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A guide to reducing and preventing waste in Lane County

Rural Edition



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Lane County Continues to Lead the State in Recycling Efforts

In the latest Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) report, Lane County recycled and composted 52.8 percent of its trash, the highest recovery rate in the state. The recovery rate is a measure of how much of what people throw away goes to recycling, composting and energy recovery facilities instead of being sent to the landfill. Lane County's goal is to reach 63 percent recovery by 2025.

DEQ calculated that Lane County generated an average of 3,131 pounds of waste per person, per year. That's 1,477 lbs. per person, per year being sent to the landfill and 1,654 lbs. being sent to recycling, composting or energy recovery facilities—a 13% increase since 2012. This is likely due to economic growth—particularly in construction and people having more disposable income.

Let's all continue to move beyond the recycle and trash bin and take small steps to reduce waste. Reducing or eliminating waste means fewer resources (i.e., energy, water) are used to make new products that ultimately get thrown away or recycled.

Keep it up Lane County!

4 Things You Want to Recycle—But PLEASE DON'T

Cups & to-go containers

Coffee, soft drink cups, to-go containers.

Paper intended to hold liquid or food contains either a chemical additive or plastic layer—neither recyclable. Plastics can't be properly sorted by equipment & must be put in the trash.



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.



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.



Styrofoam

Styrofoam blocks, packing peanuts, meat trays, to-go containers & more.

These items can't be sorted by recycling equipment. Block Styrofoam can be recycled at St. Vincent de Paul.

Mailing centers accept packing peanuts or call the Peanut Hotline (800) 828-2214, or put them in the trash.



Use Compost to Make Great Gardens!

Free Compost Workshops are happening this Spring

For more information, visit www.lanecounty.org/compost or call Lane County OSU Extension Service (541)344-0265.

Workshops are on Saturdays from 10am - noon

- March 16 River House Compost
- March 23 Santa Clara Garden
- April 6 GrassRoots Garden
- April 20 BRNG Recycling
- May 4 OSU Extension Service
- May 11 Santa Clara Garden
- May 18 River House
- June 8 GrassRoots Garden



There are many low or no cost options for building compost enclosures, but here are a few purchase options:



Earth Machine — Available at BRING (4446 Franklin Blvd., Eugene, 97403) for \$85.

Worm Bin — Visit www.lanecounty.org/compost for ordering details - \$42 (plus shipping).



Transfer Station Hours April 1 - September 30

Cottage Grove	Wed - Sat	8am - 6pm
Creswell	Wed - Sat	8am - 6pm
Florence	Mon - Sat	8am - 6pm
Glenwood	Mon - Sat Sun	8am - 6pm 8am - 5pm
London	Saturday	9am - 5pm
Low Pass	Fri & Sat	9am - 5pm
Marcola	Wed - Sat	8am - 6pm
McKenzie Bridge	Saturday	9am - 5pm
Oakridge	Wed - Sat	8am - 6pm
Rattlesnake	Wed - Sat	8am - 6pm
Sharps Creek	Saturday	9am - 5pm
Swisshome	Saturday	9am - 5pm
Veneta	Mon - Sat	8am - 6pm
Vida-Leaburg	Wed - Sat	8am - 6pm
Walton	Saturday	9am - 5pm

Garbage Fees

(fees subject to change)

Garbage Fees fund all programs offered by LCWMD.

Glenwood \$82.08 per ton
Minimum fee \$12.

Discounts
Senior discount per load (60+ years) - \$1.00 off.

Recycling discount per load (10 pounds min.) - \$1.00 off.

Reduce Costs

Load your vehicle with garbage first and recycling last so you can easily drop off recyclables and get the \$1.00 recycling discount.

Cover Your Load

It's against the law to litter or Oregon roadways.

