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“New Lift Gate for Recycled Paint at Transfer Station”

Staff at the Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition landfill near Clarkson like lots of latex paint available to spray on the trash so it doesn't blow. The Nebraska State Recycling Association contributed most of the cost for a



Rob Mercer, City of Norfolk Solid Waste Supervisor, loads a drum of household latex paint into the back of a pickup using the new lift gate provided in part by the Nebraska State Recycling Association.

lift gate on the back of a City of Norfolk pickup to more easily haul recycled paint to the landfill.

“People regularly bring their leftover and no longer needed household latex paint to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility. We then transfer it into 50 gallon drums which are hard to handle. The lift gate will be very helpful in getting the drums of paint out to the landfill,” said Rob Mercer, City of Norfolk Solid Waste Supervisor.

He explained that at the landfill the latex paint is mixed with other products and then sprayed onto the piles of trash at the end of the day to keep it from blowing during the night. If the paint isn't available, staff has to use loads of dirt from the surrounding

area which is short in supply and harder to apply.

The lift gate was purchased for the Transfer Station as part of a grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust. Total cost of the gate was \$2,858 with the grant paying \$2,017 of the bill.

The Recycling Equipment Grant from the Nebraska State Recycling Association is one of 132 grant projects in 2014 receiving \$21.7 million in grant awards from the Nebraska Environmental Trust. The Trust is funded by proceeds from the Nebraska Lottery and has awarded more than \$213 million to over 1,600 natural resource projects in Nebraska since 1993.

The Nebraska State Recycling Association is a non-profit, membership organization of public and private organizations and individuals that has been a recycling advocate for Nebraska since 1980.

For more information about recycling household latex paint or for more recycling information go to www.ci.norfolk.ne.us/Solidwaste/recycling.htm or call 402-844-2030.