

Iowa Waste Exchange - Primary Service Areas



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 in Reducing, Reusing, Recycling
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Access our Food Waste Minimization Toolkit for Iowa Schools at

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

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



SUCCESS STORY

Shelly Codner, IWE Area Resource Specialist for Area 2, 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 Iowa 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 became 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, Codner 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 provided nearly \$5,000 worth of curriculum materials to students and hurricane victims in Mississippi. "Matches such as these make working with the Iowa Waste Exchange especially gratifying," said Codner. "The students and principal at North Butler High School and St. Paul's Lutheran Church helped make this exchange happen. Their assistance and volunteer efforts visibly display Iowa nice in action."

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