

Solid Waste Management District, Region A

The Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments contracts with the Northwest Missouri Regional Solid Waste Management District (SWMD) to provide administrative and educational services as assigned by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. The Solid Waste District serves the same five-county region as the Regional Council, providing local communities and governments easy access to waste reduction services. The Environmental Planner is responsible for administration of the district, education throughout the entire five-county region, and implementation of the Northwest Missouri Regional Solid Waste Management Plan.

SWMD Accomplishments

During the past fiscal year, the SWMD was able to fund a variety of grants in the amount of \$75,834 that diverted material from the local waste stream as well as educate the public of the importance of reusing valuable materials. This funding supported composting in Rock Port and community recycling and composting education in King City. Elementary school children were also treated to a wonderful educational recycling show and tour of the NWMSU campus Arboretum and recycling facilities. The past year also continued to provide needed collection sites as outlets for local citizens to properly dispose of household chemicals and old electronics. There were approximately 362 tons of material diverted from local ditches and landfills thanks to the hard work and dedication of the District's sub-grantees.

District Grant Program

The Northwest Missouri Solid Waste Management Grant program provides local governments, private businesses, not-for-profit organizations, and local individuals the opportunity to implement waste reduction or educational activities. Funds can be used for various programs, but they are primarily utilized to divert waste, create opportunities for recycling, research and development, composting, collection and processing, or educate others about the importance of waste reduction.

Both public and private entities are eligible for District grant funds contingent upon SWMD Executive Board approval. The Solid Waste Management District Board is comprised of county- and city-appointed representatives throughout the five-county region.



Upcoming District Grants for FY 2012-2013

Waste Tire Collections (continued from 2011-2012)

The Regional Council will host three waste tire collections in September 2012 with funding extended from the prior year. The three collections will be held in Maryville, Albany, and Rock Port. Each collection is open to citizens of the five-county area of Atchison, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway, and Worth.

School Recycling Challenge

The SWMD's School Recycling Challenge seeks to encourage new recycling habits among local students through a recycling competition which will focus on consideration of the environment and personal responsibility.

Gentry & Nodaway Counties HHW & E-Waste Collections

The Regional Council will host two Household Hazardous Waste & Electronic Waste collections in Gentry and Nodaway counties for all Region A residents in Spring 2013. The items will be shipped to licensed recyclers/disposal facilities to prevent them from ending up in the landfill.



Chemical analysts from Tradebe sort and process chemicals brought in during the HHW collections in FY 11-12.

Fairfax R-3 6th Grade Recycling

New recycling bins for storage and public drop-offs will be purchased to expand a program started in 1999. Each year the new 6th grade class is in charge of the project.

Stanberry, Classroom Recycle Program

Classroom paper recycling containers will be purchased to reduce the school's waste. The paper will be collected and trucked to Northwest Missouri State University for recycling.

NWMSU-Bale It! The purchase of a plastics baler will make it possible for Northwest Missouri State University to increase its plastic recycling and cost efficiency.

With funds still available, the Solid Waste Board is planning a second Grant Call for FY 2012-2013 as well as a Grant Writing Workshop. Any new grants awarded should complete the state approval process by the end of December 2012.

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