

# OUT OF DATE? ~ NOT YET USED

Submitted by: Jill Bruns, Renville County Public Health Director

Your Tylenol just “EXPIRED.” What do you do – use it or toss it? Though many products – from foods and medicines to soda and condoms – carry an expiration date, the system is not an exact science. Instead, it is best used as a general guideline.

## HERE’S WHAT SOME DATES MEAN:

**SELL BY:** indicates when products should be pulled from the shelf, but it isn’t illegal for stores to stock products past this date. Often stores reduce the price of such goods.

**BEST IF USED BY:** ensures that the product is at its best quality, after which it may deteriorate in flavor or appearance, but may still be safe.

**EXPIRES ON:** is the last date a product should be used, though there are some exceptions.

**FOOD:** Only infant formulas, baby foods and poultry are required by law to have dates. In general, buy foods before their sell-by dates, and observe use-by dates. Foods past their dates are often still safe if they have been handled and stored properly. Improperly handled foods can go bad long before any of these dates. Use common sense – if a food looks or smells bad or if a can is bulging, throw it out, no matter what the date.

**DRUGS:** Expiration dates guarantee that drugs are potent and safe. They do not mean that the medication is *not* effective or safe afterward. In many cases, drugs are stable far longer. Drugs do begin to break down after the bottles are opened and when they are exposed to heat, humidity, light and temperature fluctuations. You should store them in a cool, dry, dark place, not in the bathroom and not in your car or pocket for long periods.

**TOOTH PASTE:** Toothpastes are good for one to two years past the expiration date, after which there may be some loss in the fluoride stability, ingredients may crystallize. Toothpaste after its expiration date will not harm you.

**“EXPIRED.”**  
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use it or toss it?

## THERE ARE SOME DRUGS AND PRODUCTS THAT YOU SHOULD NOT USE PAST THEIR DATES:

**CERTAIN DRUGS:** Insulin, nitroglycerin, EpiPens, and liquid antibiotics degrade quickly. Although there’s no good evidence that these drugs become harmful after the expiration date, you need to be able to count on getting their full potency. Toss any drugs that are discolored, develop a strong smell, or have turned powdery. In general, liquid medication and those that require refrigeration are less stable.

**CONDOMS:** Condoms have either an expiration date, after which they should not be used, or a manufacture date, after which they are good for up to five years. Outdated condoms are more likely to break. Store condoms in a cool, dry place – not in your wallet or the glove compartment. Do not use them if they are sticky or dry or if the wrapper is damaged.

**INFANT FORMULAS AND BABY FOOD:** Buy and use before their “use-by” dates, after which nutrient levels and quality decline.

For questions, talk with your pharmacist or call Renville County Public Health at 320-523-2570.



## Time for the March Campaign

### 2008 Renville County Food Shelf

2,515 families were served  
9,078 individuals were served from ages 0 to 65+  
135,079 lbs. of food were given to those in need

**FEEDING AMERICA**

For every \$1.00 donated to the Renville County Food Shelf, \$9.00 of food can be purchased from Feeding America.

Please consider giving a monetary donation during the March Campaign to the Renville County Food Shelf. Donations can be mailed or dropped off at the Renville County Food Shelf, 902 1/2 West DePue Avenue, Olivia, MN 56277. Your donation will be greatly appreciated and will help feed hungry families in Renville County.

**Renville County**

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Olivia, MN 56277

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# Renville COUNTY MESSENGER

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## Two New Members Added to Renville County Leadership



LaMont Jacobson

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A recent interview with LaMont Jacobson, newly elected District 5 Renville County Commissioner.

LaMont Jacobson’s vision for Renville County is to maintain the respect the county holds in progressive agriculture processing, seed research and production and their supportive industries along with technical and manufacturing businesses. Jacobson said, “I would also like to see innovations in energy and tech support flourish, so that young people would have jobs here at home and won’t have to relocate outside of the county.”

LaMont’s goals are to become familiar with his committee appointments as soon as possible. He said he has not yet been to all the committee meetings and it takes time to get to know all the new people. His second goal is to work with his fellow commissioners in these interesting times. Jacobson would like to continue to provide services at a level that the county residents have come to expect. Jacobson noted, “Some services may need to be provided collaboratively with one or more counties or cities in Renville County.”

