

What Has The District Been Up To?



Annual Report 2010

President's Letter

January 7, 2011

Citizens of the Northeast Indiana Solid Waste District:

It has been a busy year for the District. Staff has continued to operate popular programs on a limited budget with great success. A household problem waste day was held in June in Ligonier. There were over 160 vehicles that participated and 13 tons of material was collected.

Recycling and composting programs are growing in popularity as everyone strives to be more "green". The electronics recycling portion of the problem waste program has soared in numbers with a 46% increase over last year's collected amount.

Hands-on educational displays were presented at the Earth Day event in DeKalb County and at Kid City in Noble County. Both events were a success with many visitors to the District's booth.

With environmental topics more pertinent than ever, the District Executive Director was asked to participate in several articles that were featured in a national solid waste management magazine.

As we look to 2011, we know it will be another year full of challenges and projects. District Board of Directors and Staff are ready to meet these challenges head on and serve the citizens of DeKalb, LaGrange, Noble and Steuben Counties.

Sincerely,

Ron Smith, President, Board of Directors
Steuben County Commissioner

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Household Problem Waste Program

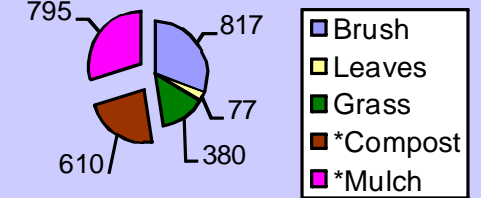
Materials are accepted Fridays mid-April through mid-November 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the District office. The program is open to residents and small businesses within the District. Staff is on hand during collection hours to unload and sort materials.

| Materials | Tons Recovered |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Aerosols | 2 |
| Batteries | 15 |
| Flammables | 1 |
| Fluorescent Bulbs | 4 |
| Mercury Related | 1 |
| Oil | 9 |
| Paint Related-Latex | 20 |
| Paint Related-Oil | 18 |
| Pesticides | 3 |
| Other | 2 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 75 |

| PROGRAM | TONS RECOVERED |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Books | 17 |
| Electronics | 79 |
| Shoes | 7 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 103 |

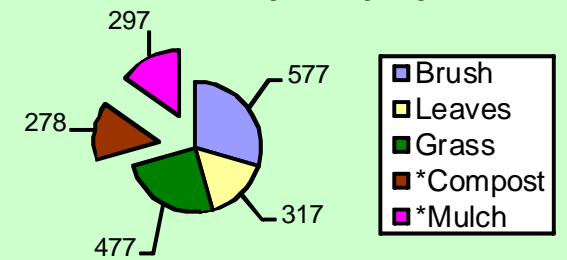
Note: All data is in tons of material unless otherwise noted.

DeKalb Yard Waste Compost Lot:
Total Tons As Reported
Incoming/ *Outgoing



DeKalb County Total Tons Handled: 2,679

Steuben Yard Waste Compost Lot:
Total Tons As Reported
Incoming/ *Outgoing



Steuben County Total Tons Handled: 1,946

LaGrange County Recovery Data:

Compost: 2,635 Tons

Mulch: 2,291 Tons

Noble County Recovery Data:

Compost: 7,976 Tons

Mulch: 2,016 Tons

District Office Recovery Data:

Compost: 330 Tons

Total Tons Handled: 19,873 Tons

Waste Minimization Program

Throughout the past year, 186 businesses contacted the District with questions on how to maximize their efforts on recycling and/or reducing their solid waste disposal costs. They were all looking for ways to become “green” and stretch their dollars during a weak economy. Each contact discovered they could reduce their waste stream and effectively save money by recycling fluorescent bulbs, used electronics and a variety of other materials rather than sending the items to a landfill for final disposal.



For nearly two decades the District has provided technical assistance to a mixture of large and small companies where recycling opportunities were identified from waste generated in an office setting or on the production floor. Nucor Building Systems in Waterloo is a company that has utilized the Waste Minimization Program. They take environmental compliance very seriously. Most recently, a waste audit was discussed during a tour of their facility. District staff analyzes the types of waste produced and encourages alternative methods of handling to further the companies reduction efforts.

Whether starting a program from scratch or adding new recycling items to existing programs, planning is essential to its success. Business recycling is easy and cost effective. Make the effort to contact us. You won't be disappointed!



A special thank you to Nucor Building Systems in Waterloo for allowing the District to use photos from their recent waste audit.

