



NORTHERN RECYCLING AND WASTE SERVICES

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NORTHERN RECYCLING AND WASTE SERVICE RECYCLING & YARD WASTE SCHEDULE



= Recycling Week



= Yard Waste Week

Free vegetative waste drop off days, see back for more details



What is a product's "life cycle"?

When we talk about the environmental impacts of products, we like to speak in terms of a product's "life cycle," which include all phases in a product's life, from raw material extraction all the way to its end-of-life management. Every phase of this life cycle has potential impacts on the environment.

Consider this: during the extraction phase, raw materials must be extracted from the earth and refined before they go to the factories where products are made. The manufacturing phase uses energy and creates pollution. Transportation between each phase generates more negative impacts on the environment from the burning of fossil fuels. During the product's use phase, it may require energy, use more natural resources and create more pollution. When the product reaches the end of its useful life, a choice is made either to recycle it and put it back into use (creating a circular pattern of use) or toss it in the trash (a linear pattern of use). Choices are made all along this chain, and understanding what those choices are is critical if we are to protect our environment and our health.

12 tips to reduce your waste

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| Buy a battery recharger | Shop at thrift stores and yard sales. |
| Replace paper towels and napkins with reusable ones. | Install a low-flow shower head. |
| Keep your tires properly inflated. | Reduce paper waste in office. |
| Patronize local businesses. | Get a bike. |
| Pack refillable juice boxes in your kids' lunches. | Put a big shade tree in front of your house. |
| Keep your lawn pesticide free. | Look for products made from recycled materials. |

FREE Vegetative Waste Drop Off



920 American Way
Vegetative Waste Yard

Nov. 14th -15th

Free drop off of vegetative waste for two days.

Rain or Shine.

9am to 4pm

Don't miss the opportunity to clean up your property before winter!

Sharps: illegal to put in trash as of Sept. 1 2008!



Senate Bill 1305 bans the disposal of "sharps" such as hypodermic needles and lancets from the trash after September 1, 2008 including home generated sharps.

Residential Disposal Site:

NRWS Recycling Center

920 American Way, Paradise

Open Mon-Sat 10am to 4pm

NRWS offers **Free Sharps Containers** with a pre-paid disposal fee of \$4.50. We will accept other sharp containers for a disposal fee of \$1 per lb.

THE FACTS— 10 million Americans self inject legal medication • Improperly disposed syringes are a public health risk • Placed in the waste stream they pose a hazard to solid waste workers and to the environment

Awareness promotes change; NRWS offers free education / consultations