



“The coming of the New Year brings new projects for the Tribe’s Solid Waste Program,” says Laura J. Weber, Solid Waste Program Manager for the Tribe.

One project will examine the solid waste management practices that are currently being used in the community. The program intends to hire a summer intern. The intern will visit with community members to collect information regarding their solid waste management disposal practices. The collected information will be used to make modifications to the program in order to

better serve the community.

The program will also be holding a household hazardous waste collection day during the summer of 2008. The Tribe held one several years ago and it was a huge success in the community. The previous event was held at the recycling depot. This time around, though, it will be held at the Tribe’s transfer station.

Community members have also inquired about an electronics recycling program. These requests in addition to the toxicity and carcinogenicity of compounds in electronics, has prompted Weber to investigate the feasibility of adding electronics recycling to the Tribe’s program. She said “It is likely that electronic wastes will eventually be classified as a hazardous waste since crushed electronic wastes fail EPA’s TCLP test, which is a test to determine if a waste is hazardous or not.” Many electronics contain compounds that are toxic and are not biodegradable. When used electronics are disposed in landfills or incinerators, these toxic compounds are released to the environment that causes pollution. To learn more about electronic wastes, visit http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electronic_waste.

Weber also shared that a marketing and advertising class at SUNY Potsdam will be working with them in developing advertisements to promote their services.