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May 2015 Newsletter



New Nebraska Recycling Study Report is the Topic for Green Team Roundtable Meeting in June

On June 17, 2015 WasteCap Nebraska will host a Green Team Roundtable meeting at Ayars & Ayars, Inc. to discuss the recently released Nebraska Recycling Study conducted by the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center, Joslyn Institute for Sustainable Communities and the UNL Bureau of Sociological Research. WasteCap Nebraska, a member of the Study Committee, will present an overview of the findings and recommendations that will be of particular interest to solid waste service providers, policy makers and citizens. The meeting runs from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Ayars & Ayars headquarters, 2436 N. 48th Street in Lincoln, and includes lunch.

To see the Recycling Study Report, click on the following link:

http://www.lonm.org/attachments/Bulletins/2015/Statewide_Recycling_Study_Final_Report.pdf

Cost is \$11 or \$9 for WasteCap members. Registration is required at:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=954vybeab&oeidk=a07eb1i643f929f369a>



Sustainability Leadership Presentation Series
Empowering leaders for a sustainable future

Conservation and the Quest for Quality Nebraska Places

The June Sustainable Leadership Presentation Series Webinar asks, "What do construction waste, global population migration, food processing and distribution, the Ogallala Aquifer, Omaha and

O'Neill, climate change, and economic development have to do with one another?" A new video by the Joslyn Institute for Sustainable Communities shows how interconnected and interdependent all of these factors are, and how addressing the nexus of global and local changes and pressures on our critical resources will ensure a strong and healthy future for our citizens. W. Cecil Steward, founder and President of the Joslyn Institute, will show an excerpt from the video and talk about how these imperatives might be addressed.

Nebraska Nexus: Resources, Conservation, Development and Change explores five critical resources—food, water, energy, land and materials, and how we must consider both conservation and development of those resources to respond effectively to global pressures and to ensure they remain sustainable for future generations and the high standard of living we now enjoy.

The culmination of four years of highly interactive workshops and conferences with civic leaders, ranchers, farmers, elected and appointed officials, students and concerned citizens across Nebraska, the video was produced with the support of Humanities Nebraska and the Nebraska Environmental Trust, with the administrative support of Nebraska Academy of Sciences.

Join the webinar live Thursday, June 4, 2015 from 3:30-5:00 pm. Live stream available at: <https://www.mccneb.edu/cps/green/slps.asp>. Sustainable Leadership Presentation Series is a partnership with Central Community College, Joslyn Institute for Sustainable Communities, Metropolitan Community College and WasteCap Nebraska.

How to green Memorial Day Weekend

This Memorial Day Weekend, take advantage of some eco-friendly tips that will make your barbecues and outdoor picnics sizzle:

- Party supplies: First choose durable (washable and reusable) serveware for your party, but if that isn't feasible, there are options with a lower footprint than landfilling single-use items. If recycling is available in your locale, purchased "made from recycled materials" and "recyclable" serveware. If you have access to composting, use biodegradable utensils, bowls and cups to cut down on waste. Guests can write their names on cups to reduce the number doled out, as suggested on [Yahoo Green](#). Also, giving guests reusable, cloth napkins is a plus. After the party, they can be washed and saved for your next get together. Planning ahead is the key! Want to save on supplies? [Blisstree.com](#) offers 10 Memorial Day eco-friendly party items for \$10 or less.
- Grill time: Gas, propane and electric grills burn cleaner and more efficiently than charcoal or wood, [The Daily Green](#) reports. They also contribute fewer hydrocarbons and soot particles than charcoal. The site offers a variety of tools for a greener barbecue.
- Food: You can stop by a farmer's market to pick up fruits and vegetables for your event or make dishes from local food. To find a farmer's market in your area, plug in your zip code and use [Local Harvest's](#) map. [Mother Nature Network](#) offers a yummy asparagus guacamole recipe for your event and [Organic Kitchen](#) offers other organic food ideas. Plus, don't forget



you can serve [organic beer and wine](#).

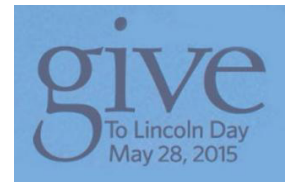
- Cleanup: Be sure to encourage guests to take home leftovers, and food scraps can be [composted](#).

Have a happy and healthy Memorial Day Weekend!

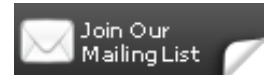
8 days until Give to Lincoln Day, Schedule your Donation to WasteCap Today!

Give To Lincoln Day is your chance to make a real impact on Lincoln's quality of life. Every donation you make on May 28th helps your favorite charities even more, because we will also receive a proportional share of the \$300,000 challenge match pool! You can schedule your donation now and it will count on Give to Lincoln Day:

<http://givetolincoln.razoo.com/story/Wastecap-Nebraska>



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