

Final Electronics, Appliances and Metals Recycling Collection

Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 9 a.m.—noon

Louisville, NE enter at First & Cherry St. (north of football field)



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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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Presentations: Contact us for free environmental programs for youth groups, schools or community organizations.

Financing is provided through the Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant Program, Nebraska Department of Environment & Energy, Cass County, and the generosity of local business partners and members. KCCB is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.



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Lowe's Flood Recovery Support

Through our affiliation with Keep America Beautiful, KCCB was awarded a \$5,000 grant to purchase supplies for flood relief efforts in Cass County. Meet Jon Haizlip, Pastor of One Life Church in Plattsmouth (left). Pastor Jon has led a huge flood recovery effort not only in Cass County, but in nearby communities as well. Pastor Jon said, “I literally drove to some of the flooding areas, got out of my car, walked up to people and asked them if they needed any help. Volunteers have helped us from One Life, and numerous communities from Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, and Indiana.”

KCCB found Pastor Jon after contacting several local emergency agencies. One Life purchased Steube's Thriftway in Plattsmouth and turned it into a supply facility for local flood victims. Church members helped sort, organize and distribute supplies to local flood victims while Pastor Jon dived in to help those in need.

At right, meet Andrew Daniels, Assistant Manager at Lowe's, 171st & Wright Street, Omaha. Andrew has been awesome helping collect, load and inventory cleanup supplies with the Lowe's grant funds.



To date, Pastor Jon and volunteers have “mucked out” twenty-six houses and added new insulation and dry wall in three houses in Cass County. His volunteers have cleaned up twelve additional houses outside the county and are still providing rebuilding efforts as needed.



Pastor Jon stated, “I think is it humbling to be able to reach out to people in the community who are hurting and still not back in their homes. I love being able to serve and meet the needs of people in the community. Seeing people's generosity with funds and with putting their time in has inspired me to keep going, and do whatever it takes to help others.” He said he has spent over 120 days personally helping with recovery efforts. And for his volunteers, like those on the left, they've donated thousands of days total to help those in need. WELL DONE & THANK YOU!



KCCB 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. Unfortunately, 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 small grant from the Nebraska Department of Environment & Energy (NDEE). Contact us soon for an application.

KCCB Annual Youth Environmental Fair

Cass County fifth graders celebrated environmental learning at the fifth annual Keep Cass County Beautiful Youth Environmental Fair on September 25 at the Cass County Fairgrounds. Local educators, master gardeners, energy consultants, foresters, conservation technicians and other volunteers set up thirteen educational booths and interacted with 115 local students. The purpose of the fair was to teach youth to take better care of the environment plus make real-world connections with their surroundings including how food makes its way from farm to table.



The *Life of an Apple* booth demonstrated where food comes from and what we can do to avoid wasting it. “An alarming 40% of the food we grow gets thrown away and most of it is wasted at home and in restaurants,” stated Meagan Deichart, President of Keep Nebraska Beautiful (at left).

Educators from the Nebraska Forest Service provided examples of the ecological services fallen/rotting logs provide. Students made observations about organisms that benefit from fallen logs. (at right).



Students (left) learned ways to save energy and how much energy it takes to power a light bulb from OPPD energy consultant, Eric BenSalah.

At right, Nebraska Extension master gardeners helped youth act out how apple flowers are pollinated and they discovered the importance of bees in food production.



Students were very engaged as they learned about endangered Nebraska species, the littered landscape, composting, and safe household hazardous waste disposal. Other presentations included the basics about groundwater, home safety, a recycle sort game, Nebraska mammals, and flowers that benefit the environment.

Youth attended from Elmwood-Murdock, Louisville, Weeping Water and St. John the Baptist Schools. The event was made possible with grant funding from the Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant Program of the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE), the Cass County Ag Society, memberships and help from twenty-nine volunteers.



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AMERICA RECYCLES DAY* NOVEMBER 15

America Recycles Day, a Keep America Beautiful initiative, is a nationally recognized day dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the United States. Every year on or around Nov. 15, **America Recycles Day** event organizers educate neighbors, friends and colleagues through thousands of events. This year KCCB will be hosting an America Recycles Day media campaign focusing on reducing waste along with recycling tips during the month of November. Watch for details on our website at <http://keepcasscountybeautiful.org/> and Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/KeepCassCountyBeautiful>

Nebraska Materials Exchange Program



Have you heard of the Nebraska Materials Exchange Program? The program, managed by Keep Nebraska Beautiful in Lincoln, matches businesses, industries and schools who have excess materials with organizations in need of donated supplies. The Exchange provides lists of “Generating” and items “Seeking” promoting reuse and recycling.

So far in 2019, the Exchange has already surpassed yearly averages in terms of purchase savings. If you have excess office supplies like bookcases, desks, chairs, file cabinets, etc., or you are in need of products, contact Peter Stadig, Program Manager, at Keep Nebraska Beautiful at 402.486.4562 or <https://www.knb.org/waste-programs/materials-exchange/listing-application/>



Household Haz Waste Collections Approximately 100 households took advantage of three HHW collections in Cass County on Sept. 20. Over 2,400 containers of paint, approximately 400 containers of chemicals, 150 car/motor products and 150 florescent light bulbs were collected. Total pounds of materials will be reported at a later date when results are available. The event provided a safe disposal method of potentially dangerous products that are used in the home, garden and farm areas. Financial support was provided through a grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust and other assistance provided by Cass County along with eight other counties, as well as Five Rivers Resource Conservation and Development (RC &D). Local volunteers from Cass Co. agencies assisted with the collections.

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