

## KEEP LEAVES AND GRASS OUT OF THE TRASH

Yard waste comprises 11% of what Johnson County residents send to the landfill. Yard waste is a valuable, reusable resource. Johnson County government and local cities are working together to restrict yard waste from disposal in a landfill and divert to composting.



## Go Green in Your Yard

- Reduce yard waste by leaving grass clippings on the lawn by using a mulching mower.
- Manage yard waste at home with backyard composting.
- Have yard waste collected separately curbside in compostable paper bags for composting instead of going to the landfill.
- Drop off yard waste at a yard waste composting facility.

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The complete Solid Waste Management Plan for Johnson County can be found online.

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## Managing Johnson County's Solid Waste



Recycle  
Reduce  
Reuse

Our region's landfills are reaching capacity. Every person can help reduce waste, increase recycling and compost yard waste. It's EASY!



Protecting You and  
Your Environment

## The Johnson County Landfill will close no later than 2027 and may close sooner.



The Johnson County Landfill, privately owned and operated by Deffenbaugh Industries, is filling up rapidly and it is unlikely that a new landfill will be located within the County. Each individual can help reduce waste and impact our future.

### HOP TO IT! It's Easy!

- Recycle at home using your curbside service.
- If you do not have curbside recycling, urge your city officials or homes associations to provide it.
- Reduce your waste. Use your purchasing power and choose products with less packaging.
- Reuse durable items such as reusable water bottles and fabric grocery bags.
- Start a recycling program at work or school.
- Utilize a recycling drop off center to recycle items not collected curbside.

## LEAP TO THE CHALLENGE: Beat the National Recycling Rate

Johnson County is below the national average for waste diversion. The national recycling rate is 34% and our county is only recycling 23%.

Challenge yourself, neighbors, family and coworkers to reduce, reuse and recycle and beat the national recycling rate! It's easy!

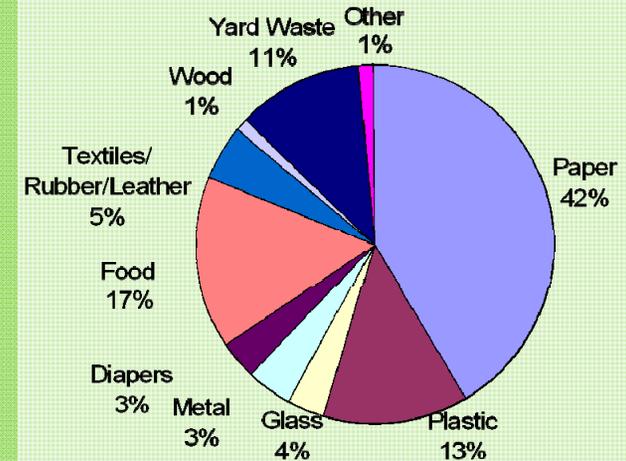


**93% of Johnson County residents feel that recycling is important.**

- Mid-America Regional Council Survey

## What are we throwing away?

This chart represents materials, by weight, being thrown in the trash by Johnson County residents and businesses. A large portion of these materials are recyclable.



## OUR STRATEGIES and GOALS

Our County has a detailed Solid Waste Management Plan with the following strategies.

- Increase education and outreach.
- Promote commercial recycling.
- Restrict yard waste for disposal in the landfill.
- Implement volume-based collection rates, i.e., pay-as-you-throw .
- Coordinate with Johnson County cities and homes associations to build a consensus for waste reduction.

## Items allowed in your curbside bin

