



Northeast Indiana  
Solid Waste  
Management District

# District News

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## Important Dates:

- District Board of Directors Meeting February 10th at 6:30 pm at the Ashley office
- District offices will be closed on February 16th to observe President's Day.

The date of this so-called transition is rapidly approaching—Tuesday, February 17, 2009. Are you ready? After weighing your options, you need to do something. If you choose to purchase a new television, recycle your old set. TV's and

other electronics can be recycled for a fee on Friday mornings from 8-noon in Ashley. If you choose to install a converter box it is time to get in line to receive one. As of this date, analog televisions will not work without the assistance of a converter box, cable or satellite service.



## Television Transition

## Misconceptions about the District

(and the importance of integrated solid waste management)

## Mission Statement

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

**Districts were created to provide recycling:** The Districts were created to develop and implement plans to divert materials from the waste stream. Solid Waste Districts are responsible for local planning efforts and for managing solid waste. Governed by a board of local elected officials, the District addresses the problem of shrinking landfill capacity. They also enhance environ-

mental protection and resource management through source reduction, recycling and other alternatives such as composting.



**Once a resident places recyclable materials into the recycling bins they have recycled:** Actually, recycling only takes place when a waste material is returned to the market place and sold for another use.

**The District receives a great amount of money from the sale of recyclables:** The District pays over \$100 per ton for recyclables to be collected, transported, processed and marketed. Once recyclable materials are placed in the bins at the recycling stations they become the property of the Districts' contractor helping to keep program costs down.

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[www.niswmd.org](http://www.niswmd.org)

### Shop Smarter!

- When choosing between similar products, select the one with the least unnecessary packaging.
- Use products in containers that are recycled in your area.
- Select products that can be repaired or reused.
- Support recycling markets by using products made from recycled material.

## Pre-Cycle: Buying items in containers you know can be recycled

Nearly everything you buy at the grocery store is packaged in some sort of container.

Pre-cycling is purchasing products in containers that are recyclable. It is important to familiarize yourself with recycling programs in your area.

Once you know what you can recycle, look for products that come in those containers.

Examples of commonly recycled containers are made from aluminum, cardboard or chipboard boxes, #1 and #2 plastics and steel. In addition to the items listed above, curbside programs also recycle glass bottles and jars.

### Think Before You Drink!

Buy a reusable water bottle and fill it with tap water, soft drinks or ice tea. You will be amazed how much waste is reduced and the money you will save by using a reusable bottle.



## Did You Know?

An Earth Day Celebration will be held in DeKalb County on Saturday, April 18th at Rieke Park. Event is being coordinated by the Auburn Parks Department, Auburn Department of Water Pollution Control and the Northeast IN Solid Waste District.

**Stay tuned  
for further details.**