

Shawnee Correctional Center Sustainability

The Shawnee Correctional Center's Sustainability Program began with its Recycling Program in December 2011 with the purpose of reducing waste costs. The program has quickly grown into a successful, goal-orientated program with huge potential. At this time, the Shawnee Correctional Center's Recycling Program consists of the following:

Cardboard Recycling

The center no longer allows cardboard to be placed in the trash. Cardboard goes to Industries where it is baled and stored until picked up by a recycling vendor. The center averages one bale of cardboard per day, at approximately 1,000 per bale, which is a significant reduction in waste going to the landfill.

Paper Recycling

The center recycles paper. The center accepts either shredded or unshredded paper for baling.

Metal Cans

The center collects and recycles metal cans from Dietary.

Wooden Pallets

All wooden pallets are used or collected for recycling.

Electronics/ink and toner cartridges

All electronic items are collected and recycled. Also, all ink/toner cartridges are collected and recycled.

Additional Sustainability Initiatives

Shawnee recently launched a Digital Bulletin Board to conserve the amount of printed material that is disseminated via paper memos. The Digital Bulletin Board is updated daily with items that include announcements, policy and procedure changes, security bulletins and upcoming important dates. The Digital Bulletin Board is located on the wall in the Roll Call Room, next to the Employee Commissary, where staff can easily view it.

The goal of the Shawnee Correctional Center Recycling Program is to effectively collect, process, store, and return to industry waste materials produced in the daily operations of the facility. This will be done in the safest, most efficient manner possible while constantly striving to improve the effectiveness of the program.



Paper waste collection container



Plastic Recycling Barrel