Jacobson’s specific areas of interest include infrastructure, roads, safe railroad crossings, transmission

lines for better energy (from wind or steam from incinerators, etc.), recreational opportunities and environmental policy.

Commissioner Jacobson feels the biggest challenge facing Renville County is that revenue streams aren’t as robust as in years past. Jacobson said, “We need to have immediate attention to savings in each department– running a tight ship as it were.” Jacobson feels another challenge will be to entice new industry into the county, as long as it is a good fit for our people and resources.

Commissioner Jacobson’s background is in farming. He explained, “I started as a livestock and dairy farmer in high school. Then I raised crops to support the animals and now the dairy is gone, but I still crop farm and continue to raise heifers.” As a teenager he attended G.F. Vo. Tech. He has served on several boards, including chair of the local Farmers Union Group, board member for a mutual insurance company, Land o’ Lakes Coop board and district board, Cenex Coop board trustee and church counsel. He enjoys golf and he supports, contributes and volunteers for Pioneer Public TV. He will appear on Public TV in March.

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Sara Folsted

*“It is going to be important in the future to take a regional approach in providing services to meet the needs of changing demographics and the changing economy. If our cities, towns, schools, businesses and families are not thriving, the county is not thriving. Collaboration is going to become increasingly important.”*

Sara Folsted joined the Renville County leadership team in January of 2009 as the new County Administrator. In a recent interview Sara was asked about her vision and goals for Renville County. Sara replied, “I do not feel it is my role to create a vision or goals for the county, it is my responsibility to ensure the vision and goals established by the county residents, land owners and their respective representatives are carried out to the fullest. Going into the future, I am going to work extremely hard on seeing that the vision and goals for the county are carried out in the most economically efficient manner. I would like to see Renville County as being an area leader and model in providing services to residents and communities in changing economic times. Collaboration among public and private entities and public participation is going to be a key aspect of this.”

Folsted was asked about her specific areas of interest and she said, “I feel that everyone deserves access to quality education, affordable housing and good jobs. Birth to five health and education initiatives are important to help children have an equal start at life. Strong K-12 educational programs are important in attracting residents to the county and for setting up our students for success later in life. Access to post secondary education is important as well. Affordable housing and housing that meets all life cycle needs are important for providing stability and meeting the needs of our residents. Housing stock is also considered when considering locations for new business development. The availability of quality jobs is important to families and our region.”

Sara was asked what she feels the future challenges are and she replied, “It is going to be important in the future to take a regional approach in providing services to meet the needs of changing demographics and the changing economy. If our cities, towns, schools, businesses and families are not thriving, the county is not thriving. Collaboration is going to become increasingly important. The biggest challenge at the county level is going to be managing our resources while taking care of the changing needs of the county. Most people have heard about the state’s financial situation and that directly impacts the level of funds the county receives through local government and state program aids. We need to be able to adapt and deliver the best possible outcomes with limited resources. Service needs within the county are increasing and the ability to pay for those services is decreasing. We need to be responsive to that.”

Sara’s educational background includes a BA Economics, Hamline University, Certificate Economic Development, Hamline University, Certificate Public Affairs Management, Hamline University and she is currently finishing a Masters in Public Administration and Masters in Management from Hamline University. She is a member ICMA. Before accepting the administrator’s position at Renville County, Sara worked as a Comprehensive Planner for Ford Township, Kanabec County, as a City Management intern for the City of Moose Lake, and most recently as the City Administrator for Clara City. Folsted, who is originally from Moose Lake, lived in St. Paul for several years before accepting the position in 2006 in Clara City.



## Renville County Snow & Ice Policy

### UPDATED POLICY:

Renville County recently updated the Snow and Ice Removal policy as follows: Renville County’s Public Works Department’s goal is to have all County Roads passable within a reasonable amount of time after a snowfall has stopped. Renville County maintains approximately 700 miles of County State Aid Highways and County Roads. Currently snow removal operations are accomplished with 17 units including 10 truck mounted snow plows with wings and sanders and 7 motor graders. The decision to plow and/or sand will be made by the County Engineer and/or Maintenance Foreman as follows:

*The County will NOT dispatch plows until after the snowfall and/or wind has stopped; EXCEPT (a) in an emergency or other special circumstances, or (b) when conditions allow reasonable accomplishments to be made.*

- Will perform snow removal when accumulation exceeds two inches.
- Will perform snow removal when drifting seriously affects travel.
- Will perform ice control measures when icy conditions seriously affect travel.
- Will perform sanding operations at problem areas, including: curves, hills, intersections, and bridges.

