2018 Food Trends: Bad News for Food Waste

Looking back, 2017 has been a fantastic year for reducing, recycling, and recovering food waste. Here at the IWRC, we’re seeing more and more awareness and initiatives centered around the topic. Last year around this time, we looked at the food trends to gauge where food waste ranked and now, already a year later, it’s time to look ahead to 2018 and see where it sits. Luckily, the trends are continuing to show that it will be a bad year for food waste and a great year for those working towards reducing the amount of food we’re sending to the landfill.

To start, the National Restaurant Association creates a list that looks ahead at the end of each year called What’s Hot Culinary Forecast and I’m thrilled to see food waste has moved up to the 4th spot for 2018; up three spots from last year as it was at the 7th spot. Continue Reading

2018-2019 Recordkeeping Compliance Calendar for Dry Cleaners

The calendar provides an easy method to track your business’s efforts to comply with hazardous waste regulations and the Environmental Protection Agency’s National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for dry cleaners (40 CFR Part 63 Subpart M). Also remember, NESHAP records must be kept at your facility for five years and hazardous waste records for three years. Download the calendar and access other dry cleaning compliance resources here. Or to receive a printed copy of the calendar, email jennifer.wittenburg@uni.edu. There are limited copies so it is first-come, first-serve.
2018-2019 Compliance Calendar/Logbook for Bulk Gasoline Plants
These calendars were developed to assist in complying with the requirements for Gasoline Distribution Bulk Terminals, Bulk Gasoline Plants and Pipeline Facilities under 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart BBBBB (NESHAP 6B). Two calendars have been developed based on the Iowa Department of Natural Resources construction permits: small bulk gasoline plants that have a throughput limit of 19,999 gallons/month or less and large bulk gasoline plants that have a daily throughput of less than 19,999 gallons/day. Learn more and download the calendars here. Small bulk gasoline plants can request a printed copy of the calendar by emailing jennifer.wittenburg@uni.edu. There are limited copies so it is first-come, first-serve.

Midwest Food Recovery Summit Final Report Available
As we close out 2017, we wanted to send another thank you to all of the partners, attendees, exhibitors, and sponsors from the Midwest Food Recovery Summit. We’ve compiled a final report together to showcase all of the outcomes of the summit. View Here

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