

HELP KNPLCB PROTECT OUR RIVERS!



The Next Household Hazardous
Waste Collection Event is...

**October 7th
9am to 1pm**

1402 N. SYCAMORE

ACCEPTING

PAINTS & SOLVENTS; HOUSHOLD & YARD CHEMICALS; USED OIL; COMPUTERS (\$5.00 FEE FOR MONITORS; \$.15/LB FOR HARD DRIVE/PERIPHERALS & ELECTRONICS); FLAMMABLES; AUTO CHEMICAL PRODUCTS; BATTERIES; & MERCURY

BRING ITEMS IN STURDY, DISPOSABLE CONTAINER
NO LARGER THAN 5 GALLONS OR 50 POUNDS.

SORRY-NO EARLY DROP-OFF AVAILABLE.

KNPLCB has partnered with the City of North Platte to remind citizens that **storm drains lead directly to our rivers**. Storm drains can become clogged with litter and debris if not kept clear. Storm drains should also NOT be used to drain household, garden or auto chemicals. These chemicals are not filtered out of the system and drain directly in to our water resources. Contaminants jeopardize the health of our wild and urban areas. KNPLCB has plans and supplies to stencil the county's storm drains with a 'Only Rain Down the Drain' stencil. Other educational venues will also be explored to further involve the residents of Lincoln County in the efforts to protect our water systems. The group received funding through the Environmental Protection Agency's Educational Grant program. **Groups are encouraged to contact KNPLCB to volunteer to stencil their neighborhood**. The programming will run through June of 2007.

ONLY RAIN



DOWN THE DRAIN

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

to stencil their neighborhood storm drains. After the storm drain is stenciled, door-hangers are placed on neighboring homes to alert residents to the issue.

All supplies will be provided.

Call 534-8100 for details.

Flicks on the Bricks Raises Over \$900



Thanks to help from our sponsors at Wells Fargo Bank, Adams Bank & Trust, & Kittle's B# Music!! Also, a big thank you to Nick & Opal Muhlenkamp for bringing over their GORGEOUS Grease Lightning Look Alike....and to all the supporters who braved a cold wind to watch the movie!

From left: Kara Sandman, Dianne Nichelson, Jennifer Collins, Misty & Paxton Robertson, Angela King & Clover Doherty, Colleen Babcock, & Mike Tomzcak.

This photo was taken of trash collected from the City of North Platte residents. The nearly 30 foot high pile of refuse contains numerous recyclables. It is one of many similar loads that were buried in a landfill.



How many resources are you burying in the landfill?

This photo is a prime example of the vast amounts of recyclables that are still simply being thrown away. When we recycle, we turn our 'waste' back in to a resource. Recycling does more than save landfill space, it reduces air pollution, water pollution, & habitat loss.

Thank you for recycling.

You're extra time & effort makes a huge difference towards our community's future & quality of life.



Littering is Against the Law.

State law defines littering as a crime. Be sure to carry a car litter bag or pocket ashtray with you to comply with state law & protect your environment.

LAW: 28-523.

Littering of public and private property: (I) Any person who deposits, throws, discards or otherwise disposes of any litter on any public or private property or in any waters commits the offense of littering...

Nebraska Litter Penalties (Legislative Bill 495)

Offense	Class	Fine/Jail Time
First Offense Littering	III	\$500 / 3 months (max)
Second Offense Littering	II	\$1000 / 6 months (max)
Third Offense Littering	I	\$1000 / 1 year (max)
Illegal Dumping	III	\$500 / 3 months (max)

Family Exercises in Stewardship

(The following is an excerpt from Keep America Beautiful President G. Raymond Empson's article, "Raising Kids to Be Good Environmental Citizens" in the Our Children magazine April/May 2003)



