



District News

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It's Time to Clean out the Garage

Important Dates:

- * Tuesday, October 14th Board of Director's Meeting, 6:30 pm at the Ashley office.
- * HHW program runs on Friday mornings only from 8-noon.
- * Compost lots are open Monday through Friday 8am—7pm. Saturday from 8am—3pm.
- * **Household problem waste collection on November 1st in Kendallville from 9am -2pm**

Saturday, November 1st from 9am—2pm is your chance to safely dispose of unwanted problem wastes from your home. **A household problem waste collection event** has been set in Kendallville at the former Scott's

Store located near Rural King in the Fairview Center. Residents on the west side of the District are encouraged to bring used paint, motor oil, antifreeze, fertilizers and household chemicals to this

event. The best way to determine if an item needs special disposal is to look for the words—toxic, flammable, poisonous or corrosive.

Minimal fees apply.



Check our website for further details.

What is Recycling?

Recycling means separating, collecting, processing, marketing and ultimately using a material that was thrown away. The weekend newspaper can be recycled into other paper products. Cans and plastic bottles can be crafted for other uses. Quality products and packaging are being made from recovered materials. We can all help create markets for recyclables by using these products.

Mission Statement

To assure uniform, efficient, cost-effective solid waste services are available to the citizens of the District.

Why Should We Recycle?

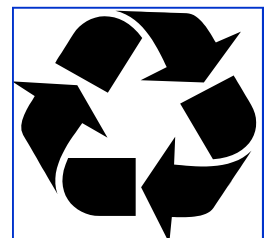
Recycling **reduces** our reliance on landfills.

Recycling **protects** our health and environment when harmful substances are removed from the waste stream.

Recycling **conserves** our natural resources because it reduces the need for raw materials.

Recycling benefits many.

Why not recycle?



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website at
www.niswmd.org

Tips for Recycling Other Materials

- ⇒ **Glass:** Bottles, jars, windows and doors recycled at Strategic Materials in downtown Ashley 260-587-3000.
- ⇒ **Clothing:** Goodwill and many consignment shops take clothes, towels, curtains, etc.
- ⇒ **Plastic Grocery Bags:** Recycled at Kroger, Scott's and Wal-Mart stores.
- ⇒ **Polystyrene "peanuts":** Check out package shipping businesses.
- ⇒ **Wire Hangers:** Accepted by many dry-cleaners and scrap metal dealers.

When the Leaves Fall and the Bough Breaks . . .

When your leaves begin to fall remember the District compost lots located in DeKalb and Steuben Counties remain open through November. All grass clippings, leaves and tree branches are yard waste materials recycled into compost and wood mulch to be used in other applications. It's what the District calls a win-win situation!



Curbside Recycling

Recycling is one of the easiest ways you can help protect the environment. To make recycling even more convenient for your residents, why not include curbside recycling in your next solid waste contract. You benefit and so do your residents.

Curbside recycling provides each homeowner with the convenience of having recycling containers at their doorstep.

As contract renewal time draws near, think through the benefits of a curbside recycling program. The NISWMD can offer assistance with contract development and negotiations.

Did you know:

The sturdy brown boxes with the waffle layer we pack things in are called **corrugated boxes**.

Single layer boxes containing food and tissue are called **chipboard**. Both of these materials may be placed in the red "smiley face" recycling containers.