



**E-NEWSLETTER
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The Nebraska Reduction and Recycling (R&R) Event is right around the corner. Don't miss out on the two-day long event that includes an environmental bus tour, training sessions covering a variety of topics, Environmental Excellence Awards Luncheon, vendors, and more. Read about the event below.

Waste Reduction at WasteCap... In an effort to reduce office paper waste at your office and ours, WasteCap utilizes an electronic newsletter. Past e-newsletters can be found on our website under the "Archives" tab. Check out our website at www.wastecapne.org for the latest events, publications, and new member listings for WasteCap Nebraska.

WHAT'S NEW FOR AUGUST 2005:

- ◆ New Member Profile-Nebraska Public Power District
- ◆ September 8th Lunch and Learn in Grand Island
- ◆ Nebraska Reduction and Recycling Event
- ◆ Retrofit Recycling Pick-Up Days
- ◆ Mercury Containing Equipment Ruling
- ◆ Lab Waste Management Guidelines
- ◆ Dallas Implements Single Stream Recycling

Welcome Nebraska Public Power District

Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) is Nebraska's largest electric generating utility, with a chartered territory including all or parts of 91 of the state's 93 counties. It was formed on Jan. 1, 1970, when Consumers Public Power District, Platte Valley Public Power and Irrigation District (PVPPID) and Nebraska Public Power System merged to become Nebraska Public Power District. NPPD owns or has operating control of 35 power plants in the state fueled by a generation fuel mix of coal, nuclear, hydropower, natural gas and diesel. NPPD is constructing a 59.4 megawatt electric generation facility south of Ainsworth, and purchases electricity from the Western Area Power Administration, which is operated by the federal government.

In conjunction with its generation facilities, NPPD operates and maintains more than 5,000 miles of transmission lines across the state and utilizes a workforce of more than 2,200 employees. A public corporation and political subdivision of the state, NPPD is governed by an 11-member board of directors, popularly elected from NPPD's chartered territory. The District's revenue is primarily derived from wholesale power supply agreements with 54 towns and 24 public power districts and/or cooperatives that rely totally or partially on NPPD's electrical system. NPPD also serves 80 communities consisting of approximately 87,000 customers at retail. More than 5,000 miles of transmission lines make up the NPPD electrical grid system. Working in partnership with Nebraska's public power districts, cooperatives, and municipalities, NPPD helps serve an estimated 800,000 Nebraskans with retail or wholesale electric power and energy-related products and services.

SEPTEMBER LUNCH AND LEARN

WasteCap Nebraska, in partnership with the Nebraska Environmental Trust and the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce's Information Technology Committee will host a Lunch and Learn at Chief Industries in Grand Island on September 8, 2005 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Lunch and Learn will consist of a catered lunch and presentation given by Carrie Hakenkamp, Executive Director of WasteCap Nebraska. The presentation topics will include recent changes in Universal and Hazardous Waste Regulations, State and Federal proposed legislation, what to look for in an electronics recycler, and liability issues associated with confidential information. The cost is \$15 for WasteCap Nebraska and Grand Island Chamber of Commerce members or \$20 for non-members. Contact Carrie Hakenkamp at (402)436-2384 or chakenkamp@wastecapne.org for more information.

NEBRASKA REDUCTION AND RECYCLING CONFERENCE

WasteCap Nebraska and the Nebraska State Recycling Association are partnering to host the [Nebraska Reduction and Recycling Conference](#) on September 28th and 29th, 2005. The event will consist of environmental service vendors, an Environmental Excellence Awards Luncheon, an Environmental Bus Tour, training sessions on a variety of environmental topics, and networking opportunities.

The [Environmental Bus Tour](#) will be held on September 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Stops included in the tour are the Bluff Road Landfill and Compost Facility,

Waverly Computer Scrappers, the LES Salt Valley Generating Station, and Midland Recycling. Lunch will be included. The price is \$25 for WasteCap or NSRA members and \$35 for non members.

The [Training and Vendor](#) show will be held September 29th at the Holiday Inn Downtown Lincoln from 8:00a.m. to 4:30p.m. Session topics range from Commodity Markets to Creative Funding Mechanisms. There's sure to be sessions for all types of business, community, and governmental representatives. Check out the WasteCap Nebraska website at <http://www.wastecapne.org> for details about the event, a [registration form](#), [vendor descriptions](#), and more.

RETROFIT RECYCLING PICK-UP DATES

WasteCap Nebraska members receive discounted fluorescent lamp, ballast, electronic and battery recycling services through Retrofit Recycling (800-274-1309) and Environmental Compliance Enterprises (466-2268). Please let us know if you need an updated price sheet. Pick up dates are subject to change, please call 5 to 7 business days ahead of time if you wish to schedule additional pick ups.

Week of September 19th

EPA MERCURY CONTAINING EQUIPMENT RULE

The Administration of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) took another major step to eliminate mercury in the environment by changing the waste management requirements for used mercury-containing equipment. A new rule classifies this equipment as universal waste, which encourages mercury recovery and improved, safe management of mercury waste. Under federal universal waste standards, waste management processes can be tailored to specific waste categories. Items currently classified as universal typically were thrown in the trash by unregulated households and small businesses. Under this new rule, used mercury-containing equipment can be kept out of municipal trash, and readily collected and disposed of at a properly permitted hazardous waste facility. The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality had already made this change locally. For more on the EPA story click on the following link:

<http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/recycle/electron/crt.htm>

Source: US EPA

LAB WASTE MANAGEMENT GUIDELINE DOCUMENT

King County, Washington (Seattle) has developed and posted updated Lab Waste Management Guidelines at the website of their Local Hazardous Waste Management Program. Though the guidelines are geared for all kinds of labs (schools, research, clinical, biotech, analytical) in King County, Washington, the information has been found to be useful in other locations as well. The link to the document is below.

http://www.govlink.org/hazwaste/publications/LabGuidelines_05.pdf

Source: Dave Waddell, King County, Washington

DALLAS IMPLEMENTS SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING

A new wave in waste called single-stream recycling has some hoping to increase Dallas recycling participants and save landfill space. Like most cities, Dallas has required separate bags for recycling. Those who want to recycle use a blue container for bottles and cans and paper sacks for paper. However, only about one in four households participate in recycling, which is well below the national average. Read more by clicking on this link:

<http://www.recyclingtoday.com/news/news.asp?ID=8242>

Source: Recycling Today