



District News

Northeast Indiana
Solid Waste
Management District

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Important Dates:

- * May 13th meeting cancelled.
- * June 10th Board of Directors' Meeting, 6:30 pm at the District office.

Public Welcome

Does Recycling Stop at the Recycling Station?

No! It is only the beginning. When individuals place recyclables in the red, yellow and blue recycling station, their materials become the property of Borden Waste Away, the District's recycling contractor. Each day, a packer truck picks up the material and takes it to a material recovery facility in Elkhart to be sorted. Upon arriving in

Elkhart, cardboard, newspapers and magazines are baled immediately. Items in the blue, or co-mingled bins are staged near a conveyor belt and hand-sorted by commodity. In other words, individuals stand all day separating plastics from tin; aluminum from non-recyclables and all the trash and broken glass run into a solid waste



dumpster to be land-filled. Materials are then baled and sold. Brokers sell the baled materials to manufacturers that turn them into new products.

Hardback & Paperback Books

The District accepts books on Friday mornings to be reused or recycled. National Fiber Products in Fort Wayne accepts paperback and hard back books that are sorted by category, inventoried and shipped world wide where needed. Books damaged in any way are shredded and shipped for processing to Green Bay to be made into toilet paper and paper towel. No fees apply!

Mission Statement

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

Household Batteries

The common, ordinary dry-cell battery, otherwise known as household batteries, are accepted in special boxes at recycling stations throughout the District. Batteries are sorted to remove contamination then shipped to Battery

Solutions in Brighton, Michigan where they



are again sorted by chemistry and sent to a smelter. The outcome is a bar of lead, nickel or lithium that can be used in any product that calls for one of these elements. New batteries can also be made from this process.

Recycle light bulbs at the Ashley office only. They do not belong in the battery boxes.

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For more information
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website at
www.niswmd.org

Facts About the NISWMD

- ⇒ 16 board members, all of which are elected officials
- ⇒ 6 full time employees, down from 14 employees in 1995. 4 handle legislative issues, PR, education, program implementation, office duties and 2 handle field operations.
- ⇒ 6 part-time employees to cover compost lots and recycling station clean-up
- ⇒ \$1.2 million annual budget supports 10 programmatic areas, covering programs and services benefiting residents we serve

What Are Recyclables Made Into?

Plastic: carpet fibers & backing; drainage pipe; park furniture; clothing

Newspapers: more newsprint; paperboard; construction paper; animal bedding

Steel Cans: new tin or steel products

Aluminum Cans: new cans; rain gutters; window frames

Glass: new glass containers; road bed aggregate; fiberglass components

Cardboard: fluted paperboard

Office Paper: napkins; paper towel

Paperback books: paper towel; toilet paper

May 13th Board of Directors meeting cancelled. Should you have questions or concerns, contact the District Director at 800-777-5462 or by email at info@niswmd.org.

Visit our Website

Do you have questions on what to do with unwanted, outdated medications? Visit the library section on our website for further information.

Go to www.niswmd.org

Did you know:

We are all part of the solution. Let's work together for tomorrow!

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