



District News

Northeast Indiana
Solid Waste
Management District

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A Day in the Life of District Equipment Operators

Important Dates:

- District Board of Directors meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Ashley office complex.
- Office will be closed for Good Friday, April 2nd.
- Compost lots open Monday, April 12th.
- HHW program starts Friday, April 16th.

From early spring to late fall, landowners, contractors and municipalities bring grass clippings, leaves and brush to one of the four compost facilities operated by the NISWMD. Once the material is placed in the appropriate location, the NISWMD staff are responsible to convert the materials into other usable products. For the past several years, compost and wood mulch have become marketable products sought after by residents and contractors.

Joe Baysinger and Rich Caston are the District's experts at handling all this material. It takes time and talent along with a lot of patience to keep the equipment up and running to grind all the brush and convert grass clippings and leaves into compost.



time and talent along with a lot of patience to keep the equipment up

On a typical day, Rich uses the loader to move the brush so Joe



can run it through the tub grinder. The photo below on the left shows the tub in operation. Brush goes in and wood mulch runs off the conveyor.

Grass and leaves are handled much the same way except that once they are ground, a windrow turner aerates the rows to encourage faster decomposition.

Watch for an article next month on how all contamination is removed from the grass clippings and leaves to make the compost.



Thank you Joe and Rich for assisting with this service!

Mission Statement

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

Governor's Award Applications Due

Nominations now being accepted for the 2010 Indiana Governor's Environmental Excellence Award. Award applications can be obtained by calling 800-988-7901 or visit www.in.gov/idem/5147

Deadline for submittal is Friday, April 23rd at 5pm EST.

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**DeKalb County
Earth Day Celebration
April 17th**

Come one and all to the second annual DeKalb County Earth Day Celebration to be held on **Saturday, April 17th** from 10am to 2pm at Rieke Park in Auburn. This rain or shine event offers families insight to the "green" movement through exhibits, workshops and hands-on activities. Learn how to build a rain barrel, bird and bat houses during the make and take sessions. The Fishing Derby returns for ages 3 through seniors. Don't forget your pole!

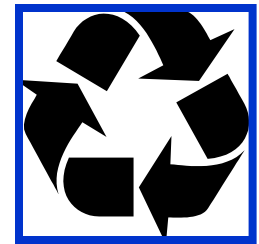


The City of Auburn Parks Department will conduct the annual Arbor Day Tree Sale during this year's event. Many trees to choose from.

Special thanks are extended to all the Nucor divisions for again supporting the DeKalb County Earth Day.

Got Paint and Old Chemicals?

The paint and chemical portion of the NISWMD Household Hazardous Waste Program opens on Friday, April 16th. Check website for details and fees.



Did You Know?

Smokey's Gardens located at the corner of I-69 and State Road 4 in Ashley needs your plastic shopping bags. Clean plastic retail bags from any retailer, in any color, are needed as shipping material for the daylilies. Stop by for a flower tour and bring all your shopping bags. For further information, contact Lisa at Old Smokey's 260-587-9691 or 800-8-SMOKEY.

**What a great way to reuse
all those shopping bags!**