



## **Meridian Waste Announces Recycling Changes in Wentzville**

### **Glass, mixed paper and cardboard no longer accepted curbside Dec. 1**

**ST. LOUIS, Mo. (Nov. 26, 2018)** – Meridian Waste, an integrated, non-hazardous solid waste services company, announced changes to service for recycling customers in Wentzville, Mo. effective Dec. 1.

Resource Management’s Earth City Materials Recovery Facility notified Meridian Waste that they would no longer accept single stream recyclables collected curbside from any residential customers effective November 2018. World market conditions and current contamination levels have forced many processors into an unsustainable model to continue operating as before, and thus, changes to curbside residential recycling programs are necessary.

Items still accepted for curbside collection within these cities include: aluminum, tin and steel cans, and plastics labeled 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7. Black plastics as well as plastics labeled 4 and 6 are not acceptable for recycling.

The following items are no longer accepted for curbside recycling collection: glass bottles and jars, mixed paper (newspapers, magazines, junk mail, computer paper, telephone books) and corrugated cardboard. These items can either be placed in the garbage or recycled at designated recycling drop-off sites. When in doubt, throw it out, as recyclables contamination is a threat to the ability to process and market clean recyclables from the entire collected load.

“This crisis is sweeping the U.S. and frustratingly, it’s impacting the greater St. Louis marketplace,” said George Sides, area president for Meridian Waste. “Recycling is a true cycle and requires viable buyers of non-contaminated processed materials to be a truly sustainable system. We are hopeful that the market will correct itself over time, however, in the meantime we must find alternative solutions and make some significant changes to the way that we recycle. Through some out-of-the-box thinking and working with local processors, Meridian Waste is pleased to offer a dual collection recycling program processed at properly permitted facilities to ensure that these citizens still have the opportunity to recycle and help preserve valuable natural resources in a clean and sustainable manner.”

Drop-off sites for itemized materials will be listed at [www.MeridianWaste.com/Wentzville](http://www.MeridianWaste.com/Wentzville)

For more information on the recycling industry crisis, please visit: [www.MeridianWaste.com/MOREcyclingCrisis](http://www.MeridianWaste.com/MOREcyclingCrisis)

**About Meridian Waste**

Headquartered in Greensboro, Ga., Meridian Waste is a company defined by its commitment to servicing its customers, caring for and engaging its employees, and generating financial value for its shareholders while delivering a clean and healthy community. The company's core waste business is centered on residential, commercial and industrial non-hazardous waste collection and disposal. Currently, the company operates in St. Louis, Mo., Richmond, Va., Blacksburg, Va., Augusta, Ga., Macon, Ga., Northeast Florida and Knoxville, Tenn., servicing over 143,000 residential, commercial, industrial and governmental customers. In addition to a fleet of commercial, residential and roll-off trucks, the company operates one transfer station, three recycling facilities, three municipal solid waste landfills and two C&D landfills in which 955,800 tons of waste are safely disposed of annually. For more information, visit [MeridianWaste.com](http://MeridianWaste.com).

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