### HOURS OF OPERATION:

The County is staffed for one shift of snow and ice removal. In a snow event, the necessary County personnel will be mobilized by their Foreman at 4:30 a.m. with ALL necessary equipment on the road by 5:00 a.m. Weekend and holidays may receive a reduced level of service, due to lower traffic volumes and the availability of limited resources. Operator duty shifts are generally limited to a maximum of 12 hours per day for safety reasons, therefore; most routes will not have coverage between 4:30 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. the next morning.

*Operations will be halted when (a) service levels are reached, (b) coverage time has elapsed, (c) conditions are too hazardous, or (d) reasonable accomplishments cannot be made, (e) when MNDOT closes the highways under their jurisdiction or when a “NO TRAVEL” advisory is issued.*

### ROAD PRIORITIES:

It is the goal of the Public Works department to serve the majority of the public in the quickest way possible, with this in mind, roads with higher traffic volumes will typically receive higher priority. The following are the priorities plow operators will attempt to adhere to.

- 1.) All County Roads lying within cities. These are always paved.
- 2.) Major County State Aid Highways (CSAH) which carry heavy traffic volumes and connect cities, State Highways, neighboring Counties or are intra-County corridors. These are always paved.
- 3.) CSAH routes that provide rural access to cities and State Highways. These are usually paved but could be gravel.
- 4.) Medium volume County roads that serve as mail and/or school bus routes and provide access for numerous rural residents. These are usually gravel but may be paved.
- 5.) Low volume County roads that may serve as mail and or school bus routes but serve few rural residents. These are usually gravel. Gravel roads may not be plowed all the time. Plowing of gravel roads will be based on amount and type of snow.

### OTHER:

The Snow and Ice Removal policy addresses property damage, requests for assistance, declared emergencies, non-emergency assistance, utility companies, stranded motorists, road closures, and residential plowing.

### COUNTY PHONE NUMBERS

Administrator	320-523-3710
Assessor	320-523-3645
Attorney	320-523-2661
Auditor/Treasurer	320-523-2071
Court Services/Probation	320-523-3663
Court Administration	320-523-3680
Environment & Community Development	320-523-3768
Extension	320-523-3713
Hawk Creek	320-523-3666
Heartland Express	320-523-3589
	or 800-450-7964
Heartland Community	320-523-1842
Action Agency Inc.	or 877-523-1842
Hospital	320-523-1261
HRA/EDA	320-523-3656
Human Services	320-523-2202
Jail	320-523-3600
Landfill/Solid Waste	320-523-1505
License	320-523-3612
Olivia Police Department	320-523-2700
Public Health Nursing	320-523-2570
Public Works	320-523-3759
Recorder/Abstractor	320-523-3669
Sheriff	320-523-1161
Veterans Service	320-523-3763
Water Planning & HHW	320-523-3706

### County Commissioners:

Ralph Novotny, District #1	320-848-6392
Bob Fox, District #2	507-557-8265
Paul Setzepfandt, District #3	320-365-3270
John Stahl, District #4	320-523-1283
LaMont Jacobson, District #5	320-765-2578

If you would like to read the entire Snow and Ice Removal policy please visit : [www.co.renville.mn.us](http://www.co.renville.mn.us) or call Public Works Department (320) 523-3759.





# HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS

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Cecelia Alvarez

*EAN Enterprise Facilitator Cecelia Alvarez has more than 24 years of experience with corporate and small business ventures.*

## EAN Now Assisting Businesses in Renville County

While economic development sometimes takes the form of courting large firms to locate facilities in our community, the real backbone of the local economy is the continued success and expansion of existing businesses located in Renville County and the creation of locally owned start-up enterprises. In order to foster the success of local businesses, in fall of last year, the Renville County HRA/EDA became part of the Entrepreneur's Assistance Network (EAN). Renville County is the fourth county to join the EAN, joining existing partners Chippewa, Lac qui Parle and Yellow Medicine Counties.

