

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle at New Era Recycling in Cisne

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If you look closely in your garage, barn, storage shed, or along your fence row, you might find cash just sitting there waiting for you to notice and pick up. Scrap metal prices are as high as we have seen in recent years and that means you can put dollars in your pocket for many items that are often considered as junk.

New Era Recycling in Cisne is a new player in the scrap metal business and they have been swamped since opening their doors just two months ago. With gasoline at record high prices, people are looking to turn unwanted items into cash and New Era Recycling is buying scrap metal of all kinds including automobiles, farm implements, aluminum, copper, tin cans, sheet metal, brass, and stainless steel. They also recycle car batteries. The new business is owned and operated by Todd Barnard and Joe Tannahill.



"The demand has been tremendous," said Barnard. "We have been pleasantly surprised at the response. People have been bringing in a lot of different items and turning them into cash. Owners of old farm items are getting more here by recycling them than they can get at area farm auctions."

By locating in Cisne, New Era Recycling has been convenient for many area residents who used to have to drive a lot farther distance to turn in scrap metal items. The business takes pride in providing prompt, courteous service and a safe environment to do business. "We are just trying to fill a void with our 10 acre site," said Barnard. "We hope to eventually expand the business into the collecting and recycling of plastics, glass, paper, and hazardous materials, but for now we are as busy as we can be with metal."

New Era Recycling features a state-of-the-art 60 foot long Fairbanks digital scale to make the process easy for patrons. They have four full-time and three part-time employees. When asked about the most unusual items that have been brought in, Barnard was quick to respond with a smile across his face. "We've had aluminum brought in here by horse & buggy," said Barnard. "We've also had people actually drive in here aboard working combines and a bulldozer. Cars and trucks have also been very popular as well as old washing machines and dryers."

Barnard emphasized the fact that owners must have a clear title to any vehicle brought in to dispose of and he also pointed out that New Era Recycling can also come to your location to pick-up a vehicle or farm equipment if an owner doesn't have any means to transport it to their recycling yard. "Some fees may apply depending upon distance and volume, but we are happy to help out by picking items up from customers if needed," said Barnard.



The facility offers convenient hours six days a week. "We are open Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm and on Saturday from 8am 12 Noon," said Tannahill. "If you have questions, give us a call at (618) 673-2008." Another unique feature of the business is an old bank teller window that is being refurbished and put into use. It was originally used at the Cisne State Bank. More information and photos can be found on their website at www.NewEraRecycling.com