



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

## Early Bird Exhibitor Signup Begins; Ends June 30

If you just *know* you'll be joining us for our **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Solid Waste and Recycling Symposium** this September, exhibitors should be sure to register early to reserve a booth space. Register **by June 30<sup>th</sup>** and receive **\$50 off** the registration rate. This year, the conference will be Sept. 13 – 15, and will be held at the Holiday Inn of Minot.

A block of rooms has already been reserved for exhibitors and attendees under the "North Dakota Solid Waste Conference or NDSWRA Group". Attendees will visit booths on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> through noon on the 15<sup>th</sup>. An exhibitor registration form and more information on the conference will be available in June at [www.ndswra.org](http://www.ndswra.org).

## Electronics Collections Recycle over 60,000 pounds of E-waste in ND

The cities of Bismarck and Fargo recently held events for residents and small businesses to recycle outdated electronics including computers, TVs and more. Residents could bring in this equipment to be recycled and the cities sent it off to be recycled.

Different parts of the electronics, from the plastic and glass to the lead, heavy metals and other parts will all be recycled at various locations throughout the United States. Similar events have been held throughout Minnesota, and in neighboring states. Montana's Galatian Watershed District received a grant from Dell to hold a community recycling event in 2004.

If your community is interested in holding an event, contact Angela Boeshans ([aboeshans@cityoffargo.com](mailto:aboeshans@cityoffargo.com)) or Galen Bren ([gbren@state.nd.us](mailto:gbren@state.nd.us)) for more information.

## Medora Recycling Workshop Aug. 4 to feature Local Markets and Programs

The NDSWRA's Recycling Branch will host a workshop on Thursday, August 4 in Medora, ND that will help bring **connections for recycling** in western North Dakota. Topics will include: Rural Recycling – Making Connections, Paper and Plastic Markets, Local Program Highlights and more. For a fun twist, wear your boots, cowboy hats and western wear!

For those that wish to stay and vacation, rooms have been reserved for August 3 – August 6 at the Bunkhouse hotel in Medora. Call 1-800-633-6721 and **ask for the ND Solid Waste block of rooms by July 3<sup>rd</sup>**; rates range from \$62 - \$99 (plus tax). Ask about the 2005 Bunkhouse Special for only \$149! This rate includes: a one night stay at the Bunkhouse for 2 adults, 2 Medora Musical tickets (normally \$28 ea.) and 2 Pitchfork Fondue tickets. Perhaps stay 2 nights at the hotel and the remainder of your stay at the campground! Call the same number for camp site reservations.

We are looking for **several co-sponsors** for this workshop – if your company can assist, please contact us soon! For more information, visit [www.ndswra.org](http://www.ndswra.org) or call Galen Bren at (701) 250-7786 ([gbren@state.nd.us](mailto:gbren@state.nd.us)).

## Steel Recycling Up – Scrap Metal Workshops Set

The Steel Recycling Institute has reported that the total tons of steel recycling in 2004 increased by more than 7.2 million tons. For more on this article, see Waste News at the following [link](#).

Learn more about scrap metal and appliance recycling at the following workshops, sponsored through a grant by MinnKota Recycling. All workshops include lunch and will take place from 10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- ★ June 28: Bismarck (Best Western Inn)
- ★ July 12: Valley City (VCSU)
- ★ July 13: Park River (Alexander House)
- ★ July 19: New Town (4 Bears Casino)
- ★ July 21: Dickinson (Days Inn)

Contact Mary at (701) 293-8428 or at [maldrich@minnkota.biz](mailto:maldrich@minnkota.biz) for more information or to register.

## One Giant Garage Sale in Grand Forks

University of North Dakota students will be able to see their end-of-the-year items reused instead of seeing them head to the landfill. The campus held a large rummage sale, "Trash to Scholarships" for the furniture and household goods that students no longer need when moving out. Check out the [article](#) online.

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

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## Successful Workshops in Grafton and Valley City

In March, the NDSWRA and the ND Department of Health (NDDH) co-sponsored two Inert Waste Landfill Workshops in North Dakota. These events brought many interested cities,

operators and tribal members together to learn more about what they can do in their own communities. From concrete and tires to compost and wood waste, attendees learned about what it takes to create and maintain an inert waste landfill. The workshop provided ideas for communities that were looking to create sites, and even brought attendees in from neighboring South Dakota. Certified MSW Operators received credits for attending through the NDDH.

