



"CHaRM"ing

NRC is hosting a "Collection Event for Hard to Recycle Materials" (CHaRM) at Nebraska Innovation Campus on Saturday, April 28th from 9am to noon in cooperation with Lincoln Earth Day. Electronics, document shredding, batteries, and clothing will be collected for a \$10 donation per vehicle to raise funds for NRC. Volunteers will be on hand to unload cars, and The Mill Coffee & Bistro will provide wooden nickels for free coffee.

Nebraska Recycles will collect electronics (no CRT monitors or TVs), Interstate All Battery Center will collect rechargeable batteries (only), Shredding Solutions will provide document shredding (limit 10 boxes), and Goodwill will collect clothing and household items. Information on where to take prescription drugs, household hazardous waste, CRT monitors and more will be provided.

Vehicles will enter Nebraska Innovation Campus from Salt Creek Roadway at the far east entrance (near the 27th Street overpass). Thanks to Nebraska Innovation Campus and The Mill Coffee & Bistro for sponsoring the CHaRM event.

Earth Day CHaRM Event

(Collection for Hard to Recycle Materials)

Stay in your car—volunteers will unload

- **ELECTRONICS**—Excluding CRT TVs, CRT Monitors, and appliances
- **DOCUMENTS FOR SECURE SHREDDING**—Limit of 10 boxes, please
- **BATTERIES**—Rechargeable batteries only
- **CLOTHING**—Clothing, accessories, small household items

Saturday, April 28 (Lincoln Earth Day!)

9 am to 12 noon

Nebraska Innovation Campus

Vehicles will enter Nebraska Innovation Campus from Salt Creek Roadway at the far east entrance (near the 27th Street overpass). Please do not use 21st Street as an entrance for this event.



FREE
Wooden Nickel
for each vehicle.
Good for one cup at
**The Mill Coffee
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Shredding Solutions
Interstate All Battery Center
Lincoln Goodwill

Nebraska Recycling Council
Lincoln Earth Day
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Nebraska Innovation Campus



\$10
Suggested Donation
A fundraiser for the
**Nebraska Recycling
Council**

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What is Compost?

A new, more complete definition of compost was adopted by the [American Association of Plant and Food Control Officials](#) recently, after several years of deliberation. Supported by the US Composting Council (USCC), this definition is important, because it re-enforces best practices and quality product standards that have been developed, and differentiates compost from other products often confused as compost, such as biochar, mulch, and anaerobic digestate.



The official definition is:

Compost - is the product manufactured through the controlled aerobic, biological decomposition of biodegradable materials. The product has undergone mesophilic and thermophilic temperatures, which significantly reduces the viability of pathogens and weed seeds, and stabilizes the carbon such that it is beneficial to plant growth. Compost is typically used as a soil amendment, but may also contribute plant nutrients.

The prior definition was: The biological decomposition of organic matter. It is accomplished by mixing and piling in such a way to promote aerobic and/or anaerobic decay. The process inhibits pathogens, viable weed seeds, and odors. (Official 1997)

For more information, visit: <https://compostingcouncil.org/blog/news/new-compost-definition-results-from-uscc-work-with-aapfco/>

#takeittothebin

The Lincoln cardboard ban is only 16 days away! Are you ready? Here are some quick facts you should know and resources to help you if needed:

April 1, 2018 - The day that corrugated cardboard will no longer be accepted at Lincoln's landfill*. No, it's not an April Fools' joke.

If you already recycle corrugated cardboard - You are all set! Thank you for your efforts.

If you do NOT currently recycle corrugated cardboard - Work with your [garbage or recycling collector](#) to set up efficient collection. Residents may also use City recycling [drop-off sites](#).

If your business needs assistance in its recycling efforts - The City is offering [technical assistance and a cash rebate](#) to assist you in starting or expanding your recycling program.

If you need more of the nitty-gritty - oodles of information can be found [HERE](#).



LMC 8.32.040, Sect. C / Recyclable cardboard shall not be accepted by the City for disposal in the City's public sanitary landfills effective April 1, 2018. (**Clean and dry corrugated cardboard.)*

Webinars & Events

[Global Recycling Day](#)

Sunday, March 18, 2018

[Webinar: An Introduction to Lithium Batteries and the Challenges that they Pose to the Waste and Recycling Industry](#)

Thursday, March 22, 2018 | 12-1:30pm | [REGISTER](#)

[62nd Great Plains Waste Management Conference](#)

April 17 & 18, 2018 | Embassy Suites, La Vista | [REGISTER](#)



Articles of Interest

[Household hazardous waste collection schedule for 2018 released](#)

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department will offer four mobile household hazardous waste collection events this year.



[9 Ways to Design the Circular Economy](#)

The shift to a circular economy demands a systemic approach to change, and while this can result in profoundly new ways of designing, making and using stuff, it can also mean that it's difficult to know where to get started.

[Ripple Glass starts commercial glass collection, recycling program for bars and restaurants](#)

Ripple Glass says it is rolling out a new commercial glass recycling program that will allow businesses in the area to recycle their glass with ease.



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