



Northeast Indiana  
Solid Waste  
Management District

# District News

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## City of Ligonier receives Governor's Award

### Important Dates:

- District Board of Directors meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Ashley office complex.
- The October board of directors meeting has been cancelled.

The City of Ligonier received a Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence in mid-September. To qualify, the City re-used and recycled materials from the demolition of the Essex Wire Plant

located just north of downtown. As the building was being torn down, bricks, beams and other materials were salvaged and distributed nationwide; with only 5-10% of the building being landfilled.



The original site will be redeveloped as a River Walk Park and a new fire station.

## Mission

### Statement

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

## What is the Governor's Award Program?

Actually called the Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence, this award recognizes Indiana's leaders who have identified and implemented outstanding environmental strategies into their operations and decision-making processes.

The awards program is open to all Indiana facilities, state and local units of government, individuals and technical assistance organizations that implement exemplary environmental projects that show measurable results.

### Award Categories:

- ◆ Energy/Renewable Resources
- ◆ Greening the Government
- ◆ Land Use
- ◆ Outreach or Education
- ◆ Pollution Prevention
- ◆ Recycling/Reuse
- ◆ Five Years Continuous Improvement

For further information visit [www.in.gov/idem/5147.htm](http://www.in.gov/idem/5147.htm).

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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)

### Improved Gas Mileage

With proper maintenance of your car you can reduce your car's emissions and improve gas mileage by up to five percent if you remember to:

- Check tire pressure
- Replace air filters
- Avoid overfilling your gas tank
- Pay attention to the check engine light
- Avoid idling when waiting on a train

Source: [HoosierCare.IN.gov](http://HoosierCare.IN.gov)

## Green Your Cleaning Routine

You might be a bit reluctant to give up your trusty bleach enhanced cleaners but when you make the switch to “green cleaners”, they work great for everyday cleaning tasks. It is worth giving green cleaners a try because some ingredients in conventional cleaners may pose a health or environmental risk. Here are five inexpensive strategies to help you cut harsh chemicals from your cleaning routine.

**Try Microfiber**—Microfibers trap dirt and are so effective no cleaning chemicals are needed. Most microfiber items are machine washable and can be reused hundreds of times.

**Choose Multipurpose Cleaners**—Look for gentle products that can clean everything from dishes to lawn furniture to floors and cabinets. Concentrated all-purpose cleaners can be diluted in a bucket or used in a spray bottle.

**Read the Ingredients**—Look for plant-based ingredients derived from coconut, soy, corn or palm oil and cleaners that contain hydrogen peroxide versus chlorine bleach.

**Recycle the Packaging**—Recycle all the empty plastic containers made from #1 or #2 plastics.

**Make Your Own**—To create your own non-toxic cleaners try ingredients like vinegar and baking soda.

Source: [www.recyclebank.com](http://www.recyclebank.com)

## Did You Know?

By turning off lights, TV's and computers when not in the room, it is estimated that you could save \$48 per year.

That if you wash clothes in cold water versus warm or hot water it is estimated you could save \$52 per year.

That if you get rid of that old fridge in the garage it is estimated you could save \$90 per year. In some cases, even more!!

Source: [www.HoosiersCare.IN.gov](http://www.HoosiersCare.IN.gov)