

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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Non-Profit Organization

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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 rubberbands off, and you have a piece of art!
<http://labellableu.com/bottles-bottles-everywhere/>

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

<http://www.biocycle.net/>
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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](#)
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Electronics Recycling Coordination Clearinghouse Website offers Valuable Resources



<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**

Toxics in Packaging Clearinghouse Website offers Valuable Resources



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)
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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!

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