City of Newton
Recycling
In an effort to reduce the volume of solid waste from entering the landfill, in 1999 the Harvey County Commission banned recycling materials countywide. This was meant to reduce the amount of materials taken at the landfill, preserve the life cycle of the landfill and reduce the amount that is transferred to out of county disposal sites.
In cooperation with Harvey County, the City of Newton adopted local recycling ordinances requiring mandatory participation by all residential trash customers. Providing recyclables to the county recycling facility.
Making Newton, KS one of the only cities that have Mandatory Recycling.
PUT WASTE IN ITS PLACE
—a guide to household solid waste management

KDHE brochure
**SOME OPTIONS FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Your community can consider:

1. **RECYCLING**
   - collecting waste materials so they can be used again

   **RECYCLING CAN BE AN EFFECTIVE METHOD**
   of solid waste management.
   - It reduces the amount of waste that needs disposal.
   - It can be cost-effective, since collected materials can be sold to help cover the costs of the recycling program.

   **RECYCLING SAVES RESOURCES, TOO**
   - recycling a can, for example, saves metal. It also saves energy needed to mine and process materials for a new can.
   Regional processing centers can be built to accept only recyclables and produce high-quality products.

   **MANY MATERIALS CAN BE RECYCLED**, including:
   - newspaper and other paper products
   - corrugated cardboard
   - aluminum and some other metals
   - glass
   - plastics
   - automobile batteries
   - tires
   - motor oil.

   **RECYCLING PROGRAMS TAKE MANY FORMS**
   - for example, they can be designed to include:
     - voluntary or required participation
     - only certain types of waste (like paper or glass)
     - curb-side collection of recyclables, or drop-off centers.
   In addition, many states require deposits on cans and bottles, to encourage recycling.

2. **COMPOSTING**
   - a way to recycle "organic" wastes, such as food wastes, leaves and grass clippings

   **COMPOSTING IS A NATURAL PROCESS**
   in which organic wastes are allowed to decompose (break down). The resulting "compost" can then be used as a fertilizer and soil conditioner.

   Composting can be used on a community-wide level, and at home.

   **NOTE:** Local regulations may restrict composting in some areas. Check with local authorities.
The City of Newton and Harvey County have decided to recycle for several reasons. Here are just a few:

**Recycling Preserves Resources for Our Children's Future**

The use of recycled materials will help future generations with lower energy cost and preservation of the environment.

**Recycling Saves Money**

Due to various regulations imposed by the federal and state government, local governments such as Harvey County and the City of Newton can no longer afford to place items that are recyclable in the landfill. Recycling decreases the amount of tonnage hauled to the landfill, which reduces the overall cost of refuse collection.

According to figures from the Environmental Excellence Campaign "Producing a ton of recycled paper uses 64% less energy, 58% less water; results in 74% less air pollution, 35% less water pollution; saves 17 pulp trees and creates five times more jobs than producing a ton of paper from trees."

**Changes to Current Refuse Collection Program.**

1. Curbside pick-up (except extreme cases).
2. Once a week pickup of trash and recyclables.
3) No extra charge to citizens.
4) Containers provided for trash collection.

*All changes will occur in 1999.*
The City of Newton changes from twice a week garbage collection to once a week trash & recycle collection.

The City of Newton changes from alley collection to curbside collection.

The City of Newton provided one 90gal cart for trash and 2 recycle bins.

In 2012 the City of Newton converts to single-stream recycling, providing residents with 1-90gal trash cart & 1-90gal recycle cart. The city also adds numbers 3 through 7 plastics to the recycling stream, including numbers 1 and 2.
In 1999 South Central Recycling manages the recycling center at the Harvey County Landfill.

In 2001 Harvey County Landfill changes to a transfer station, hauling Harvey County trash to the Reno County Landfill.

In 2004 the contract to manage the recycling center was given to Stutzman's Refuse Disposal.

In 2012 Waste Connections takes over the contract to manage the recycling center.
At the City of Newton we collect trash & recycle 4 days per week. We run 2 routes each day we collect materials.

We run 2 trash trucks & 2 recycle trucks, one for each route, 10 hour shifts.

All collected materials are taken to the Harvey County Transfer Station.

Our recycle rate is about 30 – 35% for the City.

In 2017 collected 1,537 tons of recyclables.
In 2017 the City:

Customers served          7,000
Garbage collected (tons)  4,831
Recycling collected (tons) 1,590
Bulky item pickup orders   6,983
Landfill coupons redeemed  2,257