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August 2015 Newsletter



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Event to Highlight New Food Waste Recycling Program and Lincoln's First Full-Service Zero Waste Collections Company

WasteCap Nebraska member, NOW Energy, in partnership with Uribe Refuse Services, will be hosting a free luncheon to introduce local businesses to "Waste to Energy Lincoln" - a new food waste recycling program that will convert local food waste into renewable energy. The Waste to Energy Lincoln program provides the missing link to full-service zero waste collections. When bundled with Uribe's recycling and refuse services, businesses such as restaurants, schools, grocery stores, bakeries, breweries, cafeterias, caterers and even public events can achieve their zero waste goals while saving money and protecting the environment.

The luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12 from 11 am to 1 pm at the Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department Conference Room. Please RSVP by email at wastetoenergylincoln@gmail.com or by phone at 402-467-1239.



August 26 Meeting to Seek Input on Hazardous Waste Regulations

The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) is announcing that a preliminary meeting has been scheduled for 2 p.m. August 26, to discuss proposed amendments to Title 128 - Nebraska Hazardous Waste Regulations.

NDEQ is inviting hazardous waste generators, managers and the interested public to participate in this outreach process. The meeting will be held in Room 424 on the fourth floor of NDEQ's Lincoln office at 1200 N Street, Lincoln. Those who are not able to attend the meeting in person may participate by telephone conference call at (888) 820-1398. Please connect prior to 2 p.m. and enter attendee code 9932065# when prompted.

The focus of the first meeting will be regulatory concepts and impacts. A second meeting will be held at a later date to discuss proposed regulatory language.

For additional information or to share your input in advance of these meetings, please e-mail NDEQ at ndeq.waste@nebraska.gov or call 402-471-0270. For more information: <http://deq.ne.gov/Press.nsf/pages/NEWS073015>

Recycling Equipment Grants Available for 2015-2016

The Nebraska State Recycling Association (NSRA) still has grant funds available for municipalities, other government entities, non-profits and recycling companies (for example, waste haulers) who wish to purchase recycling equipment. Interested parties should go to www.recyclenebraska.org and call Deb Rost at 402-933-3059 in Omaha for more information.



Grants can help fund the purchase of recycling trailers, semi trailers, carts, dumpsters, balers, forklifts, trucks, lift-gates and more. Equipment may be new, used or in need of refurbishing. In some cases, applicant's existing equipment can be refurbished with these funds. Grants will be awarded until the funds are depleted. This is a quick-turnaround program where application-to-approval is usually completed in approximately a month.

Upcoming Events

August 10, 2015 Deadline for Sustainable Business Awards Applications

Sustainable Business Awards will be presented at our luncheon, Tuesday, October 6th, 2015 at The Country Club of Lincoln. All WasteCap Nebraska members are encouraged to apply. Deadline for applications is August 10, 2015.

Nominations may be made in more than one category. Self-nominations are welcome. Winners will be notified in advance so WasteCap can produce a brief presentation illustrating the achievement.

Sustainable Business Awards Descriptions and application are available at <http://www.wastecapne.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/2015-WasteCap-Nebraska-Sustainable-Business-Award-Descriptions-And-Application.pdf>

Webinar to Cover U.S. Zero Waste Business Certification Standards

WasteCap Nebraska is hosting a free webinar on Thursday, August 27th featuring Stephanie Barger, Founder and Executive Director of U.S. Zero Waste Business Council. Participants will learn about the requirements and process for obtaining a Zero Waste Business Certification and will be shown some great examples of how businesses have achieved this designation. The webinar will run from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

To register:

<http://www.wastecapne.org/webinar-to-cover-u-s-zero-waste-business-certification-standards/>

August 26 Green Team Roundtable Includes Tour of Habitat ReStore Operations

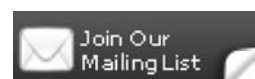
Habitat for Humanity Omaha will host WasteCap Nebraska's August 26 Green Team Roundtable at their West ReStore, 10910 Emmet Street in Omaha. Participants will learn about Habitat ReStore's reduce, reuse, recycle imperatives, and about the construction recycling efforts they have begun implementing during their home-building projects. The presentation will wrap up with a backroom tour of the ReStore.

The meeting runs from 11:30am to 1:00 pm and includes a zero-waste lunch. Cost is \$12 or \$10 for WasteCap Nebraska and Green Omaha Council members.

To register: <http://www.wastecapne.org/august-26-green-team-roundtable-includes-tour-of-habitat-restore-operations/>



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