



Breaking news: Spring has arrived!

And with that we have a few important announcements. But before we go...

What has your business or community been up to lately? NRC members and "not-yet" members hear from us twice a month, but we don't always hear from you, even though we know you are doing great things in the waste diversion department. Please fill us in on your accomplishments, and if you're a member, we'll brag about it in the newsletter.



Important dates to remember in May (besides Mother's Day and Memorial Day)

May 22: Panhandle Regional Recycling Forum. This all-day event will be held in Alliance, hosted by Keep Alliance Beautiful in partnership with Nebraska Recycling Council. The meeting is for the recycling industry, municipalities, recycling organizations, economic development professionals, Nebraska extension, manufacturers/end markets, transfer stations and landfill operators, elected officials and other stakeholders to learn about and discuss recycling challenges, opportunities, funding, partnerships, and improvement/ expansion of recycling services in the Nebraska Panhandle. Contact me for more information or to attend: jdiegel@nrcne.org.

May 31: Give to Lincoln Day and the Nebraska Recycling Council Open House. We combined these two convivial events into one. Come to our new office at 3800 VerMaas Place, Suite 102 in Lincoln, and enjoy cake, snacks and even some adult beverages, and make a donation if you are inclined. Bring your business card for a drawing for a gift certificate from a local restaurant. Every donation we get between May 1 - 31 will be matched, and the more we raise, the higher the match. <https://www.givetolincoln.com/nonprofits/nebraska-recycling-council>

Save the Date! Mark your calendar for NRC's 2018 Annual Awards Luncheon and Workshops on **Tuesday, October 2nd**. We have a fantastic line-up this year and encourage NRC members to apply for an award. Check out the web page for more information: <http://nrcne.org/2018-annual-awards-luncheon>

Congratulations! Megan Jackson, Program Manager for NRC has earned TRUE Advisor Certificate from the US Green Building Council. TRUE Advisors are professionals trained on the TRUE Zero Waste Rating System. TRUE Advisors understand the requirements of the rating system, help

projects achieve TRUE certification and are committed to advancing zero waste values and policies. As a TRUE Advisor, Megan will be able to help facilities implement zero waste programs and lead them through the zero waste certification process. We're proud of Megan, and it is our goal to have all full-time NRC staff certified by the end of the year.

Now let's get out there and enjoy the long-awaited, lovely days of Spring.

Julie

Support NRC on Give to Lincoln Day!

Join us in our effort to maximize the economic and environmental benefits of resource recovery by maximizing your own resources on Give to Lincoln Day! Starting TODAY through May 31st, every donation Nebraska Recycling Council receives through Give to Lincoln is matched.

Make [a matching donation now](#) and support NRC because:

- **Recycling is not inevitable.** It won't happen unless we take action--on the community level and as individuals. Reduce, reuse, or take it to the bin!
- **Systems are needed.** Recycling requires participation from manufacturers, retailers, state and local government, and individuals. We are all responsible for managing the materials we use.
- **No other organization in Nebraska fills this role.** NRC's work spans from urban to rural, from elected officials to individual citizens, from single communities to regional partnerships.



Small efforts can make a huge impact--just like a donation to Nebraska Recycling Council. Visit our page, learn more, and support our work at www.givetolincoln.com/nonprofits/nebraska-recycling-council.

Also, save the date! We're celebrating Give to Lincoln Day and our new office space with an Open House on May 31st from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Resource Recycling Conference Grants

Opportunity knocks! For the third year in a row, the 2018 Resource Recycling Conference is offering free registration, travel and accommodations through the Steve Thompson Memorial Grant for people involved in recycling, particularly community leaders. It is the leading source for information on how to make recycling and other forms of waste diversion work. [APPLY NOW](#) to bring your recycling program to the next level while building the national network of recycling professionals. No matter where you live, no matter how big your local, state, regional or collegiate recycling program is, St. Louis is the place to be October 22-24! Questions? Contact Tricia Tiedt at ttiedt@recyclingpartnership.org.



Webinars & Events

[Webinar: What is a Community-Based Social Marketing and How Can it Help Improve Your Community's Recycling Program?](#)
Tuesday, May 8 | 12-1pm | sponsored by [Busch Systems](#) | [REGISTER](#)

[Environmental Leader & Energy Manager Conference](#)
May 15-17, 2018 | Denver Marriott Tech Center | [REGISTER](#)

[Webinar: Global Best Practices for Drug Take-Back Programs](#)
Thursday, June 7 | 5-6:30pm



Articles of Interest

[ISRI2018: Long-term opportunity](#)

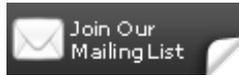
While challenging in the short-term, China's ban on imports of postconsumer plastic scrap could present a long-term opportunity for U.S. processors.

[Nebraska's pesticide container recycling program in its 27th year](#)

The recycling program encourages producers to bring clean, dry, intact containers to a nearby collection site.

[UNL student advocates for reusable glass straws on campus](#)





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