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Free Webinar TODAY! Setting Up Glass Recycling for Communities

TODAY - Tuesday, February 5
Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Is your community struggling with glass? In this webinar Lauren will discuss how to begin a glass recycling program with Ripple Glass and how the glass industry is doing despite the changes in recycling.



PRESENTER

Lauren Henry, Ripple Glass

Lauren has been with Ripple Glass since November of 2017. She was brought on to be the Regional Program Manager taking over responsibility for all glass recycling programs outside of the KC metro area in 9 different states. Lauren's prior experience is 7 years as a Neighborhood Services Specialist with the City of Jefferson, Missouri managing CDBG Grants and environmental programs to improve the live ability and sustainability of her hometown.



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Custer County Recycling: A recycling hub in the Sandhills

Custer County Recycling has been operating for over 20 years as a regional recycling center for communities throughout north central Nebraska. We spoke with Recycling Manager Kelly Flynn for our second installment of interviews with NRC members who are making a difference in materials management.

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MMP Webinar

WHY YOUR MUNICIPALITY SHOULD JOIN THE MUNICIPAL MEASUREMENT PROGRAM



Tuesday
Feb 12th
1pm ET

FREE WEBINAR

Learn about the new Program Assessment and Planning Tool designed for municipal waste management agencies.

Wednesday, February 12th at Noon

The [Municipal Measurement Program \(MMP\)](#) launched in January 2019 with the goal of harmonizing the measurement of material management programs and providing municipalities with decision-making tools that can improve recycling program performance.

This free Program Assessment and Planning Tool provides participating municipalities with access to powerful analytical reports designed to measure waste diversion performance and improve programs.

Municipalities face a variety of challenges when it comes to reducing the amount of waste their communities produce. Program managers rarely have enough time or money to properly measure the progress they are making toward achieving their diversion goals. Tracking important performance metrics and researching program improvement options can also be challenging. Without efficient access to reliable program performance reports, municipal staff can struggle to identify the best course of action to improve recycling.

Join this webinar to discover how the MMP will help municipalities to overcome these challenges and improve their waste & recycling programs.

After attending this webinar, you will:

- Learn how the MMP will help municipalities to overcome challenges and improve their waste & recycling programs.
- Find out how using the MMP can connect you with The Recycling Partnership and tools and resources to help transform your recycling program.
- Preview the analytical reports available to participating municipalities.
- Understand how the MMP works today and how it will evolve over the next few years.
- Answer lingering questions about this new program assessment and planning tool.
- Leave the webinar prepared to speak to your colleagues and management about the benefits of participating in the MMP.

[Learn more](#)

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Hefty® EnergyBag® Comes to Lincoln



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Lincoln!**

**Sign Up for Your Free
Starter Kit Today**

www.firststarrecycling.com/lincoln-hefty-energybag



The Hefty® EnergyBag® program is coming to Lincoln! Residents who have a curbside recycling service can now help keep hard-to-recycle plastics out of Lincoln landfills. You simply put hard-to-recycle plastics – like straws, candy wrappers and foam to-go containers – in your Hefty® orange bag and once full, tie the bags up and place them in your curbside recycling during your regularly-scheduled recycling pick-up. Sign up to receive a free starter kit at www.firststarrecycling.com/lincoln-hefty-energybag

Save the Dates & Stay Up to Date



EVENTS

Feb. 5 - [Glass webinar](#) 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. CST- how to begin a glass recycling program with Ripple Glass and how the glass industry is doing despite the changes in recycling

Feb. 7 - [Environmental Studies students in the art museum: A case for interdisciplinary learning](#) 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Feb. 12 - [Municipal Measurement Program](#) webinar 12:00 noon CST. A demonstration on how MMP works and how it can improve your waste and recycling programs

Feb. 18 - US EPA Region 7 [Pollution Prevention Award Program](#) applications due. For questions: Lisa Thresher at thresher.lisa@epa.gov or 913-551-7964

Feb. 27 - NRC board of directors training with Nonprofit Assn. of the Midlands

March 6 - [Construction and Demolition Waste Management Theory and Practice](#)- 12:00 noon CST

March 11 and 12 - Social Marketing Workshops in [Omaha](#) and [Grand Island](#) 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

March 16 - International Association of Fairs and Expositions Zone 5 conference. NRC presentation with Grand Island Clean Community System- Embassy Suites, Lincoln

March 18 - Global Recycling Day

March 19 - Nebraska Municipal Clerk Institute and Academy, Kearney – NRC presentation

March 21 - [C&D Mixer](#) – Lancaster County Extension Office, Lincoln 3:0 – 4:30 p.m.

April 2 - Legislative Day for Recycling 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. Hosted by the Nebraska Recycling Council and Keep Nebraska Beautiful

April 9 - [Mattress recycling webinar](#)

April 11 - Central Community College Earth Day event in Grand Island (NRC will be there!)

April 27 - Lincoln Earth Day CHaRM collection event - Lincoln

LEGISLATION

LB 243 - Create the Healthy Soils Task Force- to develop a comprehensive



action plan using specified standards as measures to assess improved soil health; examine how to provide farmers with research, education, technical assistance, and demonstration projects; examine options for financial incentives to improve soil health; and examine the contribution of livestock to soil health. Agriculture Committee hearing Jan. 29.

LB 367 - Eliminate provisions relating to fund transfers and change a termination date under the Nebraska Litter Reduction and Recycling Act- to renew the Litter Fund and strike language that allows the legislature to transfer grant funds to the general fund. Referred to Natural Resources Committee on Jan. 18.

LB 580 - Change provisions relating to landfill disposal fees and rebates under the Integrated Solid Waste Management Act- to increase the Waste Reduction Fund by adding 75 cents to the landfill tip fee to support household hazardous waste collection. Natural Resources Committee hearing on Feb. 28. Letters of support encouraged.



NEWS

Rethink, Retool, Then Recycle? A look at what's working and what's not in the U.S recycling market

<https://nextcity.org/features/view/rethink-retool-then-recycle>

Loop™ Waste-Free Shopping?

https://s3.amazonaws.com/tc-global-prod/download_resources/us/downloads/51113/Loop_Announcement.pdf

Whatever Happened to Waste Reduction, or Preventing Waste in the First Place?

<https://newdream.org/blog/whatever-happened-to-waste-reduction-or-preventing-waste-in-the-first-place>

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