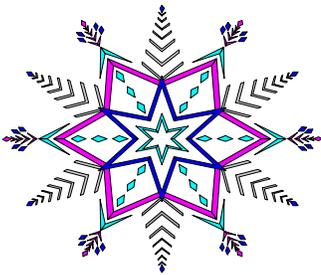


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- Current Cardboard Payments for INFORM members drops to \$10 per ton
- WasteCap is still needing updated information from many members, please fax or mail ASAP
- Don't miss the Recycled Products Show and Seminars in February.
- Please share your copy of INFORMation with a friend!



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WasteCap To Host Second Annual Recycled Products Show February 17, 1999

The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce's Waste-Cap Program, in conjunction with the City Recycling Office, and the Industrialized Nebraskans for Organized Recycling Management (INFORM) is pleased to announce Lincoln's Second Annual Recycled Products Show. This event, designed to target businesses, will showcase products made from recycled content materials as well as recycling service providers in the area. There will be several vendors with different products to display.

To date, the following vendors have agreed to participate in the vendor show: US Office Products, Shred All, Midland Recycling, and Light Cycle. Products will range from recycled office products to innovative uses for old tires, recycled content building materials and recycled content carpet. It is an event designed for any type of business.

The Product Show this year will be held in conjunction with three seminars developed to guide businesses in pur-



Mark your calendars for the Product Show

chasing recycled content products as well as environmentally responsible document destruction. Speakers will include representatives (Continued on Page 2)

Annual Survey Due by January 15, 1999

All INFORM Members should have received a copy of the 1998 Annual Volumes Survey along with an evaluation of WasteCap. If you have not already

done so, please make sure to fill out these forms and return them to Carrie Hakenkamp no later than January 15th. These surveys will help us to deter-

mine the effectiveness of our programs and the numbers are used for statistical purposes in our annual report. Call Carrie at 472-0888 with any questions.

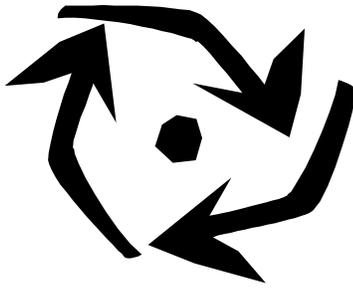
Recycled Products Show and Seminar

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from the Buy Recycled Business Alliance (BRBA), US Office Products, and Shred All.

The BRBA is a partnership of the National Recycling Coalition (NRC) and is dedicated to educating the American business community about the bene-

fits of buying recycled content products for company use and manufacturing. This group of more than 3000 businesses and organizations nationwide is committed to supporting the pur-



Don't miss out on this great products show!

chase of recycled content products.

US Office products is currently working with INFORM to create a cooperative purchasing program for the procurement of recycled content office products. They will be presenting the process that businesses

should follow when implementing such a program. Shred All will be discussing the importance of confidential document destruction and how their services can help businesses in need of

document destruction.

This exciting event, free to participants, will be held on Wednesday, February 17, 1999 at the University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension located at 444 Cherry Creek Road in Lincoln. Seminars will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and the vendor show will be held from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

For more information or to RSVP your attendance to this event, please call Carrie Hakenkamp, Director, WasteCap of Lincoln at 472-0888.

INFORM Members Recycle Over 1600 Tons of Materials in the Third Quarter of 1998

INFORM currently has over fifty member businesses that take advantage of memorandums with Midland Recycling, Light Cycle and Media Recovery. Each quarter, the three recycling companies are asked to provide statistical information regarding the amount of commodities recycled or recycled products purchased by INFORM members. Listed below are the totals (in tons) of materials recycled under the Midland memorandum.

- Office Paper – 216.62 Tons
- Cardboard – 485.99 Tons
- Magazines – 3.23 Tons
- Newspaper – 21.96 Tons

In addition to the 727.8 tons of materials recycled under the memo-

randum, another 884.52 tons of other materials (plastics, glass, other forms of paper) were recycled by INFORM members. This is a total of 1612.32 tons of materials recycled at Midland between July 1, 1998 and September 30, 1998. At \$16 per ton tipping fees at the landfill, this represents a disposal savings of almost \$26,000.00! In contrast, INFORM members were paid a total of nearly \$36,000.00 for their recyclable commodities. All together, INFORM members have recycled a cost savings and payments of almost \$62,000.00 in just one quarter of the year. Looking at recycling as an economic factor, it is easy to see that the efforts of the INFORM members really are paying off.

INFORM members are also in-

involved with memorandums to purchase remanufactured toner cartridges and to recycle fluorescent light tubes that have been banned from the landfill. During 3rd quarter of 1998, INFORM members purchased 76 remanufactured toner cartridges through the memorandum with Media Recovery in Lincoln. Light Cycle, a company out of St. Paul Minnesota, comes to Lincoln twice per month to pick up fluorescent lights and ballasts. They report that for 3rd quarter 1998, INFORM members recycled 35,791 intact light tubes, 952 pounds of broken light tubes, 3123 pounds of PCB ballasts and 1291 pounds of non-PCB ballasts. What a great quarter. If you are interested in a memorandum, call Carrie.

Midland Addendum Accepted

This year's proposed addendum to the recycling memorandum with Midland Recycling was accepted. A group of INFORM members met with representatives from Midland Recycling in November to discuss the proposed addendum for recycling services and that group accepted the addendum on behalf of INFORM.

According to Midland, the changes are meant to offset the low market prices being paid for commodities. Currently, INFORM members are being paid \$10 per ton for

corrugated cardboard compared with around \$35 per ton in the third quarter. For those of us keeping a close eye on the markets, the trend has been steadily decreasing prices being paid across the nation for commodities, with cardboard being the worst hit.

The major changes to the memorandum include a decrease in the amount being paid for commodities

and an increase in pick up charges. Many of you may have already noticed the change on

your monthly statements.

For those INFORM members that use other haulers to pick up their cardboard, this change won't affect them quite as much as it will the others. All of the pricing is effective as of November 1998 and valid for one year at which time INFORM will work again with Midland to reach an agreement for services.

Carrie will be contacting each INFORM member business to sign this addendum so that our files are current. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the office at 472-0888.



Recycling Container Lease Available Through WasteCap

With grant funding from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) to make this program possible, WasteCap can lease recycling containers to INFORM members at a reduced cost.

The Container Lease Program, initiated earlier this year, allows WasteCap to lease containers ranging in size from 2 yards to 8 yards.

The program has been very successful and to date, eight containers have been placed. There are still four containers to be placed for recycling, including three 6-yard containers and one 4-yard container. Two-yard containers are ordered on an as-needed basis.

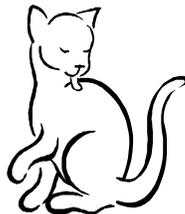
The lease is based on a five year term at which time the leasing company will own the container.

Provisions can be made for shorter term leases. Pricing for the lease ranges from \$8.00 per month for a 2-yard container to \$17.00 per month for an 8-yard container.

If you are interested in participating in this program and leasing a recycling container, please contact Carrie Hakenkamp, Director of WasteCap at 472-0888.

Capital Humane Society Joins the INFORM Coalition

Teri Richardson of the Capital Humane Society contacted WasteCap this fall to seek assistance with an office paper recycling program. After an assessment was performed and recommendations were given, the Humane Society joined IN-



Humane Society now recycling office paper

FORM and took advantage of the current Midland Memorandum as well as the container lease program. They began their program December 1st when their new 2-yard container was delivered.

The Capital Humane Society

is located at 2320 Park Blvd. Stop in some time and visit all of the great animals that they care for.

