

IOWA WASTE EXCHANGE

The Iowa Waste Exchange (IWE) is the product of a partnership of the Iowa DNR and the Economic Development Authority, with assistance from the Iowa Waste Reduction Center.

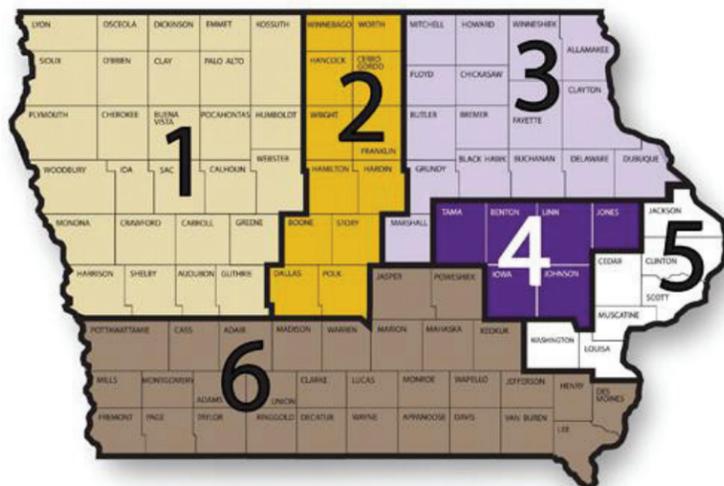
Many industries, businesses, and institutions dispose of items and materials that others can use. IWE Resource Specialists help anyone looking to obtain specific items or materials, and match them up with anyone who has items or materials they are looking to give.

Businesses, schools, hospitals, communities and individuals are encouraged to take advantage of the IWE's free, non-regulatory, and confidential services.

IWE Resource Specialists can provide a wide range of assistance:

- Identifying viable markets for waste materials. A basic IWE principle – never rule out a waste stream.
- Helping locate and access markets for recyclable commodities.
- Finding environmentally stable solutions for unmarketable waste streams, such as outdated chemicals.
- Drafting and/or reviewing standard operating procedures for handling waste streams.
- Writing waste management grant applications for clients, and reviewing and commenting on client-drafted applications.
- Getting involved in numerous special programs and projects, including participating on recycling committees, in workshops, and at recycling events.

IOWA WASTE EXCHANGE PRIMARY SERVICE AREAS



| IOWA WASTE EXCHANGE 2012 STATISTICS | |
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| Number of companies assisted (in house) | 1,414 |
| Number of companies assisted (on-site) | 1,713 |
| Number of material matches | 724 |
| Tons of materials matched | 55,536 |
| Total cost savings for Iowa companies | ~\$1.5 million |

2012 IWE SUCCESSSES

REUSABLE USABLES

Reusable Usables Creative Arts Center in Le Claire is a non-profit resource for teachers, parents, artists and day care providers seeking low-cost materials for creative play. The IWE is an ideal partner for Reusable Usables, helping them obtain materials such as shelving, rolls of fabric and vinyl, fabric and carpet sample books, ceramic and glass tiles, architectural items, rubber bumpers, wooden items, jewelry boxes, glass insulators, plastic spoons and cut-outs, fiber fill, burlap bags and surgical trays.



A WILD MATCH

An animal health company had an inventory of medical supplies they no longer needed. The IWE helped find alternatives to landfilling the 20 boxes of unused supplies – primarily the Blank Park Zoo in Des Moines for their use and for some of their conservation programs abroad, including their collaboration with the Association of Zoos and Aquariums to conserve, protect and study endangered and threatened species. Also, materials that could not be utilized by the zoo were directed to educational outlets for training purposes.



AN ARTFULLY ARRANGED MATCH

The IWE listed two pallets of a rubber material, once used in a tire retreading process, that were found on a property in Dubuque. A match was nearly made with an Iowa-based tire recycler who thought the black rubber strips had great promise for use as mulch, but this proved to be economically impractical. Then after more than a year, a University of Northern Iowa artist contacted the IWE looking for a large quantity of a rubber material whose description matched this listing almost exactly. Along with another white plastic material from the IWE, the artist incorporated both materials into a beautiful sculpture.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

To learn more about the IWE and its progress over the past year, go to www.iowadnr.gov/FABA

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