NERC – A Regional Leader Offering Innovative Opportunities for Communities & Businesses

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What is NERC

- Non-profit organization focused on sustainable materials management & recycling market development
- 10 Northeast states (including Connecticut)
- 27 years old
- Members are states & private sector
- 5 staff in Vermont & Massachusetts
What Sets NERC Apart

- Regional collaboration
- Public-private sector open dialogue
- Innovative, yet practical
- Cutting edge leadership
- Efficiency & effectiveness
- Its staff
Current Projects

- Model EPP specifications
  - Paper, office supplies, toner cartridges
- Municipal organics management
- Compost market development
- Bulky rigid plastics recycling
- Electronics Recycling Coordination Clearinghouse
- State Electronics Challenge
- Toxics in Packaging Clearinghouse
- Reuse Marketplace
- EPPnet
Toxics Projects & Expertise

- Electronics – green procurement & recycling
- Hazardous materials in homes & buildings
- EPP mentoring for businesses
- Debris management
- EPPnet
- Toxics in Packaging Clearinghouse
- Unwanted medications
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- Business assistance
- Compost/organics management
- C&D
- Disaster debris management
- Economic impact of reuse & recycling
- Electronics recycling
- Environmentally preferable purchasing (EPP)
- Municipal assistance
- Recycling, general & specific

- Recycling market development
- School reuse, recycling & composting
- Source reduction & reuse
- Special event composting & recycling
- State recycling contact information
- Toxics
- Unwanted medications

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Another great reuse idea:

Spray paint a bottle and let dry. Place rubber bands around the bottle and spray paint with a contrasting color. Once the paint is dry, take the rubber bands off, and you have a piece of art!

http://labellablu.com/bottles-bottles-everywhere/

Nora Goldstein, Editor of BioCycle Magazine will be speaking at NERC’s upcoming Fall Conference! Don’t miss her!

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National Standards for Recycling Professionals

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The Many Uses for Scrap Metal
Recycling scrap metal makes good economic and environmental sense. The phrase, “circular economy,” advises that all things manufactured should be made in such a way that they can be later dismantled and recreated into a final end product once the original product has lost its usability to the consumer. Scrap metal is one of those foundation materials that can be refashioned into many new uses.

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National Standards for Training Programs and Professionals in Sustainable Resource Management
Following several years of discussion and input from a broad spectrum of stakeholders, a national certification program has been established for professional training programs for Certified Sustainable Resource Management Professionals in waste reduction, reuse, recycling, composting, and zero waste.

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Steps toward Zero Waste for C&D - Sample Waste Management Plan
Today’s Blog article offers a sample Construction and Demolition Waste Management Plan.
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- Detailed resources
  - General Policies & Planning
  - Green Purchasing
  - Power Management of Office Equipment
  - Data Center Energy Efficiency
  - Reducing Paper Use
  - Extending Product Life
  - Reuse & Donation
  - Recycling
  - Media Sanitization
  - Electronics Environmental Benefits Calculator (EEBC)
  - State Agency Links for Purchasing & Recycling
- How to participate – it’s free
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http://www.ecycleclearinghouse.org/

- **Maps**
  - State with take-back laws
  - Covered entities
  - Product scope
  - Disposal bans

- **Data**
  - Most recent per capita collection data
  - State brand registration lists

- **& More**
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www.toxicsinpackaging.net

- State laws
  - Model legislation
  - FAQs
- Projects & reports
  - Screening of Packaging Components: Inks & Colorants (2012)
  - An Assessment of Heavy Metals in Packaging: A Focus on Flexible PVC from Discount Retail Chain Stores (2011)
  - Laboratory Round Robin Test Project: Assessing Performance in Measuring Toxics in Packaging (2011)
  - & More
NERC Can Help

We’re experts in

- Waste reduction & recycling
- Recycling program design & implementation
- Organic management
- Green procurement
- C&D reuse & recycling
- Electronics recycling
- School reuse, recycling & composting
- Textile recycling programs
- Multi-stakeholder dialogues & negotiations
- & More!

Fee for service program makes NERC’s expertise available at a reasonable price with outstanding results
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