McCall Family Cleanup

...As parents, we recognize that the job of rearing environmentally-conscious students does not rest exclusively within our schools. Recently, the Carnegie Corporation report *The Civic Mission of Schools* recognized that parents, too, must play an important role in fostering civic spirit in our children. While teachers will always be our strong allies, we know that the starting point for building environmental citizenship values must be nurtured first in family. When parents step in, benefits to children and community are increased. When parents are role models, children connect more. Parents, too, benefit from the interaction, the mutual learning and the building of ties within their communities. So, how can you help your kids become good environmental citizens? And how do you ensure a role for yourself in the meaningful action and family fun? Here are six ways to get started:

1. **Listen to your children & explore their interests.** Ask them to discuss what they think is important or relevant. Brainstorm & help them to identify a unique opportunity for turning their environmental interest into service. You may discover the key to a hidden talent that someday may translate into life's calling.
2. **Learn more about the cause or the issue your children care about.** If it is planting, learn more about local horticulture through schools or botanical gardens. If it is animals, research natural habitats of local wildlife. If it is picking up litter, look into recycling. As you learn more about what interests your family, bring into play academic skills including reading, research, & goal setting.
3. **Participate.** Volunteer with your children! Help them live their values & achieve satisfaction by acting upon their commitments. Make sure you & your children have assigned responsibilities-& reflect on your progress at the dinner table or on a refrigerator posting. Go for fun, visible adventures as well as serious initiatives.
4. **Partner.** Let your kids see the positive impact & strength of working together. Involve the entire family & your neighbors. Link with your school programs. Join with local businesses.
5. **Be a leader.** At home, take your town's recycling program seriously. Participate in your local programs. Don't litter. Let your kids see you take an active role in your community & support school programs as often as possible.
6. **Celebrate!** The good results of your family stewardship & make it a lifelong experience. When your children see the positive impact of their efforts, they know that they are making a difference & building a better world.

With environmentalism now embedded in America's mainstream, there are many opportunities for you to craft your family stewardship agenda. Remember, like a garden, goodness needs to be cultivated. Your environmental citizenship experiences can be a lifelong adventure. Start family scrapbooks to document your accomplishments, so that your stewardship will be reflected for future generations. My wish is for each family to find its own personal, enriching experience, to use it as an enjoyable learning too, to feel the sense of family stewardship, and to build a lifelong, satisfying family commitment that will help sustain the future for all of us.

October is Clean City Month

What better way to celebrate than to take a moment to check around your home and yard for sources of litter!?

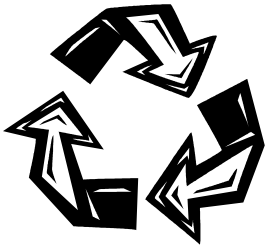
Over-filled trash barrels are a major cause of neighborhood litter! Your regular refuse fees only pay for the costs of disposal for one cart full of refuse. The City does not pick up items left outside of the cart.

Your refuse should fit **INSIDE** your cart.

If you cannot fit your regular refuse load in to the cart-you have options:

- 1) **Recycle to reduce your waste load.**
- 2) **Order another cart.**
- 3) **Donate usable items to a thrift store**
- 4) **Only buy what you need.**
- 5) **Get a FREE Residential Cleanup Card 2 times/year for Municipal Light & Water Customers. CALL 535-6706**



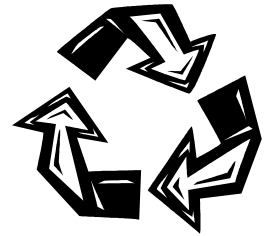


24 Hour Recycling Trailers

Regional Recycling 810 E. 7th St.

Senior Center 900 E. 10th St.

1st United Methodist 1600 W. 'E' St.



All sites accept plastic #1 & #2, aluminum, cardboard, tin/steel cans, & newsprint.

Magazines, office paper, batteries, & heavy items accepted at

Regional Recycling 9am-1pm Mon.-Fri. & Sat. 9am-12pm

Inkjet & laser cartridges accepted at Senior Center, UPS Store, & KNPLCB offices.

Please keep our sites clean and litter free.

**Sort your items in appropriate bins. No trash in bins. No items left outside of trailer.
Find out more at www.keepnorthplattebeautiful.org**

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