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## **Knox County to open new Karns Convenience Center June 24**

*Knoxville, Tenn.* — Knox County will open the new Karns Convenience Center on Wednesday, June 24 at 8 a.m. The new facility is located at 6930 Karns Crossing Lane. Convenience centers are recycling and waste facilities where residents can drop off recyclable materials and dispose of household trash.

The Knox County Solid Waste Department will give a free recycling bin, courtesy of Keep Knoxville Beautiful, to the first 200 center users who recycle at the Karns facility on June 24.

The previous Karns Convenience Center was very small and often forced traffic backups along a busy stretch of Oak Ridge Highway. The new center moves convenience center traffic away from Oak Ridge Highway to a larger, safer and more efficiently-designed center.

Recycling can save money, and the new Karns Convenience Center makes it easier to recycle and keep tax dollars out of the landfill. The County generates revenue by selling recycled materials collected at the county's seven convenience centers, which is money that is not collected through taxes.

The new Karns Convenience Center has significantly more recycling options, which will enable the County to generate more recycling revenue and reduce landfill costs.

Taxpayers fork over as much as \$2 million annually to haul trash to a landfill and bury it. But just last year, revenue from the sale of recyclable waste earned the county more than \$500,000, which helps offset the cost of landfilling.

Recycling in Knox County is as easy as placing paper waste, like cereal boxes, office paper and junk mail, into a cardboard box and throwing it, box and all, into a mixed paper recycling bin.

For more information on recycling in Knox County, visit [www.KnoxRecycles.org](http://www.KnoxRecycles.org) or contact the Knox County Solid Waste office at 215-5865 (Ext. 0).

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