

Waste Management Resource Bank

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Resource	Summary
EPA 'Sustainable Materials Management' webpage	Impacts of how goods are produced, transported, used, and disposed of
EPA Food Waste Page	Information on food waste and the problems it causes
EPA Recycling Basics and Benefits	Information on how recycling works and the benefits it has for the economy and people
City of Knoxville Recycling Landing page	Basics on how recycling works in general and specifics for the City of Knoxville plus more info on processes like composting

Take Action – For Everyone

Action	Resource
Reduce your consumption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Browse EPA tips on reducing and reusing waste <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nature Conservancy tips Find strategies for reducing food waste in particular Use KKB's Green Event Planning guide to host low- or no-waste events.
Reuse what you can	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Browse EPA tips Purchase easily reusable products rather than single-use alternatives to save money and reduce waste, like these 15 reusable products Consider purchasing clothes and other products secondhand to cut costs and make items more useful Donate items that you no longer need but could be useful to others including clothing, cookware, furniture, and more at local thrift or secondhand stores like Goodwill, KARM, etc.
Recycle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The UT Public Recycling Drop-Off Facility accepts standard recycling materials as well as specialty items (like scrap metal, pallets, etc.) Utilize Knoxville's convenience centers to drop off waste and recycling for free. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information Brochure: https://www.knoxcounty.org/solid_waste/pdfs/Convenience_Center_Brochure.pdf

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find your city's recycling system and opt in or find how to participate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand your government's recycling guidelines for best practices of what and how to recycle For example, check out the City of Knoxville's Curbside Recycling page
Compost food scraps instead of creating more waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create your own backyard composting system, especially if you have a garden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check out tips from the City of Knoxville Consider using compost over chemical fertilizer to improve your soil and water quality more cheaply and safely Participate in local compost drop-off programs such as the Knoxville Compost Project

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City of Knoxville Waste & Resources Management	Recycling • Hazardous waste • Yard waste • Compost pilot ' The Cycle of Recycling ' video shows what happens to recyclables collected in Knoxville
Tennessee Government Solid Waste Management	Information and policies on waste management in Tennessee • Waste programs by category
Keep Knoxville Beautiful	Waste disposal resources • Litter cleanups • Zero waste event support
Habitat for Humanity	Accepts donations of appliances, furniture, tool, construction materials, and more to avoid landfill waste

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