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RECYCLE CENTER ADDS NEW SERVICE

The Branson Recycle Center can now accept plastic bags of all types for recycling. This includes bags from stores, bubble wrap, shrink wrap, clean trash bags and the plastic which comes over clothes from the cleaners. According to Branson Environmental Specialist Debbie Redford, "We are always looking for ways to expand our services to the public and recycle as many materials as possible. As a result of the addition of more baling equipment and aggressively searching for markets, we can now collect plastic bags of all types."

When collected at the recycle center, the plastic bags will be baled and sent to market with the center's other materials.

"Thousands of these bags end up littering our streets and highways," said Redford. "We hope that by finding a means for recycling them that people will become more conscientious about where they end up. About 380 million plastic bags are thrown away each year, and they take up to 1,000 years to biodegrade. Now there is no reason to throw them away."

The next time your local grocery store says "Paper or plastic" at the checkout counter, you can pick either one knowing that the Branson Recycle Center can provide an opportunity to recycle either one.

The Recycle Center, located on Compton Drive next to the Community Center, is open Tuesday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m.- noon and on Thursdays from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. For information call 337-8566.