

Northeast Indiana
Solid Waste
Management District

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Tell Me About Plastics

Important Dates:

- District Board of Directors meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Ashley office complex.

To understand which plastic is recyclable in local recycling programs; let us first explain the differences in the 7 plastic identification codes:

#1 known in layman terms as PETE, is used as a packaging material and in the production of other containers like soft drink and water bottles.

#2 known as HDPE is used to produce milk jugs, dairy tubs and ice cream containers and many others.

#3 known as vinyl is a major ingredient in multi-layer packaging like squeezable condiment bottles, snack food bags and aseptic juice cartons.

#4 known as LDPE is often found in food packaging, grocery bags, dry cleaner bags, shrink wrap and trash bags.

#5 PP or Polypropylene is a film used in bread wrap, cereal box liners, snack food wrap and boil bags.

#6 PS or polystyrene in expanded foam form is used in hot drink cups, disposable plates and egg cartons. In rigid form look for it in tumbler and cocktail glasses, disposable cutlery and dairy or deli containers.

#7 Other; this code represents two or more types of plastic used in the same item.

Only #1 and #2 plastics are accepted in the District's recycling program and curbside programs throughout DeKalb, LaGrange, Noble and Steuben Counties.

In recycling, it is rarely an all-or-nothing scenario when it comes to what is accepted.

Mission Statement

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

Screened Compost Available

The DeKalb County Compost Facility northwest of Auburn has screened compost for sale. Individuals interested in this material may be loaded Monday through Friday between the hours of 8am and 6:30 pm and again on Saturday from 8am until 2:30 pm. Screened compost sells for \$5 per cubic yard. Here is an example, if you have a full-sized pick up truck it would hold up to 3 cubic yards of material for a cost of \$15.

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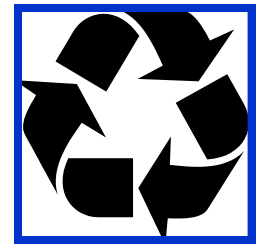
KidCity 2010

Kendallville Fairgrounds

“Garbage Pizzas” were used to explain the seven categories of solid waste discarded in landfills. Each participant enjoyed separating their “garbage” and discovering which material could have been recycled. It was an overwhelmingly successful day.

Zero Waste: What Does That Mean?

It's simple! Zero waste means that everything needs to be reused or not purchased in the first place. All you need to do is “rethink” your purchasing habits. Zero waste is a developed habit where nothing should be thrown into a landfill.



Did You Know?

Batteries contain corrosive materials; and every year billions of used batteries are thrown into the trash.

Battery recycling eliminates the risk of personal injury, property loss and prevents potential pollution of our land, water and air.