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## **America Recycles Day Events in Downtown Overland Park**

**JOHNSON COUNTY, Kan.** (Nov. 10, 2016) – In celebration of America Recycles Day, the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment and the Downtown Overland Park Partnership are hosting two events:

1. Patrons can drop off and recycle any electronic item with a cord on Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. All items are recycled for free except TVs (\$20 each) and CRT monitors (\$15 each). The event will be held in the parking lot near the Farmer’s Market pavilion – enter and exit from Marty Street, in-between 79<sup>th</sup> and 80<sup>th</sup> Streets. As a courtesy, county staff and volunteers from L’Arche’s Green Express Program will be there to unload vehicles.

2. Free document shredding will be available at various businesses in downtown Overland Park Nov. 14-19. Patrons can put confidential documents in locked, secured bins courtesy of ProShred. ProShred will pick up the bins, shred the documents at their facility and recycle the paper. Drop-off locations include the Downtown Overland Park Partnership and Ten Thousand Villages. Bins will be available during regular business hours.

“JCHDE is pleased to partner with so many great entities to celebrate America Recycles Day,” said Sadie Gardner, JCDHE’s environmental health specialist. “The world’s fast growing trash problem is electronic waste and because so much of it contains hazardous materials, it’s important to recycle it responsibly.”

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**About Johnson County, Kansas** – Located in the southwestern quadrant of the Kansas City Metropolitan Region, Johnson County, Kansas is a community of choice with a current population of more than 560,000, making it the most populated of the 105 counties in Kansas, but traditionally having the lowest mill levy in the state. For more information visit the county’s website at [www.jocogov.org](http://www.jocogov.org).

**About Downtown Overland Park Partnership** - Downtown Overland Park, the best little area for foodies, artists, and those who seek exceptional, eclectic treasures, supports the ongoing effort to reduce waste and the district's environmental footprint.

**About L'Arche Green Express** - A project of L'Arche Heartland, a non-profit creating community and opportunities for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) in Overland Park, Kan., since 1987. The Green Express provides meaningful day time activity for over 20 adults with I/DD. L'Arche recently launched “door-to-door” recycling services for small businesses within the Downtown Overland Park area.

**About ProShred** - Proshred is a family/women-owned business specializing in confidential document destruction, and responsible, 100% landfill free electronic recycling. ProShred is certified by the National Association for Information Destruction and ISO 9001, proudly serving the Kansas City metro.

