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Our Mission: To promote conservation of natural resources through education, technical assistance, and stewardship.

We're on the Web! www.pipestoneswcd.org

If you would like to be taken off of our mailing list please contact our office.



2011 Monthly Recycling Collections

Held at the Pipestone County Recycling Center
718 4th St. N.W. in Pipestone.

The First collection of the year will be on
Wednesday, April 27th, 2011

Collections will run from 11:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. & resume
every last Wednesday through the months of April –September.



Items Accepted:

MAJOR APPLIANCES
COMPUTERS & ELECTRONICS
EMPTY/TRIPLE RINSED PESTICIDE CONTAINERS
FLUORESCENT BULBS / BALLASTS
LEAD ACID BATTERIES



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2011 SPRING CONSERVATION EDITION

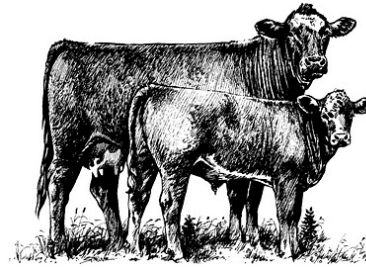


Beef Producer Meeting

Beef Producers, please join us at Pipestone Emergency Services Facility for an informational meeting on how to take your cattle operation to the next level & make the most out of your operation.

- 9:30 **Registration**
- 10:00 **Grant Crawford** — Cost of Production
- 10:45 **Jerry Wulf** — Incentive Based Marketing
- 11:30 **Andy Nesseth**—Making the Most of your Manure
- 12:00 **Angie Raatz** — Permitting Process
- 12:15 **Lunch** (Sponsored by First Bank & Trust, First Farmers & Merchants)
- 12:45 **Jenny Meyer** – Feeding Cattle in a Controlled Environment
- 1:15 **Pat Derocher** - Details on Pitted Barns & Bedding Barns

**Call Today to
RSVP! 825-6765**



**March 30th
9:30 - 1:30**

Conservation Apprenticeship Job Available

A summer apprenticeship position for a young adult, age 18-25, is available at the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) through Conservation Corps Minnesota. The SWCD has been chosen as one of several placement sites throughout the state for this new program. The program is funded through the MN Environment and Natural Resource Trust Fund and LCCMR. Apprentices will be spending their summer working alongside natural resource professionals. The goal is to train and mentor future conservation professionals by providing apprenticeship service opportunities to soil and water conservation districts.

Apprentices will serve as AmeriCorps members and will receive approximately \$6.59 per hr. as well as an education award of \$1,415 to use towards qualifying education and student loan expenses. The member will serve from May 23rd until August 19th.

Applications are available online at www.conservationcorps.org/apply. The deadline to apply is March 25th, 2011. For more information, please contact the SWCD at 825-6765 or Conservation Corps Minnesota at (651) 209-9900.

Still Time to Order Trees!

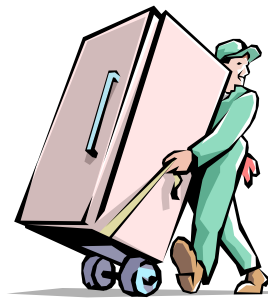
Spring is almost here, so if you are still contemplating on ordering some new trees for your acreage please stop by our office or give us a call at 825-6765 to place an order. Orders will be accepted through the end of March with a 50% down payment. Trees will be available for pickup in the middle of April.



Spring Household Hazardous Waste Collection

For all Residents of Pipestone County

FREE Disposal Of:



- * Household Hazardous Waste
- * Large Appliances
- * TVs
- * Fluorescent Bulbs / Ballasts
- * Computer Monitors & CPUs
- * Lead Acid Batteries

Collection Location:

Pipestone County Recycling Center (718 4th St. N.W. in Pipestone)

Collection Time:

Wednesday, May 25th from 3–6pm

Household Hazardous Waste Accepted:

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| ◆ HOME / GARDEN PRESERVATIVES | ◆ HOBBY SUPPLIES |
| ◆ PAINT (LATEX, OIL, & AEROSOLS) | ◆ ACIDS & BASES |
| ◆ WOOD PRESERVATIVES | ◆ HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS |
| ◆ THINNERS/SOLVENTS | ◆ FLAMMABLES |

WASTE EXCLUDED:

BUSINESS WASTE! Motor Oil / Filters, Tires, Explosives, Compressed Gas, Radioactive Materials, Sharps, and Empty Paint Containers. (Empty Paint Containers are considered TRASH. Your Garbage Hauler will pick up the Empty paint cans if you leave the lid off.)

Missouri River Intensive Watershed Monitoring

Starting in the spring of 2011, the streams and rivers in most of Pipestone County will be monitored. Monitoring will be completed by staff of the Pipestone County Conservation and Zoning Office. This is a cooperative effort between Pipestone County, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The purpose is to collect biological, physical, and chemical data to determine the health of our waters. This will be done over a two-year period and the information will be used to guide future conservation efforts so that funds and projects will be targeted to certain areas or types of activities resulting in the protection and restoration of our waters in Pipestone County. The overall effort is being led by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and more information about the process can be found at www.pca.state.mn.us/irypabf.

Citizen Stream Monitoring Program; Volunteers Needed!!

The Pipestone Conservation and Zoning Office in cooperation with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency are seeking interested residents to volunteer to be citizen stream monitors. Participants would be recording rainfall data and obtaining water clarity readings from local streams. Rain gauges and transparency tubes will be provided, along with training and record log sheets. If you have an interest in water quality, live adjacent to a Missouri River Watershed Stream, and would like more information. Visit www.pca.state.mn.us and search for the “citizen stream monitoring program” or Contact our office at 825-6765.

New NRCS Office Employee



David Dockter is the new Soil Conservation Technician for the Pipestone Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Field office. Dockter is originally from the Winona area where he grew up on a 250-head dairy farm and became interested in agriculture. He recently graduated from Winona State University earning a degree in Environmental Geosciences with an emphasis on geology. Dockter has become familiar with NRCS programs by working part-time for two years with the Winona County NRCS while attending college. His primary duties will be working with landowners, helping to design, plan and implement grass waterways and sediment basins. He will also work extensively with aspects of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and Conservation Stewardship program.