Financial and Business Assistance

The Financial and Business Assistance (FABA) team at the Iowa Department of Natural Resources is committed to enhancing Iowa's Environment in ways that positively impact our economy and society.

Comprehensive Planning & Environmental Management Systems (EMS)

Every city and county in Iowa is part of a Solid Waste Planning Area that submits a Comprehensive Plan describing waste reduction efforts, disposal information, programs and goals. DNR staff is available to assist local officials with waste reduction and integrated solid waste management decisions.
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EMS is a voluntary alternative program to Comprehensive Planning for Solid Waste Planning Areas and Service Areas. Successful program applicants receive training and technical assistance to implement a framework, keying on six environmental areas beyond waste reduction. Participants receive benefits specific to the program and submit annual reports detailing objectives and progress. Applications are accepted annually for new program participants.
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Iowa Waste Exchange (IWE)

With a non-regulatory network of representatives around the state, the IWE works to match up businesses, schools, hospitals, communities, and individuals that have material recycling and/or reuse needs with resources to help meet those needs. Thousands of available and wanted materials are in the IWE's confidential, free-access database.
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Pollution Prevention (P2) Services

Pollution Prevention engineers provide confidential, non-regulatory environmental technical assistance at no cost to Iowa businesses, industries, institutions and government agencies. Pollution Prevention Services offers opportunity assessments, the nationally-recognized Pollution Prevention Intern Program, Environmental Management Systems assistance, workshops and technical training.
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Regional Collection Center Program

Regional Collection Centers (RCCs) are permanent collection facilities designed to properly manage and dispose of hazardous waste from households and very small quantity generator (VSQG) businesses. RCCs accept hazardous materials which are toxic, flammable, corrosive and reactive characteristics. Common hazardous items include cleaners, stains, polish and oils. Many RCCs provide a material exchange (Swap Shop) for usable products.
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Toxics In Packaging

Iowa law prohibits the sale or distribution of packaging containing heavy metals such as cadmium, lead, mercury, and hexavalent chromium (if intentionally introduced) and sets limits on the incidental presence of these heavy metals in packaging materials. The purpose of the law is to prevent toxic heavy metals from entering the environment, recycling stream, and landfills. Iowa's Toxic in Packaging Program conducts both education outreach and random testing to assure packaging is in compliance.
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FABA Environmental Education Services

Household Hazardous Materials Education

In an effort to assist all ages in understanding the concerns and risks associated with household hazardous materials (HHM), several education materials have been developed. Age-specific short videos and interactive computer games are available to help identify HHMs and discuss proper purchase, use, storage and disposal.
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Mobile Education Exhibit

The "How You Live Has an Impact" exhibit is an interactive way to learn about the natural resources used in our daily lives, the effects this has on our environment and simple steps that can be taken to minimize the waste of these resources. The exhibit showcases topics such as sustainability, recycling, household hazardous materials and water and energy conservation. Transportation is provided at no cost. The exhibit is also handicapped accessible, heated and air conditioned and available for use year-round.
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Retailer Consumer Education Program

It is the policy of the state of Iowa to educate Iowans regarding the hazardous nature of certain household products including proper use, storage and disposal to protect public health and safety and the environment. Iowa law requires retailers that sell HHMs to obtain an annual permit and they may participate in a consumer information program by providing DNR-supplied education materials to consumers. Iowa law also requires retailers that sell certain HHMs (motor oil, oil filters and lead acid batteries) to accept these used materials for recycling and reuse or to post the nearest collection location for recycling and reuse.
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FABA Grants Programs

Derelict Building Grant Program

The Derelict Building Grant Program works with communities with populations of 5,000 or fewer people who need assistance with addressing abandoned commercial or public buildings, all while diverting construction and demolition materials from the landfill. This annual Program works with applicants to address any environmental, health and safety challenges these buildings pose and limits the amount of construction and demolition debris headed to area landfills.
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Solid Waste Alternatives Program (SWAP)

SWAP provides financial and technical assistance to businesses, government agencies, public and private groups and individuals to assist with development and implementation of solid waste management projects to improve environmental performance and the bottom line. By recovering, reusing, and reducing the use of Iowa's valuable resources, SWAP projects save money, create jobs, increase revenue and protect and preserve natural resources by promoting resource management that eases the burden on landfills, reduces greenhouse gas emissions and improves Iowa's water, air and land quality.
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Professional Development Assistance Grant Program

The PDA Program provides grants to assist with the development and delivery of technical assistance, public awareness, and professional development opportunities for Iowa's solid waste management professionals. Program funds are available to local governments, public and private groups, and individuals.
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Food Storage Capacity Grant Program

Grant funding is available to Iowa food banks, food pantries and other not-for-profit entities receiving food through donations or purchase, for the purpose of distributing food to food insecure Iowans. Funding may be used for the purchase and installation of cold storage (Energy Star rated refrigerators and freezers), walk-in coolers and for the purchase of shelving for storing shelf stable food items. Food Storage Capacity grants are intended to increase the amount of food items recovered for distribution and to minimize the loss of perishable food items prior to distribution to food insecure Iowans. Grant applications are accepted on an open basis.
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