

The NISWMD is Working to Keep Our Waterways Free of Debris

The City of Angola/Trine University MS4 is excited to report that the Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District (NISWMD) has expanded its recycling program this year to include new items. The NISWMD is now accepting shredded paper, Styrofoam, and boat wrap. These items can now be recycled for minimal fees under the following conditions:

- Shredded paper is accepted in any size bag and can be delivered in paper or plastic bags since this item must be unloaded by NISWMD personnel upon arrival. Employees of the NISWMD kindly ask that **LOOSE SHREDDED PAPER, AS WELL AS BAGGED SHREDDED PAPER, NEVER BE PLACED DIRECTLY IN THE RECYCLE BINS.**
- Styrofoam recycling has the same protocol. All types of Styrofoam are accepted as long as NISWMD employees receive the Styrofoam upon arrival and **LOOSE STYROFOAM, AS WELL AS BAGGED STYROFOAM, IS NEVER PLACED DIRECTLY IN THE RECYCLE BINS.**
- Plastic boat wrap is now accepted with the same recycling stipulations as shredded paper and Styrofoam items.

The district has provided significant solid waste reduction services and programs to the residents of Steuben, DeKalb, LaGrange, and Noble Counties for over three decades. Every year the NISWMD recycles tons of household hazardous waste, yard waste, and residential solid waste, also known as household trash. Residents of the four-county area are lucky to have multiple convenience centers located throughout the four-county area. Click on the following link to view a recycling drop-off map for the four-county area:

<https://www.niswmd.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/drop-off-map-05-21-w-service-schedule.pdf>

The residents of the city of Angola are fortunate to have recycling provided; however, the NISWMD may supplement the city-provided services as recycling services are not always equal. You may find that the NISWMD may accept items your local recycling company does not. If not, you are encouraged to take advantage of potential additional services, as well as the convenience of the NISWMD's many locations.

Here are some helpful tips when taking advantage of the NISWMD recycling service:

- **DO NOT** fill recycle bins with unaccepted items. This takes up valuable space for items that are accepted, making it difficult for others to easily recycle as intended. Placing unaccepted items in bins also takes time, energy, and money to sort them back out.
- Don't worry about sorting! Items approved for placement in the recycling bins can now go in the same bin. This is known as "single-stream recycling".
- At this time, the recycling industry is saying that lids can be left on all bottles and jars, such as milk jugs, prescription bottles and cosmetic jars. This **DOES NOT** include pumps and sprayers.
- Leave those labels! Labels no longer must be removed from plastic bottles, glass jars, or metal cans.
- Don't worry about the leftover wax in candle jars!! They are accepted regardless.
- Don't want to look at your junk mail? That's approved for recycling, too. Unopened junk mail is accepted and can be placed directly in the recycling bins.
- All light bulbs are accepted for a minimal fee as part of the district's Household Hazardous Waste program. Again, **DO NOT** place them in the recycling bins. Household hazardous waste along with old electronics are accepted every Friday from 8 am to Noon.

Still have questions? Call the district at 260-587-3063. Please pass along this updated recycling information. Every item the NISWMD recycles is one less that has the potential to end up in our local waterways. By participating in local recycling efforts, you protect our local water resources!!