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**Electronics, appliance collection Aug. 26 in St. Robert**  
***Open to residents in Crawford, Dent, Gasconade, Maries, Phelps, Pulaski and***  
***Washington counties***

ST. ROBERT—A special waste collection for electronics and appliances will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 26 at the St. Robert Community Center, 114 J.H. Williamson Drive, St. Robert.

The collection is for household items only – no materials from businesses will be accepted.

Stoves, washers, dryers, hot water heaters, and other appliances will be collected free of charge. Free electronics also include computer components, keyboards, hair dryers, VCR/DVD players, cell phones or anything that runs on a cord or battery. Oil and gas must be removed from tanks of any items such as push mowers, weed eaters, etc. Please note the following items will **NOT** be accepted: VHS & data tapes; floppy disks; transformers, capacitors or ballasts not clearly marked “No PCBs”; smoke detectors; thermostats; medical waste; gas containers such as Freon, oxygen, nitrous oxide; anything leaking oil or acid, such as batteries; broken ink or toner cartridges; alkaline batteries; and physically broken CRTS, TVs or monitors.

For more information on what is and is not accepted, please contact Jill Hollowell Meramec Regional Planning Commission (MRPC), 573-265-2993, ext. 109 or by email at [jhollowell@meramecregion.org](mailto:jhollowell@meramecregion.org).

A \$10 fee will be charged for each TV, computer monitor, refrigerated appliance or item with Freon brought to the collection.

“Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District (ORSWMD) subsidizes those costs when it can, but citizens should take responsibility for the solid waste they generate,” said, Tammy Snodgrass MRPC assistant director and environmental programs manager. “That’s why the district charges. They simply do not have the local grant money to cover the cost of the entire collection.”

Program participants are required to unload the items themselves. The collection is open to any household in the Ozark Rivers District, including Crawford, Dent, Gasconade, Maries Phelps, Pulaski and Washington counties. The solid waste district is tasked with reducing the amount of waste going to landfills by 40 percent.

The City of St. Robert and MRPC, in partnership with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and ORSWMD, are offering the Aug. 26 collection.

For those unable to participate in the St. Robert collection, mark your calendars for the collection on Sept. 30 in Salem at the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Grand St.

The Ozark Rivers District includes Crawford, Dent, Gasconade, Maries, Phelps, Pulaski and Washington counties and their respective cities with populations of 500 or more. The district's strategy for solid waste reduction, which has been individually adopted by all member governments and approved by Missouri Department of Natural Resources involves education and to reduce solid waste in member counties and cities. MRPC provides administration of the district and assists with a variety of implementation projects.

For more information about ORSWMD or waste reduction and recycling opportunities in the Ozark Rivers area, contact Tammy Snodgrass, MRPC environmental programs manager, at 573-265-2993 or by email at [tsnodgrass@meramecregion.org](mailto:tsnodgrass@meramecregion.org). Additional information can be found at [www.ozarkrivers.org](http://www.ozarkrivers.org) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ORSWMD](http://www.facebook.com/ORSWMD).

Formed in 1969, MRPC is a voluntary council of governments serving Crawford, Dent, Gasconade, Maries, Osage, Phelps, Pulaski and Washington counties and their respective cities. A professional staff of 23, directed by the MRPC board, offers technical assistance and services, such as grant preparation and administration, housing assistance, transportation planning, environmental planning, ordinance codification, business loans and other services to member communities.

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