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Collinsville M.e.t. Location a Success

The Metropolitan Environmental Trust (The M.e.t.) has had a successful five years in Collinsville. Since their opening in 2007, the center continues to see more recycling within the community. This has been especially true in the uptick of beverage containers which includes glass, plastic and aluminum.

Particularly over the past year there has been an increase. Total glass recycling has gone from 57,000 lbs. for the fiscal year 2010/2011 to over 60,000 lbs. in the fiscal year 2011/2012. For number 1 and 2 plastic bottles which are made up mostly of pop and water bottles with a neck or handle, there has been an increase of recycling in 2012 from just under 14,000 lbs. to 14,500 lbs. The Collinsville recycling center collected over 475 glass and plastic bottles and over 400 aluminum cans per day in the last year.

The M.e.t. is happy to see the rise of beverage container recycling. Executive Director, Michael Patton, reasoned this by explaining “it has been a hot summer in Oklahoma, of course people are going to drink more water and pop.” He continued with “I am not surprised beverage container recycling is up.”

With this increase, the Collinsville M.e.t. is pleased to announce they will now be accepting steel cans for recycling. Examples of possible steel can recycling includes vegetable cans, soup cans, and even dog food cans. Patton stated “The M.e.t. will continually add to the list of materials collected in Collinsville. The location of this center is important because so many people from miles around rely on it for recycling.”

The Collinsville M.e.t. center is located at 306 W. Broadway, 74021. For more information, please contact Annie Brady at annie@metrecycle.com or call (918) 584-0584. Or contact Michael Patton at (918) 830-2233.

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