

What is Closing the Loop?

Buying products made from recycled materials is a key step in supporting recycling programs and conserving resources. The loop starts when you place materials into your curbside recycling bin. Once the materials are collected and sorted, they are sent to business that can use them. These businesses process the recyclables into new products. Resources are saved only when you purchase these products made from recycled materials. This is referred to as "closing the loop."

While shopping, take the time to look at product labels to see whether the product or the packaging contains recycled content. For the biggest impact, buy the products with the highest percentage of recycled content.

BUYING RECYCLED PRODUCTS...

- **CONSERVES NATURAL RESOURCES**
- **SAVES ENERGY**
- **REDUCES SOLID WASTE**
- **REDUCES AIR AND WATER POLLUTION**
- **REDUCES GREENHOUSE GASES**

Excellence in Textile Recycling

Through Chesterfield's annual recycling drives, our city has helped make possible our regions first 100% post-consumer recycled-content rag bond, tree free paper. Visit www.archpaper.net for more information and to 'close the loop'.

Other Resources

Missouri Recycling Association
www.mora.org

St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District
www.swmd.net

Saint Louis Green
www.stlouisgreen.com

Missouri Recycled Materials Directory
www.dnr.mo.gov/eiera/Jan2009ProductDirectory.doc

www.repurposedmaterialsinc.com



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You can help the environment by purchasing products created by the remanufacture of recycled materials. Locating these products is not always easy. This brochure contains a list of some commonly used items made from recycled materials and local stores where they can be purchased. When you use products made from recycled materials you are “Closing the Loop.”

KITCHEN AND BATHROOM

Dierbergs

Full Circle - trash bags

If You Care - aluminum foil

Marcal - bath tissue, paper towels, napkins

Sensibles – paper plates

Seventh Generation – bath tissue

Office Max

Marcal – bath tissue, paper towels

Schnucks

Chinet EcoFriendly – paper plates

Full Circle – bath tissue, paper towels, napkins

Target

Scott Naturals – bath tissue, paper towels

Seventh Generation – bath tissue, paper towels

Trader Joe’s

bath tissue, paper towels, facial tissue

Walmart

White Cloud Green Earth – bath tissue, paper towels, aluminum foil

Whole Foods

365 – bath tissue, paper towels, facial tissue, dinner napkins, foil, trash bags

OFFICE SUPPLIES

Office Max

30% & 100% paper, legal pads, notebooks, file folders, post-it notes, calendars/planners, foam boards, paper clips, scissors

Walmart

Georgia Pacific – 30% copy paper, folders, scissors

CLOTHING AND JEWELRY

Alpine Shop

Jillery - recycled aluminum jewelry

Patagonia – fleece linings and jackets

HOME IMPROVEMENT PRODUCTS

Home Depot

Colorite and Waterworks –sprinkler and soaker hoses

Eco – counter tops

Envirotile – 18”x18” squares

Nike Step Ahead – carpet pad, moving boxes, lawn bags

Vigoro – rubber mulch

Lowe’s

Eco – counter tops, carpet pad

Green Living and Mohawk – carpet, cellulose insulation

Swan and Element - hoses

Rubberific - rubber mulch

Midwest Floor

Shaw and Mohawk – carpet and carpet pads

SECOND HAND PRODUCTS

You can help the environment, support local charities and save money by purchasing all sorts of used products at second hand stores. Similarly, by donating or consigning used items you keep them out of landfills and save the resources that would have been needed to manufacture them new.

Purchase Reusable Items from 3 Goodwill stores and Plato’s Closet in Chesterfield and Savers at Clayton and Clarkson Roads.

We all have heard about the 3 R’s...



But, the 3 R’s don’t completely “Close the Loop”!

We need all 5 R’s to “Close the Loop”!

Please consider...

REmanufacturing

REpurposing

as well!

Your role as both a consumer and recycling partner matters!