EAN Enterprise Facilitator Cecelia Alvarez has more than 24 years of experience with corporate and small business ventures. Alvarez meets with local entrepreneurs to

assist with the process of assessing the feasibility of their proposed ventures and to help them locate resources for business start up. She also works with established businesses on management issues and new product and expansion strategies. There is no fee to businesses for EAN services, due to the financial support provided to the organization by the Renville County HRA/EDA.

Included in Alvarez's services to Renville County entrepreneurs is a series of workshops on a variety of topics. The workshops are free and open to the public. Businesses wishing to schedule a meeting with Cecelia Alvarez can do so by contacting her office in Montevideo at (320) 269-9724. For more information regarding EAN, visit their web site at [www.myeannetwork.org](http://www.myeannetwork.org).

## EAN SEMINAR SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	WORKSHOP
March 21	11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Hunt on Main, Montevideo	Business Administration
April 17	5 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Athmann's Inn, Bird Island	Women's Time & Money Management
April 23	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Clara City Comm. Center	Keeping Your Business Records
May 16	11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Wood Lake Comm. Center	Women's Business of Diversity
May 19	4 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Java Junction, Renville	Time & Money Management
June 10	4 p.m. - 8 p.m.	The Crossings, Montevideo	Woman's Empowerment
June 26	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Fairfax City Auditorium	Sales & Marketing
July 18	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Hanley Falls Legion	Women's Skills Building
July 22	4 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Watson Hunting Camp	Local Economy & Your Role Cost Efficiency & Streamlining Purchasing Power



# RENVILLE COUNTY

## WATER PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT

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### Fluorescent Light Bulbs: Disposal is . . . FREE

Using energy-efficient fluorescent light bulbs can save you money on your electrical bill while helping to protect the environment. Fluorescent bulbs of all shapes and sizes including compacts, tubes, and high-intensity discharge (HID) lamps contain mercury and must be recycled to avoid polluting the environment and posing a health risk.

Even though fluorescent bulbs contain mercury, they are considered safe to use. No mercury is released when the bulbs are in use. Fluorescent bulbs use less energy, reducing emissions at power plants that burn fossil fuels. This results in a net reduction in mercury pollution. A power plant emits about 10 mg of mercury to produce the electricity needed to run one incandescent bulb, compared to only 2.4 mg of mercury to run a compact fluorescent bulb for the same amount of time.

When it is time to dispose of your used fluorescent bulbs, several easy and convenient recycling options are available. Many retailers that sell fluorescent bulbs also collect bulbs for recycling. Contact your local retailer to find out if they



Never throw fluorescent bulbs in the trash. It is illegal to do so.

For more information about the use of fluorescent bulbs or what to do if you should break a bulb, visit [www.pca.state.mn.us](http://www.pca.state.mn.us) and search "fluorescent bulbs."

### How do I know if my bulbs need to be recycled?

Some compact fluorescent bulbs are beginning to look more like incandescent or "regular" light bulbs. Compact fluorescent bulb packaging will warn you that the bulb needs to be "properly disposed of." However, once the bulb has been installed and the packaging discarded, it may be difficult to distinguish the bulb from an incandescent one. Look at the base of the bulb for an "Hg" symbol. If you see this symbol, the bulb contains mercury and cannot be disposed of in the trash.

### FDA Ruling on Carcass Disposal



In 1997, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) adopted regulations designed to prevent the spread of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE – sometimes referred to as "mad cow disease") through animal feed. In 2008, the FDA adopted additional regulations designed to strengthen the 1997 requirements by prohibiting the tissue that has the highest risk for carrying the agent thought to cause BSE in animal feed. These high risk cattle materials are the brains and spinal cords from cattle 30 months of age or older. The end result is all cattle over 30 months of age are banned from being rendered unless the brain and spinal cord can be removed. This rule will be effective April 27, 2009.

This FDA ruling will have a major impact on some parts of the state as some rendering companies will no longer pick up cattle. Central Bi-Products, the Rendering Division of Farmers Union Industries, LLC located in Redwood Falls, has indicated it will continue dead animal removal service in the area it currently serves and will remove cattle that are over 30 months of age for an additional cost. Central Bi-Products has indicated that it anticipates the charge to remove and process the FDA prohibited animals will be \$35.00 per animal.

