

# PUBLIC HEALTH CONNECTION



National Public Health Week: It Starts Here  
APRIL 7-13, 2025

## National Public Health Week

### National Public Health Week (NPHW) Celebrates 30 Years

Each April, the American Public Health Association (APHA) spends a week honoring the essential work that public health professionals do to improve the health and well-being of people and communities. This year's theme is, "It Starts Here." As noted recently in *The Nation's Health*, the online publication from the APHA, "Clean air, clean water, safe food, safe streets, health equity for all—it all starts with public health." In addition to the overall theme, several key priority areas have been identified, including:

- Climate Action Starts Here: Championing Resilience for Health
- Health Equity Starts Here: Optimizing Health for All
- Advocacy Starts Here: Amplifying Voices for Public Health
- The Future of Public Health Starts Here: Strengthening the Public Health Workforce

To help ensure that everyone has the opportunity to thrive, public health work must take place at the individual, community/neighborhood, city/state, and national levels. Our work at SCHD reflects this commitment to a multi-faceted approach. On any given work day, there are staff providing immunizations and sexual health screenings; helping families apply for emergency health insurance and connecting clients to oral health care providers; attending community meetings and events; completing restaurant inspections; promoting tobacco and nicotine-free housing policies; and much more. Visit <https://nphw.org/> to learn about how you can join the NPHW celebration and <https://www.scottcountyiowa.gov/health> to discover all of the different public health programs and services that we offer to the people of Scott County.



### OUR MISSION:

The Scott County Health Department promotes, protects, and preserves health through leadership, services, education, and partnerships.

### OUR VISION:

Scott County —  
A safe and healthy  
community.



## SPECIAL EVENTS

- *Scott County Board of Health Meeting, Scott County Administrative Center, 1st Floor Boardroom, 12:00 PM, Thursday, April 17, 2025.*

## Links

- **National Public Health Week:**  
<https://nphw.org/>
- **Waste Commission of Scott County:**  
<https://www.wastecom.com/>



## Partner Spotlight:

# Waste Commission of Scott County

The Waste Commission of Scott County started in 1972 and works closely with the Scott County Health Department. The Waste Commission operates facilities such as the Scott Area Landfill, the Scott Area Recycling Center, the Household Hazardous Material Facility, and the Electronics Recovery Center. The landfill, located in Buffalo, just added a new cell to their landfill as they are close to reaching capacity in their current cell. The Electronics Recovery Center is the first of its kind in Iowa. They will take old televisions, computers, monitors, cell phones, among other electronics. One new program the Waste Commission began in 2024 is a drop-off box for recycling household batteries such as those from power tools, electronics, or musical greeting cards. This drop box is located at the Scott Area Recycling Center which is located at 5640 Carey Avenue in Davenport. Check out the Waste Commission's website at <https://www.wastecom.com/> for more information, including details about every item that is recyclable.



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