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September 2014 Newsletter



Composting 101 and Five Strategies for Success in Nebraska

Please join WasteCap Nebraska and Eco-Cycle International for an informative webinar on Thursday, September 18, Noon-1:30 CDT.



Presented by Brenda Platt, co-director of the Institute for Local Self Reliance, who is a national composting expert and lead author of two recent reports "Growing Local Fertility: A Guide To Community Composting" and "The State of Composting in the U.S.: What, Why, Where and How".

Composting has great potential to stimulate rural economies, protect our food supply, conserve water and reduce waste. Ms. Platt will explain what composting is, why it matters, give an overview of the infrastructure needs and where things stand in the U.S., and explain all of the benefits that composting can bring.

Nebraska is well-positioned to reap these myriad benefits with an existing network of local

composting facilities. We'll discuss the five key local Nebraska actions to move forward on composting, from small-scale education campaigns that promote backyard composting, to pilot programs that collect food waste from residents and businesses. We'll also discuss longer-term strategies for Nebraska to convert its nutrients from garbage to gardens.

Thanks to a grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust this webinar is free of charge.

To Register Go To:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5286878877248346370>

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2014 Sustainability Summit

Zero Waste Infrastructure Tours

WasteCap Nebraska is hosting its 2014 Sustainability Summit: Road to Zero Waste on October 28th and 29th at Embassy Suites-Downtown in Lincoln, Nebraska. This year WasteCap has added tours demonstrating Zero Waste Infrastructure on the 28th. Attendees will have the opportunity to visit (Option A) Assurity Life Insurance Company, Nebraska Innovation Campus, and EcoStores Nebraska or (Option B) Recycling Enterprises and Prairieland Dairy.

Assurity Life Insurance Company

Assurity Life Insurance is a state-of-the-art facility, located at 20th and "Q" Streets. A tour of the LEED Gold Assurity Center office building will highlight the use of layout and technology to provide a pleasant, flexible and collaborative work environment. The Assurity Center was the first privately owned major office facility in Nebraska to achieve LEED Gold Standard Certification. Learn how waste reduction and recycling infrastructure was built into the facility.



Nebraska Innovation Campus

Nebraska Innovation Campus is a new facility located adjacent to UNL. It is research facility for UNL faculty, students, facilities and private sector businesses. The construction was uniquely designed to promote sustainability and innovation in food, water, fuel issues, computer and medical technology. Participants will take a guided tour through the new facility to learn about how innovation and sustainability were integrated into the design.



EcoStores Nebraska

Ecostores Nebraska is a great place for remodeling projects. They have cabinets, used paint, walls, flooring and more. They reduce waste in landfills by salvaging materials that can be

reused to enhance another space. EcoStores Nebraska will provide a tour of their deconstruction materials resource center providing information about the hard-to-recycle materials accepted.

Recycling Enterprises

Recycling Enterprises will demonstrate the operation of their Materials Recovery Facility [MRF] showing how they sort and process mixed materials for recycling.



Prairieland Dairy

Prairieland Dairy won the *Outstanding Dairy Farm Sustainability Award* from the Innovation Center for US Dairy in 2013. It sits just 20 miles outside of Lincoln. Tour participants will learn about their commercial composting operation, water filtration and wastewater recycling systems, as well as their environmentally friendly farming practices. Prairieland Dairy offers commercial composting for local businesses, organizing pick up and transport of food wastes.



For more information or to register visit: <http://www.wastecapne.org/2014-sustainability-summit/>.

LEED-Qualified Construction & Demolition Waste Management Course

Wednesday, November 12 & Thursday, November 13
10 am - 2 pm CDT

In cooperation with WasteCap Resource Solutions, WasteCap Nebraska is sponsoring a two-day webinar training course for Construction and Demolition Waste Recycling.



Participants will learn how to develop, manage, monitor, document and promote a successful recycling program for construction and demolition debris.

The webinar will be presented by Ralph McCall, WasteCap Resource Solutions Senior Project Manager, with more than 20 years of experience in private industry and public sector waste reduction and recycling programs.

Participants will receive:

Three year Accreditation in Construction Waste Recycling

LEED APs and LEED Green Associates: 7.5 CEUs through GBCI

Architects: 7.5 Learning units through AIA

This event is partially funded by a grant from Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant and Ayars & Ayars Inc., which enables WasteCap to off greatly reduced registration fees.

To register: www.wastecapne.org

2014 Sustainability Summit: Public Policy Forum
The Role of Government in Waste Management
and Resource Recovery Systems
FREE TO THE PUBLIC
Tuesday, October 28th 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

MEET THE PANELISTS



Stephanie Barger



Dale Gubbels



Eric Lombardi



Sen. Ken Haar



Milo Mumgaard



Carrie Hakenkamp

Panelists: **Stephanie Barger**, Executive Director & Founder of US Zero Waste Business Council, **Dale Gubbels**, CEO of First Star Recycling, **Eric Lombardi**, Executive Director of Eco-Cycle International, President of Zero Waste Strategies, Inc., **Senator Ken Haar**, District 21 Nebraska Legislature, **Milo Mumgaard**, Senior Policy Aide for Sustainability Mayor's Office in Lincoln, **Carrie Hakenkamp**, Executive Director of WasteCap Nebraska.

More than 2 million tons of materials are landfilled each year in Nebraska. This practice wastes valuable resources and threatens our air, groundwater and climate. Creating a resource recovery-based system will not only conserve resources and protect our environment but it will create and sustain more productive and meaningful jobs than a disposal-based system. Federal, state and local governments play a critical role in protecting our natural resources and creating the structures, regulations and incentives surrounding waste disposal and resource recovery. In 1992 Nebraska communities were required by state law to develop 20-year solid waste management plans. Few, if any, have come close to meeting their plan's waste diversion goals. Why? What needs to change? What can governments do at each level to create incentives and frameworks through which Zero waste systems and infrastructure can develop?

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 8th Green Team Roundtable

NOW Energy & Uribe Refuse Services Inc.
2436 N 48th Street, Lincoln, NE
11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Household Hazardous Waste Collections

Saturday, September 13th 9 am - 1 pm
Lincoln Industries: 600 West E Street
For more information visit:
www.lincoln.ne.gov

Leftover Medication Take-back



Don't know what to do with your
LEFTOVERS?
We can help.

In Lincoln-Lancaster County there are 40 area pharmacies that can safely take back leftover medications including: non-controlled medications, over-the-counter pills, liquids, creams, nebulizers and inhalers.

You should take back leftover medications for proper disposal because it reduces the risk of accidental poisonings, illegal drug use, and you are protecting aquatic environments as well as our own drinking water. For more information, visit leftovermeds.com, or call 402.480.1956



Don't Miss the DEA Take Back Day!

Saturday, September 27, 2014 from 10am - 2pm

This one day event is available for the safe and legal disposal of all consumer medications including controlled substances (e.g. pain-killers).

Lincoln Locations:

Hy-Vee 5010 O St
The Pharmacy 1221 N Corner Blvd
Russ's Market 1550 S Coddington Ave
Shopko 6845 S 27th
Walgreens 2502 N 48th
Walgreens 1404 Superior St
Walgreens 8300 Northern Lights Dr
Walgreens 4000 S 70th
Walgreens 2600 S 48th St
Walgreens 1701 South St

Waverly Location:

Four Star Drug 13851 Guildford St



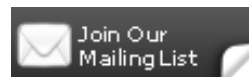
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