Although rendering services will still be available, for now you may want to consider composting as an alternative method of carcass disposal. Composting is an accepted and approved method of carcass disposal.

Additional information regarding proper composting methods can be found at the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) website at [www.mda.state.mn.us/news/publications/animals/compostguide.pdf](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/news/publications/animals/compostguide.pdf) or by contacting the Renville County Division of Environment and Community Development at (320) 523-3768.

### WEBSITE UPDATE:



The Renville County Water & HHW Management office has recently updated its website. Check out information relating to:

- Renville County Comprehensive Local Water Plan
- Map of Renville County's Major Watersheds
- AgBMP Low-Interest Loan Program
- Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Disposal Guide
- Burn Barrel and Backyard Garbage Burning
- Disposal of Unwanted Medications/Pharmaceuticals
- Disposal Options for Needles and Syringes
- And numerous helpful links!

[www.co.renville.mn.us](http://www.co.renville.mn.us)

Look for Water & HHW Management under County Departments.



## Do I Need to Register My Feedlot or Manure Storage Area?

Minnesota Rules Chapter 7020 requires most owners of livestock operations and manure storage areas to register with either the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) or delegated county. Since Renville County is a delegated county, any feedlot under 1,000 animal units would need to be registered with the Renville County Division of Environment and Community Development.

Owners of the following facilities are required to register with the MPCA or Renville County:

- A livestock operation capable of holding 50 or more animal units or a manure storage area capable of holding the manure produced by 50 or more animal units.
- A livestock operation capable of holding 10 or more animal units or a manure storage area capable of holding the manure produced by 10 or more animal units that is located within a shoreland.

A shoreland refers to land that is 1,000 feet or less from a lake or 300 feet or less from a river or stream.

It is important to note that feedlot size is based on capacity and not on the actual number of animals kept at the site. To determine the number of animals a feedlot is capable of holding, the owner needs to figure out the maximum number of animals that they intend to have at the facility at any one time. The following is an example of the typical number of animals it takes to exceed the 50 or 10 animal unit threshold:

- If your feedlot is located outside of shoreland and the number of animals that you intend to have on site exceeds one of the following, you must register: 40 dairy cows, 50 beef cows, 50 horses, 150 finishing pigs, 125 sows.
- If your feedlot is located within shoreland and the number of animals that you intend to have on site exceeds one of the following, you must register: 8 dairy cows, 10 beef cows, 10 horses, 30 finishing pigs, 25 sows.

A producer who intends to have fewer than the 50 or 10 animal unit threshold is not required to register.

Livestock operations that are primarily pasture operations also do not need to register. A pasture operation is where grass or other growing plants are used for grazing and where the concentration of animals is such that a vegetation cover is maintained during the growing season except the immediate vicinity of temporary supplemental feeding or watering devices.

If you are unsure if your feedlot is registered with the MPCA or Renville County or if you need to register your feedlot, please contact the Division of Environment and Community Development at (320) 523-3768.

## Mark Your Calendar: Countywide Clean-Up is June 9 – 11, 2009

Renville County will once again provide an opportunity for residents and businesses to easily and inexpensively dispose of problem materials including tires of all sizes, appliances, computer systems, televisions, electronics, fluorescent bulbs, ballasts, rechargeable batteries, and cell phones.

These items are considered to be problem materials because they cannot be legally buried, burned, or disposed of in the garbage or landfill. Improper storage or disposal of problem materials can be harmful to people and the environment.

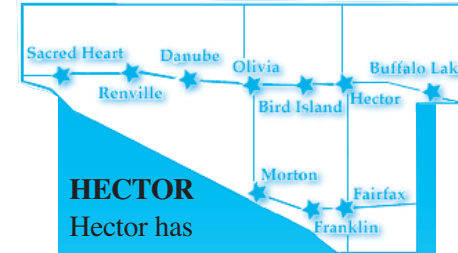
For the past five years, staff from Renville County Public Works, Landfill, and Water & HHW Management has assisted residents and businesses with annual clean-up activities and have recycled:

- 430.61 tons of tires (That's approximately 16,500 tires!)
- 2,356 appliances
- 1,098 televisions and electronics
- 2,491 computer systems
- 46,000 fluorescent light bulbs

For more information on problem materials or the Countywide Clean-Up, please contact the Renville County Landfill & HHW Facility at (320) 523 1144 or Renville County Water & HHW Management at (320) 523 3706.



