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The mission of Keep Cass County Beautiful is to educate, enable and encourage all Cass County residents to take greater responsibility for enhancing their community environment.

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Keep Cass County Beautiful has launched the Great American Cleanup (GAC) which marks its 20th year in 2018. Keep America Beautiful inspires people to take greater responsibility for their local environment by conducting grassroots community service projects that engage volunteers, local businesses and civic leaders. This year's Great American Cleanup theme is "Clean Your Block Party" which encourages volunteers to build a sense of community pride with family, friends and neighbors, while making a lasting, positive impact – block by block.

KCCB will partner with local schools, 4-H groups, and community organizations to plan volunteer events that beautify parks, reduce waste, increase recycling, remove litter and plant trees. Contact us for trash bags, safety vests, gloves and other litter cleanup supplies for a Great American Cleanup event in your neighborhood.

Litter Cleanup Funds

Did you know that we have funds available for picking up litter? KCCB's Clean-up Grant Program awards mini-grants to community groups who collect litter in public areas along streets, curbs, alleys and sidewalks at schools, parks and in rural areas including county and country roads. We cannot fund *Adopt a Highway* events.

KCCB will award organizations up to \$50 per mile and \$10 per acre for cleaning up litter. Funding for this program is limited and provided by a grant from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality. Contact us soon for an application.

If you'd like to volunteer at a Great American Cleanup (GAC), here are some scheduled events that could use your help. Wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather.

Cedar Creek GAC—April 14, meet at Fire Barn at 8:00 a.m.; **Elmwood GAC—April 21** from 9:00—Noon; register by email at villageofelmwood.msn or call Elmwood Village Office 402-994-6705. Other communities have spring cleanup events for their residents on the following dates:

Weeping Water: April 21 from 9—1:00; **Union Spring Clean-Up Green-Up: April 28—29**; **Louisville: May 5** from 7—2; **Murray: May 5**; **Plattsmouth: May 5—6** from 8 a.m.—6 p.m. Take advantage of these opportunities to make your community clean, green and beautiful.



SAVE THE DATE: Cass County Electronics Recycling Event— June 2

Bring any electronics and small appliances for recycling or refurbishing to Elmwood, Nebraska from 10—2:00 on June 2. Location TBD. Cross Electronic Recycling will be assisting KCCB with the event which is open to all Cass County residents. Materials

accepted include computers, monitors, televisions, printers, key boards and mice, cell phones, small appliances, vacuum cleaners, power tools, and anything with a cord or battery. Large appliances and metals will be collected by a local recycler.

The following items will have a recycling disposal fee: alkaline batteries: \$1.50 per pound; micro-waves: \$20; all styles of Televisions and CRT items: \$20 up to 20 inch; \$30 up to 30 inch; \$40 up to 40 inch, \$50 up to 50 inch, and so forth. **KCCB will pay half of the recycling fee of one item per household up to a total of \$500 for the collection.** All other items will be taken at no cost. The event is made possible by Cass County, the Village of Elmwood, Cross Electronic Recycling and KCCB. The collections are open to Cass County residents only; no commercial quantities.

KCCB Plant Sale Fundraising Event at Rural Route Rust

Spring is here and KCCB will be selling locally grown Plantman Nursery flowers, hanging baskets and veggies at the Rural Route Rust Market on **May 5th** at the *Bloom Where You're Planted Farm*, rural Avoca. Thanks for your support of our annual fundraising event!

