
EXTENSION NEWS

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The Extension Council Economic Development Committee has been working to promote recycling in our county. They would like to help county residents learn more about the local recycling program during the month of April. Have you found the recycling centers in Comanche county yet? In Coldwater, the center is located in the 300 block of South Boston. In Protection, drop off your recyclables at the 2nd building North of the swimming pool. You can leave your recyclables at either of these places at any time. There will be a poster contest in the elementary school to promote recycling.

The group is planning a recycle day on Saturday, April 28. On this day there will be volunteers present at the recycling centers to show you where to put your recyclables or help answer questions. If you are new to recycling, this would be a good time to get your questions answered. Also, you can call the Extension Office for information.

If you are Spring cleaning and have books, magazines, etc. that you want to be rid of, take them to the recycling center. That keeps them from sitting in the land fill for years. At this time Comanche county can accept both hard back books and soft back books plus telephone books and catalogs. Magazines are also part of our recycling program.

Paper and cardboard make up the largest part of solid waste. Paper recycling saves precious space in the landfill. Every ton of old newspapers saves 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space. Old newspapers weigh about 100 pounds when folded in half and stacked about 36 inches high. How many pounds of newspapers pass through your home in a year? Corrugated cardboard is the largest single grade of paper recycled in the United States. Paper grocery bags can also be recycled with the cardboard.

One type of paperboard that **cannot** be recycled in Comanche county is found in items such as gift boxes, cereal boxes, etc. Much of this product has been recycled once and the fibers are shorter and more difficult to use again.

Don't forget the office paper, such as computer paper, white envelopes, copy paper and typing paper. Shredded office paper is also accepted.

Food grade containers made of glass (clear, brown, green, and blue) should be rinsed before bringing to the recycling centers. Lids should be removed. If you go to the Protection center, there is not a box set up for glass. Leave glass items in the building and they will be taken to Coldwater. Don't forget the food and beverage steel cans. They should also be rinsed and lids removed. Aluminum cans are also accepted at the center. Aluminum is easily recycled and recycling one can saves enough energy to run a TV for three hours.