



The Role of Government in Waste Management and Resource Recovery Systems

FREE Public Policy Forum: October 28, 7:30 p.m., Embassy Suites, 1040 P Street, Room D

More than 2 million tons of materials are landfilled each year in Nebraska. This practice wastes valuable resources and threatens our air, groundwater and climate. Creating a resource recovery-based system will not only conserve resources and protect our environment but it will create more jobs than a disposal-based systems. Federal, state and local governments play a critical role in protecting our natural resources and creating regulations and incentives for increasing recycling and responsible waste disposal.

Meet the Panelists:

Stephanie Barger, Dale Gubbles, Sen. Ken Haar, Eric Lombardi, Milo Mumgaard, and Carrie Hakenkamp



The What and Why of Zero Waste

Zero Waste is journey with a goal to reduce, reuse and recycle as much as we can so that what ends up at the landfill is nearly zero.

But why should we all worry so much about sending trash to the dump? What impact does our recycling have? There are many unexpected consequences for a society running on a disposable lifestyle, and many reasons why reducing waste is a great idea being adopted all over the world. Here are six of them:

It's good for the economy. If we recycled just 42% of what we currently landfill in Nebraska, we would:

1. Create 13,000 additional Nebraska jobs.
2. Save \$47 million in landfill tipping fees.
3. Earn \$137 million in material sales.

It's good for the environment. By diverting materials from landfills we can:

4. Prevent the development of harmful leachate that can seep into our groundwater.
5. Prevent the creation of methane, a potent greenhouse gas created when organics decompose without oxygen, as they do in landfills.
6. Save energy and natural resources required to mine and process raw materials for new products.

A zero waste strategy is the most efficient way to reduce impacts on the environment and avoid costs of building, maintaining and closing landfill sites. It takes local governments, businesses and citizens working together to implement new programs, change the rules and learn a better way to manage waste.

To learn more, and to see additional Zero Waste Spotlights visit www.wastecapne.org.

Construction & Demolition Waste Recycling Online Course November 12 & 13th, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

WasteCap Nebraska in cooperation with WasteCap Resource Solutions is sponsoring a two-day webinar training course for Construction and Demolition Waste Recycling. The sessions will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 from 10am - 2pm and Thursday, November 13, 2014 from 10am -2pm. Attendance is \$79 for WasteCap Nebraska members, \$99 for non-members. Participants will learn how to develop, manage, monitor, document and promote a successful recycling program for construction and demolition debris.



Participants will receive: three year Accreditation in Construction Waste Recycling. LEED AP's and Green Associates are eligible for 7.5 CEUs through GBCI. Architects are eligible for 7.5 Learning units through AIA.

To register: <http://www.wastecapne.org/construction-demolition-waste-recycling-online-course/>

America Recycles Day Clothing Drive

WasteCap Nebraska member companies can celebrate America Recycles Day, engage employees and help the community by participating in a competitive Clothing Drive from November 9th through the 22nd.



The company that donates the most clothing will win a \$300 prize for a work party of their choice. Limited to the first 5 Lincoln-based WasteCap member companies to register, each participating company will be issued a Goodwill bin and mentioned in the Business Achievements section of the Lincoln Journal Star following the drive. Cost to participate is \$100.

The America Recycles Day Clothing Drive is jointly organized by WasteCap Nebraska, Goodwill of Southeast Nebraska and the Lincoln YWCA. Recipients of the donated clothing are screened through the YWCA Job Outfitters program and will be issued vouchers that can be utilized at any Goodwill Lincoln location for employment clothing, accessories, and shoes. Contact Brett Kelly for more information or to register at 402-436-2384 x 1005 or bkelly@wastecapne.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2014 WasteCap Nebraska Sustainability Summit

Registration Ends October 21st!

Tuesday, October 28th & Wednesday, October 29th, 2014, Embassy Suites.

To register go to <http://www.wastecapne.org/2014-sustainability-summit/>

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Nebraska State-Wide Recycling Study Results

Thursday, October 23, 2014, 1-4 p.m., Harbor Lights Gatherings Center, 711 North Lake Road, North Platte, NE

Thursday, October 30, 2014, 1-4 p.m., Grand Island Public Library, 211 N Washington Street, Grand Island, NE

Wednesday, November 12, 2014, 1-4 p.m., Norfolk Arts Center, 305 North 5th Street, Norfolk, NE

Thursday, November 13, 2014, 1-4 p.m., Omaha Public Library - Abrahams Branch, 5111 North

90th Street, Omaha, NE

The Changing "Waste Stream" - FREE sustainable materials management webinar featuring Susan Robinson from Waste Management

Thursday, November 13th from noon - 1:00 p.m.

To Register: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/598480554>



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