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County to offer plastics recycling effective Friday

Effective Friday, September 3, Henry County will accept plastic for recycling at the five staffed Convenience Center sites. This project is possible through a cooperative effort with EMI Recycling.

The County sites will accept No. 1 and No. 2 plastics only. Examples of No. 1 plastics include soda and water bottles, medicine containers, and many other common consumer product containers. Once they have been processed by a recycling facility, the No. 1 plastics can be used again for winter coats, sleeping bags and life jackets. They also can be used to make bean bags, rope, car bumpers, tennis ball felt, combs, cassette tapes, sails for boats, furniture and, of course, other plastic bottles.

Number 2 plastic is reserved for high-density polyethylene plastics. These include heavier containers that hold laundry detergents and bleaches as well as milk, shampoo and motor oil. Plastic labeled with the number 2 is often recycled into toys, piping, plastic lumber and rope.

If you are unsure what type of plastic you have, the symbol code is usually a single digit imprinted on the item and surrounded by a triangle of arrows. County sites will only accept plastics with numbers 1 and 2. There is no need to sort, but you are asked to please remove lids and rinse out containers prior to disposal.

The five staffed sites are on Jack Dalton Road behind the County Administration Building in the Collinsville District; Red Oak Road in the Horsepasture District; Axton Road in the Iriswood District; Blackfeather Trail in the Ridgeway District; and Blackberry Road in the Blackberry District.

The sites already have facilities to recycle motor oil and other fluids; batteries; newspapers; and cardboard. All sites are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The sites are open to Henry County residents only.

If you have any questions concerning plastics recycling or other issues with our Convenience Centers or policies, please contact Mike Amos at 634-2503.