



# District News

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Solid Waste  
Management District

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## Litter Doesn't Magically Appear, It's Thrown or Dropped

### Important Dates:

- District Board of Directors Meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Ashley office
- Household Hazardous Waste collection each Friday morning from 8am—12 noon through mid-November. Items are received at the Ashley office. **Fees Apply**

### Mission Statement

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

Somehow we need to develop a local consciousness to quit throwing or dropping trash on the ground for others to pick up. Have you noticed the roadways and parking lots lately? According to a profile developed by Keep America Beautiful, people litter because they feel no

sense of ownership, even though their taxes pay for the upkeep of the roads. Individuals that litter believe it is someone else's responsibility to pick up after them. Everyone shares a personal responsibility to prevent litter in their community



**One person, one business, and/or one organization can positively affect the behavior of others in their community.**

**Open dumping of non-recyclable materials and abuse at the drop-off recycling stations cost taxpayers \$12,000—\$15,000 in 2008 to pick up trash.**

### Most Littered Items in United States

Rank	Discarded Item	Percent
1	Cigarettes/cigarette filters	29.5
2	Food/candy wrappers	9.7
3	Caps/Lids	8.3
4	Plastic beverage bottles	6.7
5	Plastic bags	5.4
6	Glass beverage bottles	5.0
7	Paper plates, cups, plastic utensils	4.9
8	Aluminum beverage cans	4.8
9	Plastic straws/stirrers	4.2
10	Tobacco packaging/wrappers	2.0

Source: Keep America Beautiful

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**Reduce-Reuse-Recycle-Rethink**

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

## District Sponsored Event

**WHAT:** Household Problem Waste Collection

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 20, 2009

8:00 am—12:00 pm

**WHERE:** Lakeland High School,  
east parking lot in LaGrange, IN

Rain or Shine

**WHY:** To safely dispose of used paint, oil,  
lawn and garden fertilizers, chemicals, pet  
sprays, roofing tar, aerosol spray cans,  
Hydraulic oil, pesticides, cleaning fluids

**\$5 minimum vehicle fee applies**

## How To Reduce Unwanted Mail

Are you one of the many Hoosiers that receive unwanted “junk mail” in your mailbox? If you are tired of the daily flow of unwanted junk mail, here are some simple steps to greatly reduce the pile.

1. Contact Individual Mailers—call or email directly to the company and ask to be placed in their “do-not-mail file”. Be polite, be patient but most of all, be persistent.
2. Write “return to sender” on the mail and give it back to your mail carrier.
3. When purchasing items over the phone or on-line, request that the company you are dealing with does not pass along your name to others through mail list sales or trades.
4. Contact ShopWise (ADVO, Inc). [www.advo.com/consumersupport](http://www.advo.com/consumersupport) or 888-241-6760; or Valpak (Cox Target Media) [www.coxtarget.com](http://www.coxtarget.com) or 888-797-1896.
5. To stop all the pre-approved credit card applications, go to [www.optoutprescreen.com](http://www.optoutprescreen.com) or 888-567-8688.

## Did You Know?

About 80% of what Americans throw away is recyclable, yet our recycling rate is just 33%.

Source: Environmental Protection Agency