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- Nebraska Dept. of Environmental Quality
- Village of Lyons
- Village of Homer
- City of Wisner
- Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District
- Village of Thurston
- City of West Point
- Cuming County Fair Board
- Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District

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Natural Resources Protection: Recycling

The Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D is actively engaged in protecting the local environment by holding recycling efforts throughout the RC&D Area. This year, 4 different recycling events were organized and conducted with more than 636 households taking part.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections were held in 3 communities. 192 Households brought in 6,831 lbs of household hazardous materials, including 391 gallons of paint, 170 gallons of used motor oil, 86 florescent light bulbs, and 23 gallons of anti-freeze. Thirty-seven volunteers donated 132.5 hours helping with the collections.

Over 8,500 lbs of **Plastic Pesticide Containers** were collected and sent off to be recycled into more plastic Pesticide containers, posts, parking lot stops, etc. Sixty-three farmers brought in containers for recycling.

The RC&D organized an **E-Waste collection** at the Village of Thurston. Twelve volunteers donated 48 hours of time unloading 41 vehicles which brought in 8,165 lbs of computers, TVs, Microwave ovens, and other E-Waste.

A **Scrap Tire Collection** was held in West Point at the Cuming County Fairgrounds. A total of 376 tons of tires were collected. Twelve volunteers donated 68 hours helping unload 340 vehicles from 16 counties making this the largest single-site, single-day collection in the state in 2010.

