



Lean on Me

Our office looks like a tornado just swept through it! On February 8th, the movers will come and we will be in our new office about 3 miles south of our current location - 3800 VerMaas Place in Lincoln. We'll share some photos once we get settled.

By the time this newsletter goes out, our first Advisory Council meeting will have taken place. I am so looking forward to hearing about what matters to our colleagues from all parts of Nebraska, and to working together to develop better waste diversion infrastructure, programming, and communications throughout our great State.



Because of the China ban, the US market is glutted with mixed paper and #3-#7 plastics, and it's beginning to overwhelm the recycling industry here. We knew it was coming, but the full effects are beginning to pinch. Volumes, clean bales, and cooperation are more important than ever.

I have read that more than 85% of US households expect recycling as a municipal service, and they want a larger variety of materials to be collected. In Nebraska, we have challenges that are different from those in more densely populated areas of the country; however, the complexities of residential recycling exist no matter the size of the community, and some "best practice" solutions are transferable. Here are some resources that might help your community's program:

- [SWANA/NWRA: Best Contracting Practices for Local Residential Recycling Programs](#)
- [In the Public Interest: Best Practices in Municipal Waste Contracting](#)
- [ISRI: Scrap Specifications Circular](#)

In case you missed it, our January webinar that featured RecycleBC was phenomenal. The system that was created in British Columbia has accomplished a recycling rate of more than 75% with an extremely low contamination rate. The recording and slides can be found on our web site [here](#).

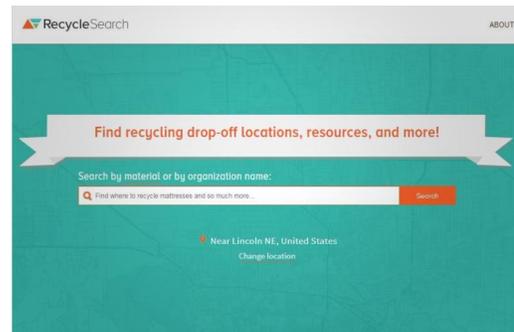
Be sure to register for our upcoming webinars in February and March, too! Learn more [here](#) and [here](#).

Happy recycling,

Keeping Things Current

Does your recycling guide listing (on our web site) need some polishing? Would you like to volunteer for the NRC? If the answer to either of those questions is "yes," let's talk! Find out more below.

Our online recycling guide is your premier reuse and recycle resource, so it's our goal to keep it up to date. If we created your listing, let us know when you need to make any changes. If you created your own listing, you can skip the middle man (us) and make the changes yourself. See below for a list of new items that have been added in this last year, and take note if any apply to you. Even if none of the following apply to you, it's still a good idea to check your listing every once in a while to make sure it is still accurate.



Recent additions to the guide: vinyl siding, driveway sealer, glue, insect repellent, nail polish, tree stumps, fireworks, microfiche/microfilm, small engines, string lights, plastic tubs, typewriter, commingled glass, commingled metal, commingled cans, steel cans, tin cans, grills, pipe, cable/satellite receivers, camcorders, cameras, capacitors, fuses, small scale servers, speakers, stereos, telephones, televisions (CRT), liquid medications, solid medications, controlled substances.

Volunteers: we are looking for volunteers to call our recycling guide contacts and find out if their listings need to be updated. Whatever time you've got, we'll take it! Contact Heather at hcreevan@nrcne.org or (402) 436-2384 x 1002 if you're interested.

Our recycling guide can be found here: <http://nrcne.org/recycling-guide>

[GO TO THE GUIDE](#)

What could a recycling equipment grant do for you?



Just look at all this beautiful equipment. It could be yours! Ok, well you can't have *these* exactly, but if you have a wish list, an NET recycling equipment grant is just the thing for you. There's still money to spend in the current grant cycle, so send us your application by April 15th, and get your equipment needs in the pipeline. The sooner the better, because grants are available only as long as the money lasts. Contact Heather Creevan at 402-436-2384 if you have any questions.

TELL ME MORE

Webinars & Events

[Lunch & Learn: How to Set up a Successful Recycling Program in Multifamily Housing Complexes](#)

Tue, Feb 20 | 11:30 - 1 | 2000 D St, Lincoln | [REGISTER](#)

[Webinar: Navigating Lincoln's Cardboard Ban for the Commercial Sector](#)

Thu, Feb 22 | noon-1 | FREE | [REGISTER](#)

Nebraska Safety Council Events

[D.O.T. Hazardous Materials Training](#) | [Forklift Safety Training](#) | [Safety State of the Union](#)



Articles of Interest



[China Ban's Effect on City of Kearney](#)

"...this is just a way for them to get better materials. I think it's very appropriate." - Steve Hart, City of Kearney Sanitation Supervisor

[Grant Opportunity](#)

Dr Pepper Snapple Group Park Recycling Infrastructure Grant

[Super Bowl Recycling Wins](#)

MSP International Airport and US Bank Stadium join #1 solution to fix recycling crisis.



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