## Tired of storing old Pesticides in your home or community?

The Department of Agriculture has announced the dates and locations for **Project Safe Send**, an annual event that helps farmers, residents and communities get rid of old pesticides (including herbicides, **insecticides, rodenticides and fungicides**) that they don't use anymore. Due to the lower cost of disposal this year, more sites have been selected for the collections. From July 6 – 21, sixteen communities in North Dakota will be home to the annual event. The locations are attached separate to this e-mail or can be found on our Web site. For more information about the collections, contact Judy Carlson at [jcarlson@state.nd.us](mailto:jcarlson@state.nd.us). **Please** take advantage of this **free** opportunity!

## Grant and Training Opportunity

- ★ **MDU Grant Opportunity** – Deadline October 2005  
Could you use up to \$2,500? Montana – Dakota Utilities is offering grants for issues related to the environment (among other topics). View the information on [MDU's Web site](#) and get a "grant request form". This is a great opportunity for smaller communities to apply for funding for educational materials for recycling/solid waste education, etc.
- ★ Take advantage of a **free Environmental Education clinic**. You may not consider yourself an educator, however, if you find yourself explaining environmental concerns to those around you, whether it be the general public, elected and appointed officials, customers, neighbors, students or even colleagues, **this clinic is for you**. In June, the MN Office of Environmental Assistance is holding six free clinics around Minnesota in Duluth, Brainerd, Detroit Lakes, Redwood Falls, St. Charles, and Apple Valley. The one nearest for North Dakota residents would be the Detroit Lakes location (approximately 1 hour from Fargo). Continuing education units are available. Lunch and refreshments provided (8:45 a.m. – 3 p.m.). The clinics are free but registration is required. To register, send an email to [ee-events@moea.state.mn.us](mailto:ee-events@moea.state.mn.us) or call 651-215-0266 and state the clinic you would like to attend. For a full agenda, and more information as it becomes available, visit the SEEK [Web site](#).



## Board Member Spotlight

**Who:** Terry Horst, General Manager, MinnKota Recycling, MinnKota Secured Document Destruction  
**Duties:** Manage the direction of the companies and the key staff that make it work.  
**Best Thing about the Job:** Exposure to so many different aspects of the business world.  
**Before this Job:** Controller for John Morrell & Co. in Fargo  
**Grew up in:** Selby, South Dakota  
**Enjoys:** Golf, fishing, hunting, outdoor activities, baseball and socializing.



## What's New with Our Members?

- ✓ **John Ibach** is the new District Manager at the Waste Management landfill. Welcome John!
- ✓ In addition to fluorescent bulb and electronics recycling, **Retrofit Recycling** (based in Little Canada, MN) now accepts hazardous waste material such as paint, adhesives and other chemicals.
- ✓ **Rock-Tenn Co.** will acquire Gulf States Paper Corporation's Pulp and Paperboard Packaging business, making them the second largest folding carton producer in North America with leading positions in recycled and bleached paperboard (from Recycling Today's e-news/Web site).
- ✓ Former Board Member **Kevin Solie** is back from serving with the 141<sup>st</sup> in Iraq – welcome home Kevin! Kevin continues his position with the ND Department of Health.
- ✓ The **City of Fargo's** Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility was featured in the March 2005 issue of the American Public Works Assoc. (APWA) magazine, The Reporter. **Mary Chamberlain**, Environmental Analyst with R.W. Beck wrote the article about the evolution of municipal HHW collection programs. See this [link](#) for the article. It is Mary's first published piece in a national magazine, congratulations Mary!
- ✓ The administrative hearing regarding the transfer station located in West Fargo, operated by **Sheyenne Disposal** was scheduled for May 16-17; it has been postponed an additional 60 days. The hearing is in response to an administrative complaint by the ND Department of Health. The company was also ordered to pay a \$500 fine for littering. More information can be found at [www.in-forum.com](http://www.in-forum.com) (search "garbage" for related articles).
- ✓ "[Clay Waste Board Studying Plan To Purchase Incinerator](#)," *The Forum*, April 16, 2005. The **Clay County Solid Waste** Advisory Committee in Moorhead will consider using waste-to-energy as an alternative to a new landfill.