

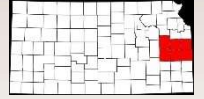


# Lake Region Solid Waste Authority

Serving Anderson, Coffey, Franklin, Linn, Miami, and Osage Counties

## Newsletter

1st Quarter  
2023



### Mission

Facilitate proper solid waste management, advocate for waste reduction and landfill diversion, and encourage the public to recycle.

### Vision

Provide our communities with accessible facilities and services for the effective management of solid waste, household hazardous waste, and recycling. Increase public awareness and program participation through engaging community partnerships, plus active educational and outreach efforts.

### Values



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## Can'd Aid's CRUSH IT CRUSADE Recycling Grant

In November 2022 the Lake Region was awarded \$13,718 through Can'd Aid's **Crush it Crusade** grant program for the purchase of recycling containers and storage carts to be used at county fairs and other large public events in all six of our member counties (Anderson, Coffey, Franklin, Linn, Miami, Osage). The grant funding also includes educational and outreach training and materials.

**Can'd Aid** is a nationally recognized nonprofit that rallies volunteers from all walks of life to build thriving communities. Through a unique integrated approach, they distribute water, provide access and opportunities for underserved youth to experience music, arts and the outdoors; and protect and restore the environment.

Their **Crush it Crusade** grant program aims to increase recycling rates nationwide, while spreading the word about the benefits of infinitely recyclable aluminum! Learn more at <https://candaid.org/crush-it-crusade/>

Since the Lake Region is committed to landfill diversion and recycling efforts, the opportunity to collect recycling at public events, where previously there has been none, is a huge win!

Look for the new collection containers and banners at the County Fairs and other local events this year.



County Fair Boards and other local organizers are always looking for volunteers to assist with the proper collection of trash and recycling during event days. If you would like to be involved in helping to promote or assist with these Sustainability efforts, then please reach out to our Regional Coordinator and we will get you in touch with event organizers in your local area or county.



AMERICANS  
THROW AWAY  
\$1 BILLION  
WORTH OF  
ALUMINUM  
EACH YEAR



ALUMINUM  
CANS ARE  
RECYCLED  
& BACK ON  
THE SHELF  
IN 60 DAYS



75% OF  
ALUMINUM  
EVER  
PRODUCED IS  
STILL IN  
PRODUCTION  
TODAY



**April 18 - 20, 2023**

Hilton Garden Inn, Manhattan, KS

Room Reservations:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/>

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Bureau of Waste Management



**TRAINING WORKSHOPS**  
HHW / Composting / Recycling

**CONFERENCE SESSIONS**

Exhibitors / Demonstrations Higher Education Session  
General Session Legislative Updates  
Industry/Regulatory Updates Grant Writing Workshop  
Recycling / Composting Roundtables

## Earth Day

April 22, 2023

Earth Day is just around the corner! It is a day of celebration, where we remember how closely we are connected to the earth, as well as our responsibility to protect it.

On October 20, 2022 EarthDay.org, the global organizer of Earth Day and the largest recruiter of environmental movements worldwide, announced the theme for Earth Day 2023 – “Invest in Our Planet.”

The theme is focused on engaging governments, institutions, businesses, and the more than 1 billion citizens who participate annually in Earth Day to do their part – everyone accounted for, everyone accountable.



## Spring Cleaning Waste Warning!

Spring is considered a time of renewal. As the weather turns nicer and people start their spring cleaning projects, we hope they will consider whether an item can be recycled or reused before they simply toss it in the trash. At the same time, some of what spring cleaners place in their recycling bins doesn't belong there either.



Wastes are typically considered to be Hazardous if they have labels with the words “Warning, Caution, Poison, &/or Danger”, as they usually mean that the product had ingredients that may have one or more of

the following characteristics: Corrosive, Toxic, Flammable or Explosive. Those products should NOT be disposed of in the trash or recycling (which should only ever have empty containers).

Please take these products to the local **Household Hazardous Waste** collection facility, where they can be available for re-use by someone else or sent offsite for safe and proper disposal.

### Coming up >>>

The next LRSWA Meeting will be held on **April 27, 2023**

This will be our Annual Board Meeting. If you would like to attend or participate, please contact the Regional Coordinator at [lrswa@lakeregionsolidwaste.org](mailto:lrswa@lakeregionsolidwaste.org)

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