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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT (RICWMA) CELEBRATES AMERICA RECYCLES DAY
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November 15 is America Recycles Day and is a national initiative dedicated to promoting recycling and raising awareness about how individuals can reduce waste, recycle properly, and protect the environment. As we enter into autumn and the holiday season, it is a great time to reflect on what can and cannot be recycled. Contamination in recycling bins is one of the biggest barriers to an effective recycling system.

Examples of ACCEPTABLE recycling materials:

- Flattened and broken down cardboard boxes
- Newspaper, magazines, and mail
- Paper
- Glass
- Aluminum and steel cans
- Cleaned and rinsed out plastic kitchen, laundry, and bath bottles and containers

The Rock Island County Waste Management Agency (RICWMA) asks Rock Island County citizens to thoroughly empty and rinse out their plastic containers. These include water bottles, juice bottles, milk jugs, pantry items like syrup and peanut butter containers, refrigerated polypropylene tubs like yogurt and butter, and household items like laundry detergent.

Cities and villages in Rock Island County offer curbside recycling for their residents. There are also drop-off sites sponsored by Midland Davis in Moline, the Waste Commission of Scott County, and Republic Services at Upper Rock Island County Landfill that serve Rock Island County residents who don't have access to a municipal curbside recycling program. Help your community by being a clean recycler.

If you are ever unsure if an item is recyclable, check out ricwma.org or call (309) 788-8925 and a RICWMA staff member will lead you in the right direction.

Please remember, there are items that cannot be disposed of in your recycling. Please see the list below.

Examples of UNACCEPTABLE materials and items that are NOT recyclable:

- Plastic bags – Take these to your local grocery store
- Clothes and toys – Take these to a donation store
- Pizza boxes – Place in your garbage
- All forms of Styrofoam – Place in your garbage
- Hard, brittle types of plastic materials – Place in your garbage
- Clear plastic wrappers from cartons and boxes – Place in your garbage

A number of cities offer special waste pick-ups for items like mattresses and furniture. Larger bulky waste may require contracting for a roll-off with a private hauler. RICWMA also has special programs for household hazardous waste and electronics via the Waste Commission of Scott County, and Weikert Recycling for curbside tire and appliance pick-up.

For more information, residents may contact RICMWA at (309) 788-8925 or visit the website at www.ricwma.org.

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