Iowa Waste Reduction Center Newsletter, January 2015

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Welcome to the first newsletter of 2015. Somehow we’re not only in a new year, but halfway through the first month already!

Here at the IWRC we are anticipating another great year! We will not only be developing new resources to help tackle the amount of food waste being thrown into the landfill, but later this year will be sharing comprehensive information on where food waste is coming from within the industrial, commercial and institutional sectors throughout Iowa! This data will play a large role in helping to determine what the next steps are in reducing food waste. Plus, we have a lot of other exciting initiatives that we will be sharing with you throughout the year.

And as always, our specialists are here to help small businesses through our environmental consultations and training. If you have questions regarding your regulatory compliance, or want to look into waste reduction or pollution prevention at your business, give us a call!

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Household Hazardous Materials Permit

Many of you may have recently received a letter from the Iowa DNR regarding a household hazardous materials (HHM) permit. Iowa law requires all who sell HHM have a permit and participate in the Retailers Consumer Education Program.

To comply, review the HHM reference list that was included with the letter. If you do sell any of the items on the list, complete Part I and mail your payment to the address listed on the letter. If you do not sell any of the listed HHMs, complete Part II to be exempt.

If you did not receive a letter, there is nothing you need to do until your annual renewal which will be due by July 1. If you have any questions give us a call at 319-273-8905.
Practical Farmers of Iowa Annual Conference
Next week, our staff will be at the first conference of the year for the IWRC - Practical Farmers of Iowa in Ames. We will have staff on hand at our booth to share information and resources about our environmental consultation services, and in particular, the food waste composting assistance we will be providing this spring!* Learn More

Reminder for Grain Elevators - Annual PTE Due January 31
The GrainPTE program is now available online to help Group 1 and Group 2 grain elevators calculate their facility’s 2014 PM10 potential to emit (PTE), which is due by January 31, 2015. Once you sign up for your free account, simply enter annual throughputs, as well as process and control information for single or multiple facilities. The program determines your group classification and produces the PM10 PTE calculations report as well as a list of compliance requirements and needed forms. Group 2 elevators can also retrieve an equipment report. Register Here

Industry News---------------------

| Compost |
7 Secrets for Successful Winter Composting
With a little preparation, you can have fresh finished compost ready for spring planting. (Earth Easy)

| Auto Body |
Don't Overlook Key Parts of Your Painting Operation
Best practices, equipment updates, and more. It all factors in to the overall efficiency of your shop. (Auto Body Repair News)

| Deconstruction |
Deconstruction wizard saves materials from landfill
Deconstruction allows for repurposing usable materials and helps keep construction materials out of the landfill, like 60,000 tons of concrete debris that was repurposed into gravel. (Des Moines Register)

| Deconstruction |
2015 derelict building grant applications due Feb. 27
Small rural communities in Iowa can apply to receive funding to help renovate or deconstruct abandoned commercial and public structures through the Derelict Building Grant Program. (Iowa DNR)

| Environmental |
EPA Releases 2013 Toxics Release Inventory National Analysis
The amount of toxic chemicals managed as waste by the nation’s industrial facilities increased by 4% according to the latest report. (U.S. EPA)

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