

Operations & Services Overview



Reclaiming the past...
Reusing the present...
Recycling the future...





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Why Mid America?

Why Mid America Recycling?

MAR makes the process of recycling materials quick and easy. Our professional management, plant and administrative team has years of specialized experience in the recycling industry. We manage your resources so you can manage your business.

Our areas of expertise include:

- Deposit Container Recycling
- Comprehensive, Multi-Material Recycling
- Commercial & Residential Single Stream Recycling
- Specialized Recycling Equipment
- Transportation Services
- Waste Audits & Recycling Training



Our goal is to be your trusted recycling and sustainability partner, providing you with the custom-fit tools you need to have a successful, comprehensive recycling program.



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Who Are We?

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Mid America Recycling (MAR) began operations in 1979 in response to the passage of Iowa’s Bottle Bill. During the height of the company in the late 2000s, MAR expanded to become the nation’s largest privately held recycling company, with a value of \$200 million through recycling over 1.5 billion pounds annually.

Following some buyouts and name changes, the original MAR management team reunited to buy back the company and return it to a steady, organic growth path within its geographic footprint. With more than 200 years of combined recycling experience among company owners and management, you can rest assured that MAR will grow.



State-of-the-Art Recycling Facilities

Mid America’s plant operations are robust and designed to maximize multi-material recycling processing and shipping with automated single-stream sort systems, certified truck scales, covered storage and access to rail and trailer docks.

Transportation Services

MAR provides over the road (OTR) transportation throughout the Midwest. Our 250-trailer fleet includes walking floor trailers, van trailers, gate trailers & roll-off trailers.



Brokerage Services

We are able to provide brokerage services from anywhere in North America. We’ve helped businesses move a combined 15,000 tons per month over the past 30 years with our mill-direct connections.

Single Stream Recycling

Single Stream Recycling allows several recyclable materials to be collected in a single recycling container. MAR has multi-million dollar, fully-automated sorting systems that can handle both residential & commercial single stream (commingled) materials.

Recyclable Materials

With continuing advances in technology, the list of materials that may be recycled has grown dramatically over the years. Our comprehensive list includes:

- Metals—aluminum, tin and bi-metal cans
- Paper Products—cardboard, newspaper and office paper
- Plastics—#1-5 & #7
- Glass—clear, amber and green

Custom Recycling Equipment

Mid America Recycling supplies a variety of specialized recycling equipment to customers including balers, compactors, trailers and multiple sizes of recycling containers.



Consistent Communication

Our extraordinary record of accurate and timely paperwork, payments and detailed environmental savings reports dates back more than 30 years.

Education & Training

MAR’s custom fit educational assistance includes waste stream audits, recycling market development, on-site program training, environmental performance reporting and material handling equipment consultation.



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Testimonials

Don't take our word for it.

*Read what our customers
are saying about us:*

“Mid America Recycling provides services that are important to ensure recycling is easy and convenient for our residents. We appreciate that their team stays on top of industry trends and communicates regularly. Staff is always willing to go above and beyond to promote recycling and educate the public on the importance of recycling accurately.”

– Regional Recycling Manager

“I'm so glad that Mid America Recycling is here and doing what they're doing. I really enjoy talking to someone directly—face-to-face—and they definitely give that personal contact.”

–Waste & Recycling Hauler

“I call late in the day and Mid America Recycling is there right away!”

–Moving Company

“The Mid America Recycling employees are always in a good mood. It's obvious they like their job.”

–Printing Company

“We've got a good thing going with Mid America Recycling. They show up every week to switch out our trailers and help us maintain our recycling equipment. It's effortless!”

–Redemption Center/Processor



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