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### **Deffenbaugh Recycling to Expand Plastics Collection at Curbside *Customers Can Now Recycle Plastics #1 through #7***

SHAWNEE, Kan. (January 27, 2009) – Deffenbaugh Recycling customers across the Kansas City Metro area will be able to include plastic containers labeled #3 through #7 in their residential bins, beginning the week of Monday, February 2. Deffenbaugh’s recycling programs currently collect only plastic containers marked #1 and #2.

“In recent months, our customers have increasingly requested broader collection options for plastic containers and we are pleased that we can respond to our customers and guarantee that everything in their bin will be recycled,” Deffenbaugh President Mark Rosenau said. “Deffenbaugh is continuing to look at ways we can help divert more materials from the landfill, while improving the environmental sustainability of the Kansas City region. We hope that customers will seize this opportunity to recycle even more materials.”

Plastic containers currently comprise approximately three percent of the materials Deffenbaugh Recycling collects and processes. Expanding the list of acceptable plastics should increase that percentage and reduce the amount of waste in area landfills, Rosenau said.

Plastics can be identified by checking the bottom of containers and looking for the number inside the chasing arrows recycling symbol. Most consumer containers – with the exception of plastic bags, motor oil containers and household hazardous waste containers – can be accepted at curbside. Acceptable plastic materials remain restricted to residential consumer items. Plastic pipe and other building materials are not accepted for curbside collection.

If customers have questions, they should contact Deffenbaugh’s Customer Satisfaction Group:

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#### **About Deffenbaugh Industries, Inc.**

Deffenbaugh Industries, Inc., founded in 1957, is one of the largest waste management services companies in the Midwest. Deffenbaugh provides efficient collection, transportation, and disposal of commercial and residential waste and recycling, construction waste, quarrying, portable toilet, and truck and industrial supplies services. Over its 50 years in operation, Deffenbaugh Industries has established a reputation for superior customer service and satisfaction. Deffenbaugh Industries is headquartered in Kansas City and operates in Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Iowa. For additional information, please visit [www.deffenbaughinc.com](http://www.deffenbaughinc.com)