## Around the county...



### HECTOR

Hector has completed their downtown renovation of sidewalks and street lighting. Come on over to see how Hector lights up their town. Hector Historical Center is now open. Call for appointment 320-848-2122. Hector Corn Chaff Days will be July 10-12.

### MORTON

The City of Morton is busy preparing for Spring Garden Party on April 18th. Interested vendors may contact City Hall. We are also planning a 125 year celebration for July 3-4-5. We welcome all vendors (at no fee) to join in the festivities. Contact City Hall. We welcome Northstar Plumbing & Heating to town. If you need their services call 507-697-6405.

### Current Personnel List:

Chris Hettig  
Linda Larsen  
Susan Lang  
Ron Louisiana

### Board:

Barbara Hoyhtya, District 1  
Clyde Bratlie, District 2  
Mark Glesener, Chair, District 3  
Mark Thiesse, District 4  
Gale Dahlager, District 5  
Carolyn Pitts, At-Large  
Blair Anderson, At-Large  
LaMont Jacobson, Ex Officio

## INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

The HRA/EDA is currently working out the details of a revolving loan fund designed to help local businesses. \$100,000 in HRA/EDA reserve funds has been earmarked as the initial capital for the fund. As currently envisioned, the fund would provide matching 0% interest loans of up to \$10,000 with repayment deferred for 2 years. Loans would be reviewed by a loan committee in order to assess the viability of the proposed project and the privacy of the borrower.



In addition to financial assistance, participating firms could take advantage of the services of EAN Facilitator Cecilia Alvarez. In addition to the creation of the business revolving loan fund, Executive Director Chris Hettig proposes a "buy local" campaign, using ads and stories in local media to inform Renville County residents of what is available in their own backyard. Questions or suggestions concerning these new projects can be directed to Chris Hettig at 320-523-3656.

## SIGNS WILL PROVIDE TOURIST INFORMATION IN COUNTY PARKS

In November, the HRA/EDA board approved funding for the production of signage for Lake Allie, Beaver Falls, Skalbekken and Vicksburg Parks. The signs will be erected by the Park Board and will provide space for information for park visitors as well as advertising space for local businesses. Ad space sales will be arranged by the Park Board. The promotion of the tourism in Renville County is an important part of the HRA/EDA's economic development

mission and the county's seven beautiful parks play an important part in drawing tourists as well as providing recreational opportunities for county residents. A new brochure is available providing information on the county's parks, including camping, fishing, shelter and trails. For information call the Division of Environment and Community Development at (320) 523-3768 or stop by their office or the HRA/EDA office for a copy of the brochure.



In an effort to promote locally grown produce, the Renville County HRA/EDA will be placing "Farmer's Markets - Fresh from the Farm" advertisements in the Renville County newspapers throughout the growing season. If you would like us to include your market free of charge, please call Susie at (320) 523-3656

## You don't have to break the bank to fix up your home

If you're a first-time home-buyer or a current homeowner in Renville County you may qualify for a 0% matching loan of up to \$5,000 to help you improve or purchase a home. Extremely low income households with children or a disabled family member may qualify for a deferred rehab loan of up to \$7,500. For more information call the Renville County HRA/EDA at 320-523-3656.



