



The official e-newsletter for the ND Solid Waste and Recycling Association

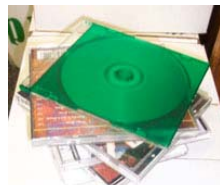
Conference Registration due Aug. 19; Hotel Room block released Aug. 30

If you haven't registered yet for our **10th Annual Solid Waste and Recycling Symposium** in Minot September 13-15, you have a few weeks left to do so. Register **by August 19th** and attend as a member for only \$100. The non-member rate is \$125. All members should have received a newsletter in late July/early August with the conference registration form, agenda, awards programs and more (if you did not, contact Mary at (701) 293-8428 or at maldrich@minnkota.biz to receive your copy).

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn; **reserve your room by August 30th under the "Solid Waste Management" block.** Rooms are \$53.00 plus tax and can be reserved by calling 1-800-468-9968. Exhibitor booths, educational sessions, annual golf tournament, Minot Air Force Base tour and more will take place at this year's conference. The attendee and exhibitor registration forms, as well as a detailed agenda are now available on our Web site at www.ndswra.org. Certified landfill operators will receive 10 credits for attending the conference. We hope to see you soon!

New Web Site Helps Residents and Businesses Reduce Waste Destined for Landfills

"Free ME of all of that stuff collecting dust!" The North Dakota Department of Health – Division of Waste Management recently created and announced "FreeME", a **free Materials Exchange (ME)** program that will help rid you and/or your business of items you no longer need. People can register on the site and post either available or wanted items. The site can be found at: www.ndhealth.gov/freeme Check it out and help spread the word by placing a link on your Web site or placing the information in your next community or business publication. There are many categories and all counties are listed to either view or post items to. "One person's trash is another person's treasure!"



Get rid of old music CDs, furniture, appliances and more!

Free Safety Program from McNeilus, Rumpke Waste and the NSWMA

"Slow Down to Get Around" is the safety slogan that is being spread across the U.S. right now. Refuse truck manufacturer McNeilus has teamed up with Rumpke Waste and the National Solid Wastes Management Association to encourage the public to drive cautiously when passing refuse trucks. Their campaign offers **free** broadcast-ready TV and radio commercials your company or community can air locally. Instead of paying for commercials; try using them as a Public Service Announcement (free). Order the DVD or find out more about their campaign [online](#) (brochure, etc.).



Get your Updated Directory this Fall

The North Dakota Solid Waste Directory was updated this summer. The directory includes lists of haulers (municipal, industrial, inert, special waste), landfills (same), tire haulers, recycling companies and communities, industry suppliers and consultants, end market producers, our members and more. **Pick yours up at the symposium** Sept. 14-16 in Minot. If you can't make the conference, directories will be mailed to members; non-members can purchase the directory for \$25.00. Contact Mary at (701) 293-8428 or at maldrich@minnkota.biz.

News Bites

A North Dakota man develops a process for **used hydraulic oil**, commonly used in farm and other heavy equipment. See the full article [online](#).

Antifreeze Recycling Machine Available: 2 new units with chemicals for sale or best offer; contact Howard Barlow at (701) 237-6453 for more information.

NDSWRA's Mission: To educate, train and promote environmentally sound waste management practices.

Free Customized PSAs Assist Communities with Education/Outreach Efforts

All communities and organizations can order **free** print, radio and television promotional materials from the Earth 911 Public Service Announcements (PSAs) area of Earth 911 - some even feature well-known celebrities. Environmental messages include composting, HHW, recycling and more. These pieces were produced especially for Earth 911 or are some of the "best-of-the-best" of what is out there in high quality state and local work that others have shared with Earth 911 for community use. Earth 911 even offers tracking for your community so you can see the results of your efforts. You can view and order promotional materials online at Earth 911's [PSA/Multimedia Library](#).

Recycling Workshops Draw 140+ Attendees

In June and July, MinnKota Recycling sponsored scrap metal and appliance recycling workshops throughout North Dakota. Approximately 100 attendees learned about the hazards of appliances, why they should be recycled and the effects of not recycling them. Contact Mary Aldrich at (701) 293-8428 or at maldrich@minnkota.biz for more information.

In early August, the NDSWRA sponsored a recycling workshop in Medora, North Dakota. The workshop provided ideas for communities that were looking to create recycling opportunities in western North Dakota and eastern Montana. Over 40 people representing rural communities, non-profit organizations, educators, area women's prison, national park and more attended this one-day seminar. Topics included markets, funding, promoting recycling and more. Presentations will soon be made available online at www.ndswra.org.

Tired of throwing away packing peanuts, bubble wrap and other non-environmentally friendly packing material?

Corrugated Solutions LLC, based in Des Moines, Iowa makes Corru-Fill, a 100% biodegradable, static-free, dust-free packaging material. It can be used in place of Styrofoam peanuts, bubble wrap, air-filled plastic pillows and more to ship just about anything, "from an egg to an anvil". The product is made entirely of used corrugated cardboard, which helps the environment by reducing the amount of corrugated cardboard in landfills.

Check with your local UPS or shipping stores in your area to see what packaging material they are using. Encourage them to try a sample or a few small bags of this material. It can be ordered (or get a quote or sample) online at www.corrugatedsolutions.biz. Tell friends and family about this material (especially if they have/own their own small business that ship products)!



Board Member Spotlight

Who: Tim Steinke, Assistant Public Works Director

Duties: Assist in the planning, organizing, prioritizing, and directing the activities of the department. Conduct land surveys, prepare plans for the department which include landfill design and expansions, sanitary and storm sewers, lift stations and pumps, etc. Also prepare a variety of reports for the EPA and the NDDH.

Best Thing about the Job: Working with excellent and professional employees that care.

Before this Job: Lived and worked in Phoenix, AZ; graduated from Northern Arizona University with a Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering and worked as a Structural Engineer with a Phoenix-based company.

Grew up in: Minot, ND

Enjoys: Hunting, fishing, outdoors, golfing, good friends and BBQ's



What's New with Our Members?

- ✓ **Valley City, Dickinson, Bismarck,** New Town and Park River hosted Appliance and Scrap Metal Recycling Workshops sponsored by **MinnKota Recycling** in June and July. See article at left for more information about the workshops.
- ✓ The **City of Bismarck** is in the planning stages of creating a permanent Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Plastic recycling is a new issue for the city; the Waste Management MRF is now accepting it from residents. The city is also selling front load garbage containers; contact Galen Bren at (701) 250-7786 or at gbren@state.nd.us.
- ✓ Public entities in ND and NW MN, including **Clay, Becker,** and Otter Tail Counties, met to discuss the possibility of a waste-to-energy facility in the **Fargo-Moorhead** area. [Read more.](#)
- ✓ **MinnKota Recycling's** Terry Horst discusses recycling education and MRF operations in a Waste Age magazine roundtable. See the Q & A [here.](#)

Education Kit Reminder

Kits containing recycled content items are located in Bismarck, Fargo, Grafton, Harvey, Grand Forks, and Beulah. Kits can be loaned to communities or companies that wish to show people what happens once they recycle items. A great educational tool to get people thinking "beyond the bin"! Call Mary at (701) 293-8428 to reserve one.

Meth Waste = Hazardous Waste

Don't believe you need to think about proper hazardous waste disposal in your community? Think again. "Each pound of 'cooked' meth is reported by the MN Dept. of Health to leave behind 5 to 7 pounds of hazardous waste." – *MSW Mgmt. Magazine (May/June 2005)*

Census Information

["State & County QuickFacts"](#) Web site gives demographic and business information for states, counties and larger cities. A great tool to compare with other states and use for reports and more!