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## Recent Firsts: Annual Report, Legislative Recycling Day, and Political Yard Sign Recycling

Nebraska Recycling Council is still marking “firsts” in its 2-year tenure since the merger that combined two outstanding organizations into one in 2017. Our first annual report was completed and mailed to members in early April. The report covered accomplishments in 2018, our reach across Nebraska, event photos, members, partners, and commentary from the executive director and president of the board. [Download the report here.](#)



First #2 was our Legislative Recycling Day on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. In partnership with Keep Nebraska Beautiful, we hosted several state senators and staff for coffee and cinnamon rolls at the Nebraska Environmental Trust headquarters, and held substantive conversations about the complexities of waste diversion, recycling, recycling education, and the funding of these activities. We are grateful to all senators in our great state for their willingness to engage on these important issues.

One final note, and this is also a first. NRC board member, Gene Hanlon has organized a political yard sign recycling collection in Lincoln. With the completion of local elections on May 7<sup>th</sup>, Lincoln residents can recycle the wire frame and paper from political yard signs at Sadoff Iron and Metal Company, 5510 NW 39<sup>th</sup> Street from 7:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday only. The collection will end Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be two containers, one for wire frames and the other for paper signs. Paper signs must be removed from the wire frames and placed in the corresponding bins. The paper will be recycled by Green Quest Recycling. Sincere thanks to NRC members, Sadoff Iron and Metal and Green Quest Recycling for supporting this community effort!

## Composting Webinar May 8th (tomorrow)

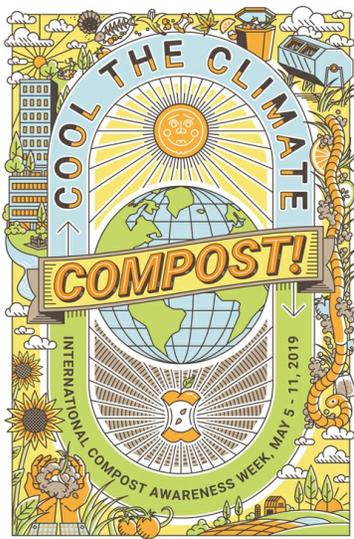
**Wednesday, May 8, 2019**  
**12:00 PM – 1:00 PM**

Nebraska Recycling Council is partnering with the US Composting Council to bring a webinar in honor of International Compost Awareness Week (May 5 – 11).

The webinar will review goals of the newly formed Nebraska Chapter of the US Composting Council, discuss the status of the compost industry nationally and what other state chapters have

accomplished, and provide an overview of the Compost Operations Training Course that will be offered in 2020.

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## The giving has started!

No need to wait until it's officially Give to Lincoln Day (May 30, 2019). You can [give a gift to NRC today](#) or any day this month, and every donation we receive is made greater by matching funds. Your donation can go that much further in supporting our work to...

Provide statewide recycling assistance and support.  
Maintain the most comprehensive Nebraska Online Recycling Guide.  
Distribute recycling equipment grants for organizations and communities.  
Host important collection events, educational webinars, and engaging Talk and Tours.

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](http://www.givetolincoln.com/nonprofits/nebraska-recycling-council).



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## Nebraska Recycling Council Receives Three Grants from the Nebraska Environmental Trust

1. Nebraska Recycling Council (NRC) will organize a month of collection events in 2020 with 16 Nebraska communities to collect CRT screens and other electronics, using only R2 Certified Recyclers to ensure proper disposal and documentation. Each

community will have a local event organizer to manage the event, work with the recycler, recruit volunteers, and help with local marketing. The purpose of project is to responsibly recycle all remaining CRTs in Nebraska to protect soils and groundwater by using R2 Certified Recyclers.

2. Recycling Equipment Grants provides up to \$20,000 for schools, municipalities, nonprofits, and private businesses to enhance or help create new opportunities for recycling programs across



Nebraska.

3. NRC and the Nebraska Business Development Center at UNK will test the viability of creating compost at feedlot sites for cropland use. The large quantities of organic wastes generated by animal feeding operations, when combined with yard and wood waste collected by municipalities, could provide valuable field-scale fertilizer that is better for soil and water health than manure alone, while reducing costs for municipalities, and providing a value-added product for feedlots and/or compost operations.

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## Shining a Well Deserved Spotlight on the Wayne Green Team



Started in 2009 by former Mayor Lois Shelton, the Wayne Green Team just celebrated 10 years of service last month. Over the last decade, the community green team has had a huge impact! They have recycled over 100,000 pounds of electronics, 79 tons of glass, 1,000 pounds of string lights, and 526 pounds of batteries. They've hosted: 5 Earth Day movies, 4 Green Expos, 3 Household Hazardous Waste events and 2 Green Move Outs at WSC. And, they've have raised \$42,000 in grant funds.

We spoke with Sandy Brown of the Wayne Green Team for our fourth installment of interviews with NRC members who are making a difference in materials management. [Read More](#)



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## In Memory of Larissa Binod

June 6, 1981 - April 5, 2019

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### Webinars & Events



#### [EPA's Waste Reduction Model \(WARM\) Version 15](#)

Webinar | Thursday, May 9th | 12-1 PM | [REGISTER](#)

#### [2019 Rubbermaid Showroom Experience - Sustainable Solutions Vehicle](#)

Monday, May 20th | 11:30-2 PM | UNL Campus | 1320 N 17th St

#### [The Resource Recycling Conference: Where the Industry Evolves](#)

August 26-28, 2019 | Sheraton New Orleans | [REGISTER](#)

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### Articles of Interest



#### [Residents Learn to Recycle Right at Community Info Event](#)

*Custer County residents met with the Nebraska Recycling Council to learn how to recycle more and how to recycle right.*

#### [How Community Compost Startups Are Helping Compost Go Mainstream](#)

*These grassroots organizations help individuals, organizations and food service providers divert compostable waste like food scraps, paper products and coffee grounds from the landfill.*

**[2019 Residential Curbside Recycling Cart Grant](#)**

*This year's Request for Proposals (RFP) offers more funding and flexibility for advancing cart-based curbside recycling in communities of all sizes across the United States through financial and technical assistance than previous years.*

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