### Maximum Incomes

	Deferred Loans	No Interest Loans
1 person	\$11,900	\$39,400
2 people	\$13,600	\$45,000
3 people	\$15,300	\$50,600
4 people	\$17,000	\$56,200
5 people	\$18,700	\$61,800
6 people	\$20,400	\$67,400





### 2009 Community Events in Renville County

March 20-21	<b>Smelt Feed</b> , Danube
April 18	<b>Spring Garden Party</b> , Morton
June 25-28	<b>Wing Ding Days</b> , Bird Island
June 27	<b>Regatta Parade &amp; Birdstock</b> , Bird Island
June 26-27	<b>Fairfax Jaycee Summer Celebration</b> , Fairfax
July 3-5	<b>Independence Day &amp; 125 Year Celebration</b> , Morton
July 3-5	<b>Polka Fest Days</b> , Bird Island
July 8-12	<b>Danube Fun Days</b> , Danube
July 10-12	<b>Corn Chaff Days</b> , Hector
July 17-19	<b>Buffalo Lake Days</b> , Buffalo Lake
July 17-19	<b>Summerfest</b> , Sacred Heart
July 22-26	<b>Corn Capital Days</b> , Olivia
July 24-26	<b>Catfish Derby Days</b> , Franklin
August 19-21	<b>Renville County Fair</b> , Bird Island
August 23	<b>Czech Heritage Festival</b> , Bechnyn
September 12	<b>Scarecrow Festival</b> , Morton
November 14	<b>Holiday Happenings</b> , Hector
November 20-23	<b>Beneath the Village Wreath</b> , Morton
December 3-5	<b>Holiday Happenings</b> , Olivia
December 3	<b>Mistletoe Madness</b> , Morton
December 3	<b>Unforgettable Christmas</b> , Hector
December 4	<b>Old Fashion Christmas</b> , Bird Island



For more information regarding these events visit [www.renville.com](http://www.renville.com) or call the Renville County HRA/EDA Office at 320-523-3656.

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## RENVILLE COUNTY COUNTYWIDE CLEAN-UP

**Renville County Highway Shop, Sacred Heart**  
Tuesday, June 9, 2009 • Time: 1:00 - 6:00 pm

**Renville County Highway Shop, Buffalo Lake\***

\*Enter from Borden Avenue **ONLY**. No entrance from Hwy 212. Watch for signs.  
Wednesday, June 10, 2009 • Time: 1:00 - 6:00 pm

**Renville County Highway Shop, Fairfax**  
Thursday, June 11, 2009 • Time: 1:00 - 6:00 pm

**Renville County Landfill & HHW Facility**  
32877 County Road 4, Olivia

Tuesday, June 9, 2009 • Time: 8:00 am-6:00 pm  
Wednesday, June 10, 2009 • Time: 8:00 am-6:00 pm  
Thursday, June 11, 2009 • Time: 8:00 am-6:00 pm



### ~ ITEMS TO BE COLLECTED AND FEES ~ (Fees are Per Item)

	Resident	Business/ Non-Resident
<b>TIRES:</b>	Including tires with rims. Car \$1 Truck \$4 Tractor front \$4 Tractor rear \$10	Car \$3 Truck \$8 Tractor front \$8 Tractor rear \$20
<b>APPLIANCES:</b>	\$4 Including refrigerators, stoves, dishwashers, water heaters, washers, dryers, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, freezers, microwaves, etc.	\$6
<b>ELECTRONICS/COMPUTERS:</b>	\$4 Including televisions, printers, monitors, hard drives (CPUs), fax machines, VCRs, stereos, etc. Fees are per item.	\$6
<b>FLUORESCENT BULBS:</b>	Free Please box large quantities.	50¢ per bulb*
<b>BALLASTS:</b>	Free	\$4
<b>RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES:</b>	Free Including Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), Lithium Ion (Li-ion), and Small Sealed Lead (Pb).	Free
<b>CELL PHONES:</b>	Free	Free

\*Free bulb disposal for Renville County businesses.  
Please box large quantities. Call for more information.

### • WILL NOT • BE ACCEPTED AT THE COLLECTIONS

- **Automotive batteries. Alkaline batteries will also not be accepted.**  
(Alkaline batteries can be disposed of in the garbage.)
- **General household garbage such as bicycles, lawn chairs, grills, coffee pots, fixtures, furniture, etc.**
- **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) including paint, stains, pesticides, thermometers, cleaners, oil, oil filters, etc. These items can be brought to the Renville County Landfill & HHW Facility.**
- **Recycling items including newspapers, glass, cans, etc. These items can be brought to the Renville County Landfill & HHW Facility or to a community TCW drop site.**
- **Clothes in washers or dryers. Food in refrigerators or freezers.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE RENVILLE COUNTY LANDFILL & HHW FACILITY AT (320) 523-1144 OR RENVILLE COUNTY WATER & HHW MANAGEMENT AT (320) 523-3706.





