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News Release

For Immediate Release

College Street Recycling Center Now Closed

Effective immediately, the City of Springfield’s Recycling Center drop-off at 2525 W. College St., located at the site of the former Price Cutter, is closed. Recyclers are asked to use the City’s nearby Franklin Avenue Recycling Center, located at 731 N. Franklin Ave.

The City has been able to offer recycling drop-off services at the site since the early 1990’s through the cooperation of a series of property owners – Consumers Markets, Smiley’s IGA, and the current Price Cutter. The site is currently being converted to Springfield Public Schools’ new Early Childhood Special Education Center, to be operational in January 2011. The new education facility will require all the available space at the site.

As a result of stable funding provided by the agreement reached between the City and solid waste haulers WCA and Allied Services, the City will be offering a new, staffed Recycling Center at a site to be selected in the future.

The City’s recycling drop-off centers are components of the City’s voter-approved Integrated Solid Waste Management System (ISWMS), which also includes the Household Chemical Collection Center, Market Develop Program, Information and Education Program, Springfield Sanitary Landfill, Yardwaste Recycling Center. The Curbside Recycling component of the ISWMS is provided by private solid waste haulers. The primary funding source for the ISWMS is revenue generated from Landfill tipping fees, along with revenue with service fees, donations and the sale of compost and mulch products.

Directions to the Franklin Avenue Recycling Center from the College Street site: East on Chestnut Expressway to Broadway Avenue, North on Broadway Avenue to Poplar Street, West on Poplar Street. The Franklin Avenue Recycling Center is located at the Northwest corner of Poplar Street and Franklin Avenue.

Additional information: Recycling Hotline: 864-1904 or http://mo-springfield.civicplus.com/465/Recycling

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