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Johnson County Household Hazardous Waste Program will now recycle paint cans

JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS (Aug. 21, 2015) – The Johnson County Department of Health and Environment announces the addition of a paint can crusher at the Household Hazardous Waste site which will allow the County to recycle approximately 1.5 tons of metal paint cans each month. A ribbon cutting ceremony for the new equipment will be Aug. 25 at 9:00 a.m. at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility, 5901 Jim Bills Road, Mission, Kan.

Latex paint is the most common item collected at the Household Hazardous Waste site. On average, over 15,000 gallons of paint are received each year. While the paint inside the container is re-blended, poured into five gallon buckets and made available for residents to purchase, the metal paint cans were disposed of in the trash resulting in approximately 27 tons or over 60,000 paint cans ending up in the landfill since 1997. With the addition of the new can crusher, the metal cans will now be recycled. The purchase of the can crusher aligns with the County's goals of minimizing waste and finding creative solutions to operating sustainably and will keep thousands of steel paint cans out of the landfill. Funds for this project were partially provided by a grant from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

The Johnson County Household Hazardous Waste site is open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the second Saturday of the month from April through October by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, or to find out more information on the program, go to www.jocogov.org and search for Household Hazardous Waste or call (913) 715-6907.

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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.