### Fluorescent Light Bulbs: Disposal is . . . *FREE*

Using energy-efficient fluorescent light bulbs can save you money on your electrical bill while helping to protect the environment. Fluorescent bulbs of all shapes and sizes including compacts, tubes, and high-intensity discharge (HID) lamps contain mercury and must be recycled to avoid polluting the environment and posing a health risk.

Even though fluorescent bulbs contain mercury, they are considered safe to use. No mercury is released when the bulbs are in use. Fluorescent bulbs use less energy, reducing emissions at power plants that burn fossil fuels. This results in a net reduction in mercury pollution. A power plant emits about 10 mg of mercury to produce the electricity needed to run one incandescent bulb, compared to only 2.4 mg of mercury to run a compact fluorescent bulb for the same amount of time.

When it is time to dispose of your used fluorescent bulbs, several easy and convenient recycling options are available. Many retailers that sell fluorescent bulbs also collect bulbs for recycling. Contact your local retailer to find out if they

accept fluorescent bulbs for recycling. Check your electric utility's website. Many power companies offer incentives and collection locations. In addition, the Renville County Landfill and HHW Facility collects used fluorescent bulbs year-round from Renville County residents and businesses at **NO CHARGE**. The facility requests that large quantities of bulbs be boxed. For directions and hours of disposal, visit [www.co.renville.mn.us](http://www.co.renville.mn.us) or call (320) 523-1144.



Never throw fluorescent  
bulbs in the trash.  
It is illegal to do so.

For more information about the use of fluorescent bulbs or what to do if you should break a bulb, visit [www.pca.state.mn.us](http://www.pca.state.mn.us) and search "fluorescent bulbs."

#### How do I know if my bulbs need to be recycled?

Some compact fluorescent bulbs are beginning to look more like incandescent or "regular" light bulbs. Compact fluorescent bulb packaging will warn you that the bulb needs to be "properly disposed of." However, once the bulb has been installed and the packaging discarded, it may be difficult to distinguish the bulb from an incandescent one. Look at the base of the bulb for an "Hg" symbol. If you see this symbol, the bulb contains mercury and cannot be disposed of in the trash.

### FDA Ruling on Carcass Disposal



In 1997, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) adopted regulations designed to prevent the spread of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE – sometimes referred to as "mad cow disease") through animal feed. In 2008, the FDA adopted additional regulations designed to strengthen the 1997 requirements by prohibiting the tissue that has the highest risk for carrying the agent thought to cause BSE in animal feed. These high risk cattle materials are the brains and spinal cords from cattle 30 months of age or older. The end result is all cattle over 30 months of age are banned from being rendered unless the brain and spinal cord can be removed. This rule will be effective April 27, 2009.

This FDA ruling will have a major impact on some parts of the state as some rendering companies will no longer pick up cattle. Central Bi-Products, the Rendering Division of Farmers Union Industries, LLC located in Redwood Falls, has indicated it will continue dead animal removal service in the area it currently serves and will remove cattle that are over 30 months of age for an additional cost. Central Bi-Products has indicated that it anticipates the charge to remove and process the FDA-prohibited animals will be \$35.00 per animal.

Although rendering services will still be available, for now you may want to consider composting as an alternative method of carcass disposal. Composting is an accepted and approved method of carcass disposal.

Additional information regarding proper composting methods can be found at the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) website at [www.mda.state.mn.us/news/publications/animals/compostguide.pdf](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/news/publications/animals/compostguide.pdf) or by contacting the Renville County Division of Environment and Community Development at (320) 523-3768.

### WEBSITE UPDATE:



The Renville County Water & HHW Management office has recently updated its website. Check out information relating to:

- Renville County Comprehensive Local Water Plan
- Map of Renville County's Major Watersheds
- AgBMP Low-Interest Loan Program
- Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Disposal Guide
- Burn Barrel and Backyard Garbage Burning
- Disposal of Unwanted Medications/Pharmaceuticals
- Disposal Options for Needles and Syringes
- And numerous helpful links!

[www.co.renville.mn.us](http://www.co.renville.mn.us)

Look for Water & HHW Management under County Departments.