

WasteWise News

A guide to reducing and preventing waste in Lane County

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You are receiving this newsletter because you live or work within the urban growth boundary and outside city limits. Oregon Law requires cities and counties to provide education and outreach about recycling and waste prevention in communities over a certain size. Lane County is providing this information twice a year in partnership with local garbage companies to improve recycling and waste prevention education in our communities. For more information, visit www.lane-county.org/recycle.

Recycling Confusion?
if in doubt, **find out**
... or leave it out!

Ask the Garbage Guru
www.lanecounty.org/garbageguru



Healthy Environment = Healthy People

When your effort to recycle provides the raw materials for manufacturing, it greatly reduces the energy needed and pollution caused in manufacturing new products. Recycling conserves natural resources for future generations, improves air and water quality and greatly reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

Leaves, Grass & Branches—Oh My!

Nature won't let a good thing go to waste. Make **Compost** happen!

If your curbside service does not include yard debris, deliver materials to one of these convenient locations.

- Cottage Grove Transfer Station (541) 895-3274
- Florence Transfer Station (541) 997-6243
- Glenwood Transfer Station (541) 682-4120
- Lane Forest Products (541) 345-9085
- Rexius (541) 342-1835



Or contact the nearest city to see if they have a collection event.

Better yet learn to compost from OSU Extension Service specialists.

Free classes are from 10am-Noon. No need to register. Questions call Extension Office (541) 344-5859.

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| March 23, | Santa Clara Community Gardens |
| April 6 | GrassRoots Garden |
| April 20 | BRING Recycling |
| May 4 | OSU Extension Service |
| May 11 | Santa Clara Community Garden |
| May 18 | River House Compost Education Site |
| June 8 | GrassRoots Gardens |
| September 14 | River House Compost Education Site |

Is it recyclable? Ask the Garbage Guru www.lanecounty.org/garbage-guru

Curbside Garbage & Recycling Services

Here are the garbage and recycling curbside service providers. To start, or inquire about existing service and schedules, contact the service providers directly.

Central Coast Disposal	(541) 902-7554
Coburg Sanitary Service, Inc	(541) 683-5929
Cottage Grove Garbage Inc	(541) 942-8321
Countryside Disposal & Recycling	(541) 687-1259
County Transfer & Recycling	(541) 997-8233
Ecosystems Transfer & Recycling	(541) 935-2655
Lane Apex Disposal Service	(541) 607-2042
McKenzie Disposal Service	(541) 988-3016
Oakridge Sani-Haul	(541) 782-3411
Republic Services	(541) 928-2551
Royal Refuse	(541) 688-5622
Sanipac, Inc	(541) 736-3600



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Business



Lane County in partnership with BRING Recycling, offers free technical assistance, advice and resources to help businesses reduce waste and save money. Expert advisors conduct an on-site assessment and provide customized reports detailing opportunities to conserve resources and save money. For more information on how your business can achieve rethink certification, visit www.bringrecycling.org or call (541) 746-3023.

Free Recycling Boxes for Businesses

Order free recycling boxes for every area of your office and make recycling easy for all employees. Paper, notebooks, envelopes, file folders – even bottles and cans can go in “the box.” A smaller “deskside” box (12” x 9” x 12”) fits under your desk and a larger “central collection container” (26” x 12” x 18”) is perfect for copier and break rooms. To order boxes today, contact rethink@bringrecycling.org.



Wasted Food, Wasted Money—Resources to Prevent Food Waste

Each year, an estimated 30-40 percent of all food produced for consumption in the U.S. is wasted – for the food service industry that adds up to as much as \$57 billion lost. Studies have shown that simple but effective steps can lead to success in reducing wasted food—and money. Visit the links below for resource guides provided by Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ):

Commercial Food Service Resource Guide www.oregon.gov/deq/FilterDocs/wpcfoccomguide.pdf

Restaurant Resource Guide www.oregon.gov/deq/FilterDocs/wpcfocrestguide.pdf

Grocery Store Resource Guide www.oregon.gov/deq/FilterDocs/wpcfocgroceryguide.pdf

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Improving Multifamily Recycling



State law (ORS 90.318) requires landlords of apartments, condominiums and other multifamily communities (with 5 or more units) to provide recycling service along with garbage in the following cities and urban growth boundary areas: Creswell, Eugene, Florence and Springfield.

Clear instructions and signage are often the most effective tools to keep recycling clean and sorted correctly. Lane County offers signs, decals and resources. For more information and to order signs and decals visit www.lanecounty.org/multifamilyrecycling.

Don't Toss It . . . Repair It!

Choosing to repair and reuse, builds a healthier local economy and environment. Choosing to repair slightly broken or damaged items is just one way to decrease



the amount of trash that ends up in our landfills. For an online directory of where to find repair businesses, visit www.repair2reuse.org.

Lane County Communities Recycled 516 Million Pounds Last Year!

These materials will be used in manufacturing instead of mining or using new raw materials, reducing energy use and pollution at a rate equivalent to taking 139,995 cars off the road for a whole year —eliminating the use of 74 million gallons of gasoline. **Thank you!** [*Equivalency data provided by EPA WARM Model]

Reader Incentive

If you've read this newsletter, we'd like to thank you. Enter to win a discount on your next visit to the transfer station by sending us your favorite Reduce, Reuse or Recycle tip, in an email to: wastewiseneeds@co.lane.or.us. Winners will be announced in the next newsletter.

Top 4 Recycling Blunders

1

Cups & to-go food boxes

Coffee, soft drink cups, ALL cups, to-go boxes & more.

Paper intended to hold liquid or food contains either a chemical additive or plastic layer—both not recyclable. Plastics can't be properly sorted by sorting equipment & must be put in the trash.



2

Clear containers for deli, produce, bakery and other products

Often made of 2 laminated plastics, they are not recyclable.

Put them in the trash if you cannot find ways to reuse them at home.



3

Frozen food boxes

Frozen pizza boxes, microwave dinners, ice cream cartons & more.

This cardboard is infused with a plastic that can't be removed during the recycling process. Put them in the trash.



4

All plastic bags & other types of film

Plastic grocery, bread, dry-cleaning bags & more.

Stretchy plastics get tangled in the machines at recycling facilities causing problems. Return them to participating retailers (Safeway, Albertsons, etc.) or put them in the trash.

