

Iowa Waste Reduction Center

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Many Iowa members have utilized the Iowa Waste Reduction Center (IWRC) located in Cedar Falls, Iowa, in the past. The IWRC was established under the Groundwater Protection Act of 1987 to provide assistance to Iowa small businesses with pollution prevention information and regulatory compliance solutions. The free, confidential and non-regulatory services provided by the IWRC enable Iowa small businesses to keep abreast of environmental requirements.

Many Iowa members have utilized their on-site review. Since its inception in 1988, they have conducted over 2,461 multi-media on-site reviews in all 99 Iowa counties. As a result, the IWRC has become a national leader in small business environmental assistance.

Besides the on-site reviews, they provide a few manuals that can be downloaded that may assist you. They are:

Vehicle Maintenance Manual - www.iwrc.org/pubs/vmm.pdf

The vehicle maintenance manual addresses similar environmental issues that also face equipment dealers such as used oil, parts washing fluid, used antifreeze, waste water & sludge, refrigerants, painting, used batteries, aerosol cans and waste fuels. The manual also includes a list of equipment vendors, recyclers and labs.

Pollution Prevention Implementation Plans for Vehicle Maintenance - www.iwrc.org/pubs/IPPIVehicle.pdf

Handbook of Environmental Regulations for Agribusiness - www.iwrc.org/download/AgHandbook.pdf

Adding a Filter to your Parts Washer-Handbook - www.iwrc.org/programs/PartsWashInstallSinglPg.pdf

The website for the Iowa Waste Reduction Center is www.iwrc.org. Members may also contact RCI (Regulatory Consultants, Inc), our endorsed provider for regulatory services. RCI not only addresses EPA issues, but OSHA and DOT issues as well. To reach their Iowa representative, contact the Association office.