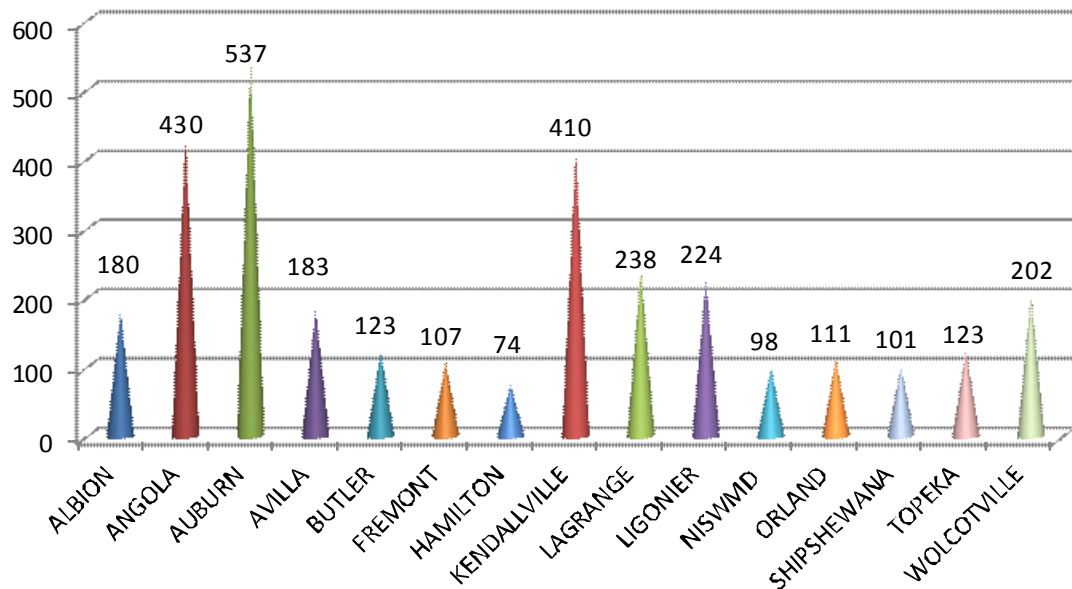
Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010

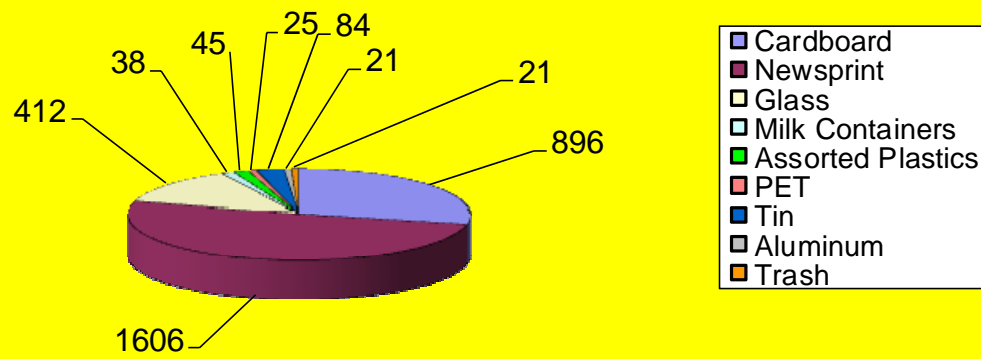
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| Beginning Balance, January 1, 2010 | | \$ 1,043,702.87 |
| RECEIPTS: | | |
| Interest on Investments | \$ 2,778.73 | |
| Property Taxes & Certified Shares | | |
| DeKalb County | \$ 312,291.43 | |
| LaGrange County | \$ 293,428.28 | |
| Noble County | \$ 345,085.10 | |
| Steuben County | \$ 439,710.91 | |
| Refunds, Reimbursements, Misc. Sales | \$ 25,808.38 | |
| Grant | \$ - | |
| Farm Rent | \$ 1,800.00 | |
| User Fees | \$ 47,392.54 | |
| Grinding Fees | \$ - | |
| Total Receipts | | <u>1,468,295.37</u> |
| TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE | | <u>\$ 2,511,998.24</u> |
| DISBURSEMENTS: | | |
| 01 Personnel | \$ 422,320.11 | |
| 02 Supplies | 62,012.18 | |
| 03 Services and Other Charges | 634,837.84 | |
| 04 Capital Layouts | <u>154,766.74</u> | |
| Total Disbursements | | <u>1,273,936.87</u> |
| Ending Balance, December 31, 2010 | | <u>\$ 1,238,061.37</u> |
| Funds are currently being held at | | |
| Farmers State Bank | | |
| This report is correct to the best of my knowledge. | | |
| Randy P. Tilbury, CPA, Controller | | |

2010 Recycling Drop-off Recovery by Location*



Total tons recycled through the Recycling Drop-off Program in 2010: 3,141

Rural Recycling Drop-off Program Material Recovery Profile



*All data is in tons unless otherwise noted.

Curbside Recycling Programs

| Service Area | Service Provider | Program Type | Tons Recovered |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Albion, Avilla, Kendallville | Noble County Disposal | Curbside (subscription) | 273 |
| Angola | Republic Services | Curbside | 358 |
| Auburn | Republic Services | Curbside | 357 |
| Clear Lake | Republic Services | Curbside | 15 |
| Fremont | Allied Waste | Curbside | 88 |
| Garrett | City Operated | Manned Drop-off | 131 |
| Hamilton | Allied Waste | Curbside | 49 |
| Lakes- Crooked, Gage, James, Lime, Snow | Allied Waste | Curbside | 45 |
| Waterloo | Republic Services | Curbside | 96 |
| TOTAL TONS RECYCLED | | | 1,412 |

Office Paper Recycling Programs

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| DeKalb County Courthouse | 30 |
| LaGrange County Courthouse | 5 |
| Noble County Courthouse | 13 |
| Steuben County Courthouse | 8 |
| NISWMD | 11 |
| TOTAL TONS RECYCLED | 67 |

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DISTRICT FULL TIME STAFF

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- Pam DeCamp, Program Coordinator
- Linda Zirkle, Administrative Assistant
- Jenni Franz, Program Specialist
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- Joe Baysinger, Senior Operator