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(July 6, 2010)-Engebretson Sanitary Disposal and the University of Minnesota, Morris Minnesota GreenCorps are coordinating drop-off points for recyclables at East Side Park, the Morris Area Elementary School, and along the Grand Parade route.

Every summer Prairie Pioneer Days provides a local venue for crafts, games, music, and great food. But the lineup for this year will also include something new—recycling. A number of recycling drop-off points for common materials such as plastic, aluminum and compact fluorescent light bulbs will be available during the event, which runs July 9–11. Drop-off points will be free and open to all who wish to participate. Locations and materials being recycled include:

#10146 tin, aluminum, glass, newsprint and plastic bottles at the blue trailer parked at the Morris Area Elementary School

#10146 plastic bottles and aluminum at the labeled barrels in East Side Park

#10146 mobile recycling bins along the Grand Parade route on Sunday, July 11 and

#10146 compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) at the GreenCorps booth at East Side Park on Saturday, July 10. Bulbs must be unbroken and sealed into a plastic bag.

Engebretson Sanitary Disposal and Recycling has teamed up with the Morris campus Minnesota GreenCorps program to provide recycling for the event. The Minnesota GreenCorps is a pilot AmeriCorps program that works with local communities to protect and preserve the state's environment. The program was developed by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, ServeMinnesota, and the University of Minnesota, Morris. The recycling initiative is part of the overarching GreenCorps mission to conserve resources, and aligns with Engebretson's commitment to responsibly manage waste by diverting usable material away from landfills.

Community members who would like more information about recycling at the event can contact Engebretson Sanitary Disposal and Recycling 320-589-3804, or the Morris GreenCorps office at the Center for Small Towns 320-589-6468. Information on other environmental topics such as energy conservation and backyard composting will be available at the GreenCorps booth in East Side Park on July 10.

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