



Earth Week: April 19-23

What did your company or community do to promote Earth Day (Week) this year? Check out some of the activities our members provided in their communities.

Fargo: The Fargo-Moorhead Earth Week Committee collected used books and toys for area shelters with children in need.

A press conference, display booths and a waste transformation art exhibit were held at area malls. Check it out at:

www.cityoffargo.com/solidwaste/earthweek2004

Grand Forks: The University of North Dakota promoted Earth Day through various events, including 40 booths, a prairie hike and more.

Check it out at: www.und.nodak.edu/org/earthday/

For more information on Earth Day, visit www.earthday.org.

Scrap Metal Grant Awarded

-submitted by Mary Aldrich, Exec. Director

Recently, Lake Agassiz Regional Development Corporation awarded member MinnKota Recycling a grant valued at \$112,000 to provide environmental education for communities, businesses, and individuals in North Dakota that recycle scrap metal and appliances. PCB capacitors, lead-bearing wastes, freon, and mercury containing devices found in these items may cause potential environmental problems when appliances are stored, baled, shredded, or mishandled.

Due to these potential problems, end-market recyclers are hesitant to take these scrap metal appliances. Increased difficulty in recycling appliances has led some communities to start landfilling them. This grant will provide an alliance that educates industry, government and ultimately the consumer about the economic and environmental benefits of scrap metal and appliance recycling. Partners providing resources such as in-kind contributions include the NDSWMA and the North Dakota Department of Health. The process will begin in October 2004, and training and other projects planned will run through September 2005.



Board Member Spotlight

Name: Angela Boeshans

Position: Recycling Coordinator, City of Fargo

Duties: In charge of 27 drop-off recycling/compost sites, the City's curbside recycling program

Best thing about the job: "Talking to people that are more excited than I am about recycling; and my coworkers."

Before this job: Worked at Fargo's Household Hazardous Waste Facility for 3 years.

Grew up in: Burnsville, Minnesota

Enjoys: Camping, fishing, the outdoors/nature, travel, photography/photo albums and more!



Scrap Tire Conference

*-submitted by member Steve Tillotson,
ND Department of Health*

A regional scrap tire conference will be held in Omaha, Nebraska on June 3rd and 4th at the Doubletree Hotel. Register through the Rubber Manufacturers Association: 202-682-4800 or visit www.rma.org for more information.

Tillotson states, "I plan on attending and encourage anyone interested in tires to attend." The cost is \$75 for public sector attendees and \$125 for private company attendees.



NAPCOR's Contacts are Minus One

Longtime NDSWMA supporter, Tim Warren, is no longer employed by the National Association of PET Container Resources. Should you have any future inquiries as to PET recycling collection, processing, or marketing issues, or about grant or educational assistance programs, please contact NAPCOR's main office in Charlotte at 704-845-5070.

Tim states, "I enjoyed working for NAPCOR these past eight and a half years and with working with many of you on various projects and programs to expand residential, commercial and venue recycling. You can reach me in the future at tjw11thmiss@yahoo.com or at my home number, 636-273-5258. I hope to continue my career in the recycling/solid waste management field, and I am beginning to actively search for employment - wherever that takes me and my family. I'd welcome an e-mail or call from you in the future, so please stay in touch."

Best Wishes for continued successes in recycling,
Tim Warren, NAPCOR Central Regional Director

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At www.ndswma.org, you can find out about news, meeting minutes, our calendar of events, related links and more.

Board Meeting Notice

The next NDSWMA board meeting will be on **May 20 at 8:30 a.m.** (via a conference call). Contact Angela at (701) 298-6944 if you would like any topics brought forth at the meeting.

Mark your Calendar

Don't forget about the fabulous fall conference! Make plans now to attend from **September 14-16** in Grand Forks, ND!