

RECYCLE

**NORTHWEST KANSAS
REGIONAL RECYCLING
ORGANIZATION**

RECYCLING PROGRAMS

THE UPSIDE

- **Most programs can generate a truckload of mixed materials in a short amount of time**
- **Several companies available to buy materials**
- **Transportation of materials to market can be found locally**

RECYCLING PROGRAMS

THE DOWNSIDE

- **Processing and material handling fees**
- **Transportation Expenses**
- **Equipment and labor expenses**
- **Supply expenses**
- **Storage capacity**
- **Market prices**

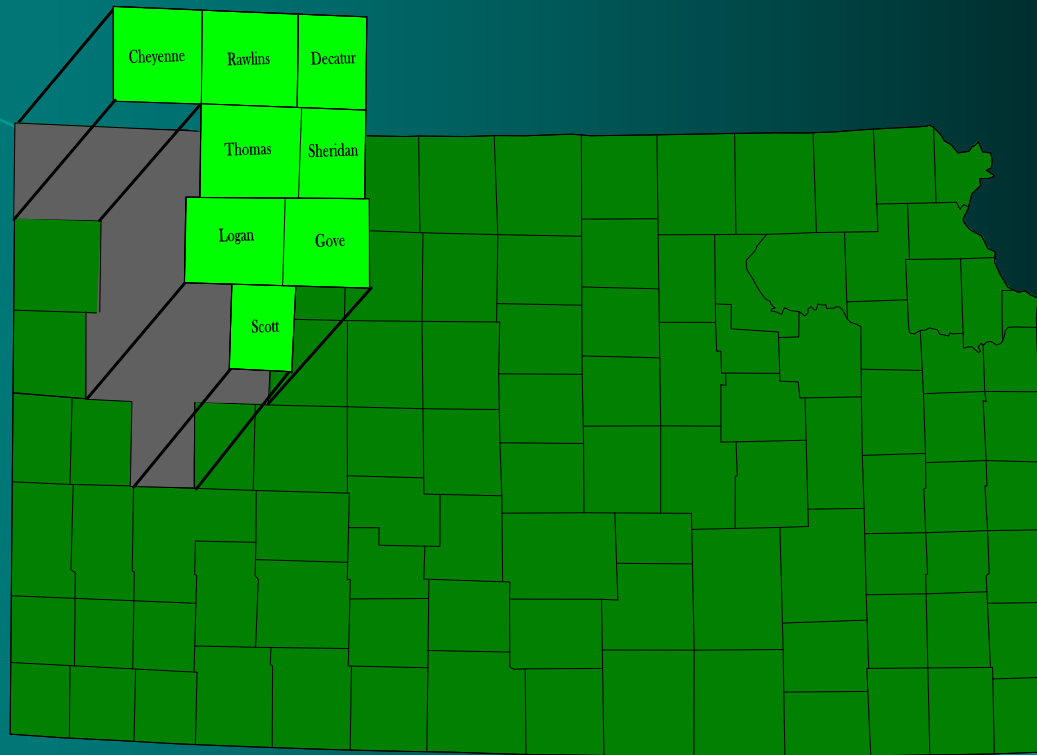
Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Organization



A Program of Partnership

Our Region

Cheyenne
Rawlins
Decatur
Thomas
Sheridan
Logan
Gove
Scott



The Organization serves a population of 31,830

Our Members



Cheyenne County - 2002



**Regional Facility
Thomas County - 2002**



Decatur County - 2005



Rawlins County - 2003



Sheridan County - 2006



Gove County - 2002



Logan County - 2002



Scott County - 2008

Our Mission

Provide the leadership that cultivates an environment of cooperation to promote and establish viable solid waste reduction programs in Northwest Kansas.

Our Vision

The counties of Northwest Kansas working as a unified region to provide efficient and sustainable solid waste reduction programs that foster a quality environment.

Our Objective

Ensure viable recycling programs through...

- **Reduced Program Expenses**
- **Cooperative Materials Marketing**
- **Training Opportunities**
- **Technical Assistance**
- **Information Network**
- **Public Education**
- **Alternative Funding Sources**

Membership

County Commissions adopt an inter-local agreement to apply for membership in the Organization. Three individuals are appointed to represent their county on the Organization Board of Directors. The County representatives attend monthly board meetings to network and conduct business of the Organization.

Members pay annual dues equal to \$1.25 per capita, based on the 2000 U.S. Census, and forfeit the profit from the sale of their recovered materials to support the Organization's operating budget.

County Programs

The county programs operate independently from the Organization. Each county is responsible for the operation and expense of their recycling program.

The Organization provides guidance to members on collecting, sorting, and preparing recovered materials for market. The counties collect and prepare materials to the best of their ability.





Materials Accepted



Approximately 40 percent of the Municipal Solid Waste generated in the region is recyclable.

The Organization accepts -

Corrugated Cardboard

Magazines & Catalogs

Office Paper

Junk Mail

#1 PETE Plastic

Glass Bottles & Jars

Chipboard

Newspapers

Shredded Paper

Books & Phone

Directories

#2 HDPE Plastic

Aluminum Beverage Cans

Steel Cans

Regionalization Benefits

- **Shared labor, equipment, and supply expenses**
- **Cooperatively marketing recovered materials increases revenues and reduces transportation costs**
- **Material processing and handling fees reduced or eliminated**
- **Material warehousing**
- **County programs become stronger through networking opportunities**
- **Small recycling programs become more viable**

Services



Delivery of Supplies



Material Processing



Material Marketing



Pickup of Materials



Material Warehousing

Alternative Funding

The Organization actively seeks alternative funding sources for equipment, supplies, and public education endeavors. Sources of assistance include grants, leases, technical assistance, and more.



Equipment Leases



Technical Assistance



Grant Funding

Contractual Agreements

- **Help guarantee reliable markets for materials.**
- **Schedule transportation for pickup and delivery of materials.**
- **Assist in securing equipment at low or no cost.**
- **Reduce supply expenses.**
- **Provide technical support.**

Grant Funding

The county recycling programs in Northwest Kansas have developed over the past ten years utilizing grant funds from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). The grant funds come from the State Solid Waste Fee Fund.



\$822,554 dollars in grant funds have been received in the Northwest Kansas region to build recycling centers and purchase collection and processing equipment.

Networking



Monthly board meetings provide continuous networking

Networking Fosters...

- **Sharing Information**
- **Awareness**
- **Problem Solving**
- **Partnerships**
- **Regional Planning**
- **Healthier Environment**

Public Education



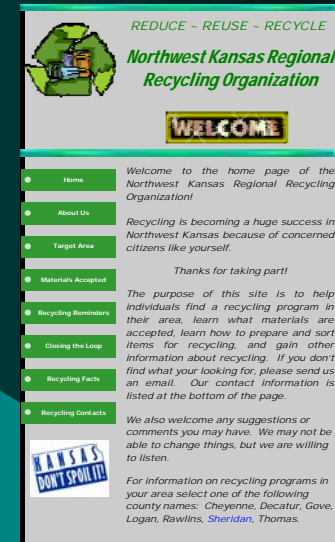
Publication Development



Educational Exhibits



Education Programs



One-Stop Information Website Under Development



Program Opportunities

**Exploring new program opportunities
and community services**

- **E-waste Recycling**
- **Secure Document Shredding**





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