# **Iowa Waste Exchange - Primary Service Areas**



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Assisting Iowa Schools in Reducing, Reusing, Recycling and Renewing since 1990





## AVAILABLE SERVICES

- Administer waste assessments, waste sorts, waste audits.
- Locate outlets for equipment and supplies no longer used/needed.
- · Locate needed materials.
- Provide financial assistance resources.
- Write and/or review grant and other applications.
- Provide classroom/assembly/after school program presentations.
- Administer and organize special collection events and activities.

## **TESTIMONIALS**

"The lowa Waste Exchange was wonderful to work with. They provided the tools and training to complete a thorough waste study at our Clay Elementary School. Not only did we receive great data but the students enjoyed helping with the waste sort!"

-Amy A'Hearn, Director of Food and Nutrition Services, Southeast Polk Community School District

"Thank you for the incredible networking of resources your organization has helped the DMPS system. The resources you have provided have allowed us to upgrade office furniture. You have also helped several church congregations with office furniture that many could not afford in the Urban Core. We heavily rely on Shelene Codner's contacts and connections to continue to supply many nice pieces to several locations throughout the Des Moines metro area."

-Alfonso M.Perez, Community Schools Site Coordinator, Des Moines Community School District



### Access our Food Waste Minimization Toolkit for Iowa Schools at:

http://www.iowadnr.gov/Portals/idnr/uploads/waste/ iowaschoolsfoodwasteminimizationtoolkit.pdf

Do you have a material to good to waste? Are you in need of materials? Contact your Area Resource Specialist today!

Learn more about the Iowa Waste Exchange and other Financial and Business Assistance programs of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources at: https://www.iowadnr.gov/FABA

## SUCCESS STORY

The lowa Waste Exchange acquired approximately 12 tons of new and slightly used textbooks from a public school that had been storing them in an area of their building slated for demolition. These books included full sets of Scholastic's *Literacy in Place* reading series. Through various matches with private schools and home-schooled students, the lowa Waste Exchange had matched nearly six tons of these curriculum materials, but six tons remained. In addition to staple items such as food and water, usable textbooks become a high priority during natural disasters, including debilitating hurricanes. With the assistance of volunteers from North Butler High School's Student Council, who sorted, boxed and loaded the available books, Area Resource Specialists transported them to a relief trailer at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hampton, Iowa. St. Paul's had secured the use of a trailer through the generosity of a private trucking company. The items were loaded by Codner and volunteers from St. Paul's and then were transported to students in Mississippi.

This transaction diverted nearly six tons of usable materials from the landfill, saved \$240 in disposal fees as well as providing nearly \$5,000 worth of curriculum materials to students and hurricane victims in Mississippi.

Access additional success stories at www.lowaDNR.gov/FABA

