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## May 2017 Newsletter



# NEBRASKA RECYCLING COUNCIL

## 2017 National Trash and Recycling Survey

Are you a representative of a community (city, town, village, county), hauler, processor or material collector? Do you want to be entered to win a Kindle Fire tablet or a \$100 gift certificate? If you responded yes to both of these questions you are encouraged to fill out the Skumatz Economics (SERA) community trash and recycling survey! The data you provide will help track trends, conduct studies, and help make improvements to various programs. You must submit your survey results by May 29<sup>th</sup> in order to be eligible for the drawing of three Kindle Fire tablets or five \$100 gift certificates.



If you are interested please follow the link provided and have costs and tonnages available for reference: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SERA2017update>

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## Recycle Your Pesticide Containers!

For 26 years the Nebraska Extension Pesticide Safety Education Program has been coordinating a statewide pesticide container recycling program. The recycling program helps promote a healthy and sustainable lifestyle for agriculture producers who want to leave a positive impact on the environment.

All you have to do is clean and dry your intact pesticide container by pressure or triple rinsing it out, remove any caps, labels, booklets, and slipcover plastics. Then drop off



your containers to the various year-round or seasonal collection sites!

For more information on collection sites/hours of operation, and proper cleaning techniques, please visit the following website: <http://ianrnews.unl.edu/pesticide-container-recycling-enters-26th-year>

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## Hefty® Energy Bag Program

The Hefty Energy Bag program is now available for Omaha residents to divert non-recyclable plastics from the landfill. Program participants can use the orange Hefty Energy Bags for candy wrappers, chip bags, and juice pouches. Once filled, the Energy Bags can be placed in the curbside recycling bin along with other recyclable materials. The plastics will be converted into energy to make cement.

First Star Recycling, Recyclebank, ConAgra Foods and other collaborators from the Omaha area have implemented the program. For more information and a list of materials accepted in the Hefty Energy Bag program, click on the following link: <http://firststarrecycling.com/energy-bag-program/>



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## Become a Member!

 **DONATE NOW**

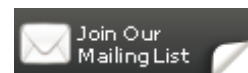
Nebraska Recycling Council is a statewide 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization, whose mission is to maximize the economic and environmental benefits of resource recovery in Nebraska. Visit our website at [www.NRCNE.org](http://www.NRCNE.org) and become a member or make a donation today.



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