



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

Recycling Workshop Set for Dickinson

The NDSWRA is holding a recycling workshop at Dickinson City Hall on June 17th from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Gain knowledge and meet others that are interested in recycling, composting and more.

Do you deal with disposal issues at your place of business? Representatives from the public and private sector, non-profit organizations, residents, teachers, students, local city or county council members and more are encouraged to attend. Other topics include electronics waste, materials exchange programs and cartridge recycling. Contact Angela Boeshans at (701) 650-8857 or at angela.boeshans@hotmail.com if you plan to attend the workshop.

Spring Electronics Collections Remove 118 Tons of E-Waste from ND Landfills

Three major cities in North Dakota have continued their one-day electronics recycling events over the past seven years since the NDSWRA's initial collection through a grant program in 2001. In April, 621 Bismarck residents and 28 non-residents and businesses brought in over 54 tons of e-waste for recycling. The City of Grand Forks took in 15 tons at their three-hour event in early May from 422 participants; this is double the amount and number of cars they saw last year. In Fargo, --- participants brought in over 49 tons of electronics.

Exhibitor Notice and Changes

The ND Solid Waste and Recycling Symposium is scheduled for Sept. 9th – 11th at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks, ND. Exhibitor registration letters and forms are in the mail. New changes include pre-selecting a booth and electricity charges. See your letter for details and Early Bird Discount by June 30th!

Get Rid of Unwanted Pesticides, etc.

Do your residents or communities have half used pesticides sitting around or store old containers that need proper disposal? Of course they do! Have you ever thought about getting the word out to your residents so they can participate in a **free** drop-off program? The ND Department of Agriculture has announced their "Project Safe Send" dates for the *collection of old pesticides and herbicides (and containers)*. Help keep our communities, waterways and soil clean by bringing items to the following locations. **All events are located at the ND Department of Transportation (DOT) shops from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.:**

- July 8: West Fargo
- July 9: Grafton
- July 10: Grand Forks
- July 11: Finley
- July 14: Wahpeton
- July 15: Lisbon and Bismarck
- July 16: Ellendale and Bowman
- July 17: Jamestown and Belfield
- July 18: Watford City
- July 21: Kenmare
- July 22: Velva
- July 23: Harvey
- July 24: Cando

Project Safe Send began in 1992 to help farmers safely and legally get rid of unusable pesticides. Since then, thousands of people have brought in over half a million pounds of pesticides. That's a lot. But with the support of pesticide manufacturers, we have the funds to help get rid of more. The program accepts any pesticides (herbicides, insecticides, rodenticides and fungicides) that are old, unusable or banned--like DDT, arsenic, dieldrin, chlordane or mercury seed treatments. For more information please contact your [County Extension Agent](#) or the [North Dakota Department of Agriculture](#) at 1-800-242-7535.

Spirit Lake Tribe Dedicates Multi-Waste Transfer Facility

In celebration of Earth Day, members of Spirit Lake Tribe and guests witnessed the dedication of a new multi-waste and transfer station facility near Fort Totten, North Dakota. Over ---- people were in attendance. The facility's new trucks will collect waste from the tribe's reservation area and transfer the waste to Minot or Grand Forks. Eventually, the acceptance and separation of recyclables is planned. Member, Peggy Cavanaugh, says, "I can't share enough thanks to all the annual meetings I attended and all those present who helped me learn. If not for all the help of the Association members who shared their knowledge and experience, it would not have been possible for me to work on the planning and development of our new facility and all of our new trucks and equipment."



Left: Peggy Cavanaugh receives a quilt as a traditional "thank you" from her co-workers and community. Center and Right: Multi-Waste Transfer Facility Scale Area and Building

Go Green in Your Lawn and Garden This Summer

EPA News Brief: Summer is the perfect time to combine a green thumb with a green lifestyle. By following these simple tips, homeowners can save time and money, and improve the health and appearance of their lawn and garden.

- Mow regularly and leave the clippings on the lawn – the clippings will recycle into "free fertilizer."
- Water deeply, but infrequently, to prevent lawn disease and save water.
- Mulch flower and vegetable beds with compost or grass clippings to conserve water and control weeds.
- Identify bugs before you spray, squash or stomp – most bugs are good bugs, not pests.
- Consider planting native trees and plants, especially ones with berries, fruits and flowers to invite birds, butterflies, and other wildlife into your yard.

For more information on greenscaping, check out EPA's GreenScapes Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/greenscapes>. It includes a seasonal tips calendar on landscape maintenance and a pamphlet that provides cost-efficient and environmentally friendly solutions for large-scale landscapers and homeowners. EPA's GreenScapes partnership program is designed to help preserve natural resources and prevent waste and pollution by encouraging companies, government agencies, and other entities to make more holistic decisions regarding waste generation and disposal, and the use of the land, water, pesticides, and energy.

EPA's GreenScapes Seasonal Planning Calendar:
<http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/non-hw/green/homeown/calendar.htm>

GreenScaping: The Easy Way To a Greener, Healthier Yard:
<http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/non-hw/green/owners.htm>



Board Member Spotlight

Name and Position: Lance G. Loken; President, Western Plains Consulting, Inc.

Duties: Corporate Management, personnel and technical oversight, perform various types of environmental projects – Phase I and Phase II Environmental Assessments, wetland delineation and permitting, NEPA and FERC projects, various types of landfill and transfer station permitting and plans, household hazardous waste projects, oil field and coal mine permitting, indoor air quality projects, and incident/spill response.

Best Thing about the Job: The wide variety and complexity of the work keeps the career constantly renewed and challenging. I never get bored as the work is always changing.

Before this Job: Was co-founder and president of HPC, Inc. from 1993 to 2004. Prior to that I was with Braun Intertec – an environmental division of the company stationed in Bismarck from 1989 to 1993. From 1987 to 1989 I was with the USDA-SCS as a soil scientist and soil conservationist.

Grew up in: Grew up on the family farm (dairy/small grain) in Benson County, ND; 4 mi. NE of Baker/10 mi. S. of Knox.

Enjoys: Quiet lonely places, reading, hunting, fishing, and looking for interesting rocks and fossils.

