



Northeast Indiana
Solid Waste
Management District

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Waste Minimization Program

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, January 18th to honor Martin Luther King Jr.**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) describes “waste minimization” as “source reduction practices that reduce or eliminate waste generation at the source; and environmentally sound recycling practices where source reduction is not economically practical.” Waste minimization is a “prevention strategy” rather than an “end-of-pipe” treatment strategy. The reduction or elimination of waste generated at its source is the priority.

The NISWMD offers “waste minimization” programs at no-cost to companies within DeKalb, La-Grange, Noble or Steuben Coun-

ties. An effective waste minimization program begins with a confidential on-site survey of all your waste generation activities. Reduction, reuse or recycling options are then offered. Activities that can be modified or eliminated to reduce waste are then discussed.

A detailed written report follows the initial visit. To further discuss benefits of this program, contact Pam DeCamp to schedule a visit.

An effective program, in addition to protecting the environment, also has a positive economic component for your company.

Is Profit Disappearing into Your Dumpsters?

Not recycling wastes and excess raw materials can be robbing your bottom line. New reuse and recycling methods make it possible to create the same products while reducing raw material requirements, lowering waste disposal fees and potentially creating materials that can be sold to other industries. Recycling makes dollars and sense!

The Waste Management Hierarchy

- ◆ Reduce waste production at the source.
- ◆ Recover, reuse and recycle wastes on-site
- ◆ Recycle off-site
- ◆ Treatment: composting organics such as grass clippings and food waste.
- ◆ Dispose of wastes in a manner that protects the air, water, land and human health.

Mission Statement

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

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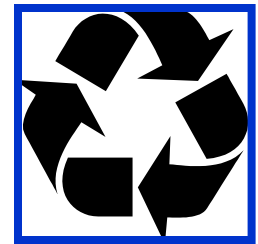
Reduce-Reuse-Recycle-Rethink

For more information
go to the District's
website at
www.niswmd.org



Christmas Tree Recycling continues through January. Trees must be free from all decorations, lights, tinsel and the tree stand. If the tree was covered while being transported to be recycled, the plastic bag should not be left at the site.

**No
artificial trees
accepted.**



10 Things You Can Do to Fight Global Warming!

- 1 Recycle and buy minimally packaged goods as much as possible.
- 2 Wash clothes in cold or warm water, not hot.
- 3 Install low-flow shower heads to use less water.
- 4 Run the dishwasher only when full and don't use heat to dry clothes.
- 5 Replace standard light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs.
- 6 Plug air leaks in windows and doors to increase energy efficiency.
- 7 Replace old appliances with energy-efficient models.
- 8 Walk, bike, carpool or use public transportation whenever possible.
- 9 Adjust your thermostat—lower in winter and higher in summer.
- 10 Share these simple steps with friends and family and increase awareness.

Did You Know?

- ◆ By purchasing only the amount of material needed it reduces cost and eliminates waste.
- ◆ When reuse is not practical, recycling should be pursued whenever possible.
- ◆ Substitution of less hazardous materials benefit both the environment and your employees who might be exposed during use.
- ◆ Reduction or elimination of waste generated at its source should be everyone's priority.

Source: First Energy Corp.