



Earth Day, Every Day

One of our goals is to make sure every Nebraskan has access to recycling services, even for hard to recycle materials. One way we achieve this is by providing an accessible recycling directory that lists service providers and outlets in Nebraska. Our [Nebraska Recycling Guide](#) is updated every year with new listings.

We also support special collection events. In appreciation of Lincoln Earth Day on April 28th, NRC will be holding a "CHaRM" event (Collection for Hard to Recycle Materials) for electronics, secure shredding, rechargeable batteries, and clothing in Lincoln. The event will be held from 9 am to Noon on Nebraska Innovation Campus in Lincoln. Participants will be able to stay in their car while volunteers unload materials at each stop. For more information, visit <http://nrcne.org/events/earth-day-charm-event>



Does your community have a special collection event coming up? Tell us about it! Would your community benefit from a "CHaRM" collection event? We have a manual with detailed instructions on how to organize an electronics collection event, as well as connections with reliable service providers with years of experience working these events.

Check out other Earth Day events being held across Nebraska in the article below. If your community event is not listed, please let us know right away so we can share your information.

Don't forget, [Lincoln's Cardboard Ban begins April 1](#), and the Nebraska Cornhusker Chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America is holding its [62nd Annual Great Plains Waste Management Conference](#) April 17-18 at the Embassy Suites in LaVista. **NRC's Program Manager, Megan Jackson will be presenting "Zero Waste In Nebraska Communities"** on April 18.

Let's all participate, celebrate, and work for a healthy, sustainable Earth, every day.

~Julie

Celebrating Earth Day Around Nebraska



Earth Day celebrations will take place throughout much of April, and we found some of the most fun, educational, and eco-friendly activities happening in all corners of our great state. See more information about these events [HERE](#).

[Earth Week @ CCC Campuses](#) | April 19th - 28th | Grand Island, Kearney, Columbus & Hastings

[Fee-Free Entrance to Scotts Bluff National Monument](#) | April 21st | Gering

[Before the Flood at the Majestic Theatre](#) | April 22nd @ 6:30pm | Wayne

[Cleaning the Fork 2018!](#) | April 21st @ 8:30am - 1pm | Norfolk

[Omaha Spring Cleanup](#) | Every Saturday from April 14 - May 19 | Omaha Neighborhoods

[Science Fest! @ Riverside Discovery Center](#) | April 21st @ 10am | Scottsbluff

[Earth Day Omaha](#) | April 21st @ 11am - 6pm | Elmwood Park in Omaha

[Lincoln Earth Day](#) | April 28th @ 10am - 3pm | Union Plaza in Lincoln

American Recycling Achieves R2 Certification

NRC member, [American Recycling](#), with two facilities in Lincoln, has achieved an important milestone in their capacity to provide verified safe and responsible electronics recycling in Nebraska. They join only one other company, (NRC member, [Lifespan](#) in Omaha), with R2 Certified facilities in Nebraska. The Nebraska Recycling Council congratulates American Recycling for this



ambitious achievement.

What is R2 Certification?

Managed through Sustainable Electronics Recycling International (SERI), R2 (Responsible Recycling) is a global certification standard for the electronics reuse and recycling industry. The requirements of the R2 Standard are designed to protect people, the environment, and data, and preserve resources. This is achieved through rigorous, annual third-party audits of R2 certified facilities, and by transparency and accountability throughout the entire reuse/recycling chain of used electronic products. R2 certification requires prior certification in the RIOS Standard, or in the ISO 14001: 2015 and OHSAS 18001: 2007 Standards that have to do with environmental systems and providing a safe and healthful workplace.

Webinars & Events

[Implementing the Recycling IQ Toolkit to Reduce Contamination of Residential Recycling: Lessons Learned](#)

Webinar | Tue, April 10 | noon-1:30pm | [REGISTER](#)

[National Prescription Drug Take Back Day](#)

April 28, 2018 | 10am-2pm

[Plastics ReFocus Sustainability & Recycling Summit](#)

May 8-10, 2018 | Orlando, FL | [REGISTER](#)



Articles of Interest

[End user of recycled plastics plans Midwest facility](#)

A new manufacturer with ties to QRS Recycling will begin making recycled-plastic railroad ties in St. Louis.

[Students pursue cheaper tool for identifying plastics](#)

A team of college students in the U.K. is developing a low-cost instrument to allow manual sorters to quickly recognize different resins.

[Study: Food scrap recycling can work in cities of any size, though PAYT helps](#)

The financial and logistical challenges of starting a food scrap diversion program can seem daunting for smaller cities. A study from MIT shows that no one characteristic is a prerequisite for taking the leap.



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