



# District News

Northeast Indiana  
Solid Waste  
Management District

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## Got Paint?



### Important Dates:

- District Board of Directors meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Ashley office complex.
- November 20th last day for paint collection.
- Compost lots close for the season on Saturday, November 21st at 3pm.
- **Office closed on Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day and the day after Thanksgiving.**

The last day to recycle paint and chemicals during the Friday morning collection offered at the District office in Ashley will be on Friday, November 20th.

So here is your chance to safely dispose of unwanted problem wastes from your home, office or small business. Items such as used oil, old gasoline, antifreeze, gas & oil mixed, aerosol spray cans, bug sprays, lawn and garden

sprays and fertilizers, glue, roofing tar, and all sorts of paint related materials.

**The best way to identify an item that needs special disposal is to look for the words: toxic, flammable, poisonous or corrosive on the label.**

The District looks forward to assisting you with all your problem wastes.

## Battery Recycling

As the Holidays approach, before you replace old worn out batteries, think about where you are placing them. Batteries contain heavy metals such as mercury, lead, cadmium and nickel which can contaminate the environment when they are improperly disposed. By utilizing the District's battery recycling program you keep potential harmful elements out of the

waste stream and protect the environment. Batteries may be brought to the District office in Ashley on Friday mornings or taken to the recycling drop-off stations and placed in the designated box.



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

## Wallpaper or Fabric Gift Bags

Instead of using traditional wrapping paper consider making your own gift bags using wallpaper or heavy fabric. Simply wrap the gift leaving one end open and slightly longer than the gift. Fold ends of the bag under towards the inside of bag and glue making edges appear to be finished. To make a handle, punch two holes on either side of the bag and loop yarn or ribbon through the holes, tying knots at each end. On fabric, in place of tape or glue you can use Velcro to close the bag.

Be creative and enjoy!

## Used Shoes and Books Needed

Take a moment to think of the shoes you no longer wear and all the books stacked on shelves waiting to be read. Then, consider participating in the District's **Shoe and Book Recycling Program**. The collection runs on Friday mornings all year long.

Deliver wearable shoes to the District office on State Road 4 east of Ashley on Friday mornings or request a list of drop off sites throughout our area.

By participating your shoes have extended life because they are distributed to individuals worldwide. Shoes are brokered and the proceeds benefit area animal shelters.

Paperback, hard back and books-on-tape can also be reused or recycled during the Friday morning program. Books are sorted by category then shared worldwide. Medical, technical, educational, spiritual, romance, mystery and science fiction are examples of subjects accepted. Books rendered unusable are shredded and pulped into new paper products.

**For details contact us at 800-777-5462**

**or visit our website.**



## Giving Thanks!

Thanksgiving is the perfect time to reflect on the things we are grateful for.

It is also a time when the NISWMD staff would like to express our gratitude to all the individuals that have utilized our program and services this past year.

Thank you for letting us serve you. We hope you continue to be happy with our services.