18) inches.
- Does not apply to agricultural plants or crops.



3. Abandoned & Junk Vehicles

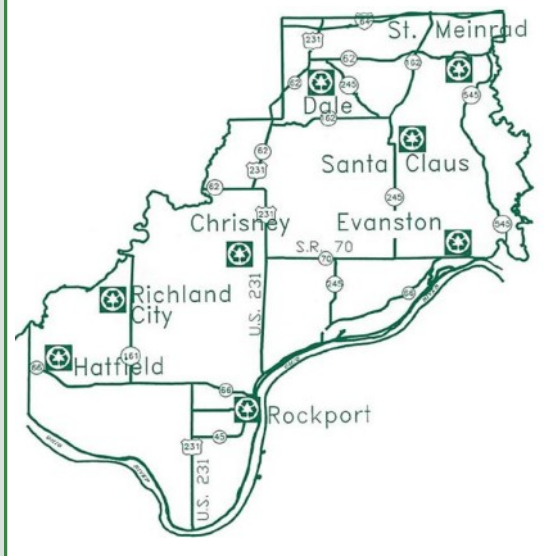
- Mechanically inoperable and left on private property more than 20 days.
- Vehicles without a valid state license plate.



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