



Northeast Indiana  
Solid Waste  
Management District

# District News

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### Important Dates:

- District Board of Directors meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Ashley office complex.
- Office closed on Monday, February 15th for President's Day

### Mission Statement

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



## Recycling Symbol History



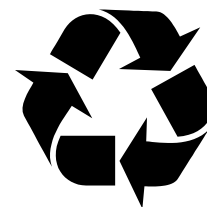
This well known pattern of three chasing arrows is called the Mobius Loop. The arrows run clockwise from one arrow to the next forming a continuous circle. The Mobius Loop has been incorporated into everything pertaining to recycling, recyclable and recycled products.

The origins of this symbol are rooted in the very first Earth Day in 1970. The Container Corporation of America, a paperboard company, was beginning to realize the importance of being an environmental steward. They sponsored a nationwide art contest to spread the word and promote awareness that would help identify the company's products that were manufactured using content that was recycled

or recyclable. The winning symbol was created by Gary Dean Anderson, a student at the University of Southern California at Los Angeles. The three chasing arrows that make up the recycling symbol represents the three aspects of recycling:

1. **Recycle:** collection of recyclables
2. **Make new products:** manufacturing of products
3. **Buy recycled products:** consumer purchasing

**True recycling utilizes all three areas, not just one.**



### District Programs Highlighted in Periodical

Ever wonder how the NISWMD programs compare with others around the nation? Or how they compare under the current economic conditions? Well, *MSW Management* magazine wanted to know.

NISWMD programs and services were part of a feature written by Carol Brzozowski on the "Realities of Recycling" in the July/August 2008 edition of *MSW Magazine*. It doesn't stop there; check out "Hanging in There" by Charles D. Bader in the Jan/Feb 2010 edition. Both articles can be easily located on [www.mswmanagement.com](http://www.mswmanagement.com). Take a moment to see how the NISWMD compares.

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**Reduce-Reuse-Recycle-Rethink**



Twice weekly, the NISWMD dispatches a crew to monitor recycling stations and this is what they found at the Auburn station. Two District employees needed to remove all non-recyclable materials surrounding the station, including litter, plastic toys, metals and other solid waste. At times they will “dumpster dive” to retrieve non-recyclables from within the containers. If you witness anyone lingering around any recycling station, we encourage you to contact local law enforcement or the District. With your assistance, the District might be able to stop this type of abusive behavior.

**A Broken Fluorescent Bulb Releases...** The amount of mercury in a four foot fluorescent tube is 8.3 mg. A 25-watt (or less) compact fluorescent bulb has 5 mg of mercury and a 26-40 watt compact bulb has 6 mg. If a bulb fell and broke; this represents the amount of mercury that could be discharged into the air.

Source: Waste News article: Can These Simply Be Thrown Away?, April 2007

## Indiana Materials Xchange

The primary purpose of the Indiana Materials Xchange (IMX) is to provide information on surplus and waste materials either available from or wanted by industrial and commercial entities. To help get the word out, IMX has added a new feature which allows you to have the latest information right at your fingertips...the IMX listserv. Through this listserv, you will receive information about new listings directly to your email.

The new IMX continues to use the 17 standard categories which were established for listing both materials available and materials wanted. The IMX website allows you to quickly search these lists. Placing a listing is easy and convenient. Xchange services are free to all users

Want to know more about the Indiana Materials Xchange? Go to [www.in.gov/recycle](http://www.in.gov/recycle) and click on the Materials Xchange tab under recycling information on the left side of the page.

For more information go to the District's website at [www.niswmd.org](http://www.niswmd.org)

## Did You Know?

Every ton of mixed paper recycled can save the energy equivalent of 185 gallons of gasoline.

Recycling one ton of aluminum cans conserves the equivalent of 36 barrels of oil.

Today, our waste generation rate is 4.5 pounds per person per day.

Source: Municipal Solid Waste Generation, Recycling and Disposal in the United States: Facts and Figures for 2008. (EPA Study)