Material Preparation for Recovered Items WITH A FEE

Materials	Accepted	Preparation	Fee (subject to change)
Appliances —NOT accepted at Sharps Creek—	Refrigerators, air conditioners, freezers & heat pumps. All units that contain Freon. No commercial units.	Remove any food. Do not cut cords or drain Freon.	\$15.25 each.
Concrete	Glenwood only.	Grocery cart-sized chunks or smaller are recommended.	\$82.08 per ton. (\$12.00 minimum charge.)
Propane tanks —Not accepted at Sharps Creek—	Propane & disposable helium only. (No other compressed gas cylinder).	Maximum size 10 gal. One-pound (screw-in camping size) cylinders free.	Up to 10 gal: \$4.50. Camping size gal. — free.
Tires —NOT accepted at Sharps Creek—	Passenger tires only. Maximum 24" diameter (All tires measured at rim).	No commercial quantities (above 10) and no commercial-purpose tires.	Up to 17" tire: \$3, with rim: \$4; 17"-24" tire: \$10, with rim: \$20.25
Wood Waste / Yard Debris Glenwood & Florence Scales	Lumber, pallets & most wood products. Painted ok. Grass, brush, leaves, garden debris & limbs up to 12" diam.	Unload loose (not in garbage or plastic bags). No railroad ties, or hardware larger than your thumb. No foam core, Formica™ or plastic. These are garbage.	\$72.97 per ton. (\$8.00 minimum charge.)
Cottage Grove & Florence residents			Up to 1 cy: \$8.00 Over 1 cy to 3 cy: \$15.50 Over 3 cy: \$8 per additional cubic yard.

Gardening without Chemicals



Garden chemicals can be harmful to humans, pets, wildlife (pollinators) and waterways. The good news is that there are easy ways to care for your lawn and garden that avoid using pesticides and herbicides.

Mulch-mow (aka grasscycle) to save time and money. Clippings act as free fertilizer. Leave the clippings or rake them in.

Mow regularly, when the grass is dry. Trim only about 1/3 off the top. Aim for 3 inches in height to shade out weeds and encourages deeper roots.

Clean up garden debris in fall/winter. Many pests lay eggs in the leaf litter to hatch the following year.

Neem oil, diatomaceous earth, and insecticidal soap work just as well as pesticides without risking chemical harm to children, pets, pollinators and waterways.

Make your own pest sprays using common household ingredients such as garlic, cayenne, dish soap and Epsom salts. You'll find easy recipes online. www.gardenbetty.com/make-your-own-insecticidal-soap-for-natural-pest-control/

Household Hazardous Waste Roundup



LOWELL
Sat., March 9,
9 am - 2 pm
Lowell Fire Station
289 North Pioneer St

FLORENCE
Friday, April 12, 12 pm – 5 pm
Saturday, April 13, 9 am – 2 pm
2820 N. Rhododendron Dr

WHAT TO BRING:

Cleaners, paints, solvents, lawn and garden chemicals, car care, arts and crafts products. Limit to 35 gallons from each household. Keep products in original labeled container or label known items.

DON'T BRING:

Asbestos, drums, electronics, explosives, infectious waste, pressurized cylinders, radioactive waste.

Hazardous waste from businesses?

Services are available by appointment for a minimal fee for Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators (CEG), businesses that generate less than 220 pounds of hazardous waste per month. For more information, visit www.lanecounty.org/hazwaste or call (541) 682-4120.

Year Round - Hazardous Waste Disposal
Household hazardous wastes are collected weekly at the Glenwood facility. For more information, visit www.lanecounty.org/hazwaste or call (541) 682-4120.

Ditch the Disposables!

Ditching Disposables is one small step--with a big impact--toward conserving resources, protecting the environment and living well without waste.



- Swap paper towels for rags and dish towels.
- Avoid disposable wet wipe products; opt instead for a towel and water.



Our every day actions **make a world of difference**



St. Vincent de Paul's Annual Metamorphose Earth Day Celebration

When: April 20 — doors open at 11 a.m. Fashion Challenge runway show begins at 5 p.m.

Where: Lane Events Center Performance Hall

Cost: Suggested donation at the door. \$2 - \$5 per person / \$10 - \$15 per family

Celebrate Earth Day with your entire family at Metamorphose. Peruse booths of eco-friendly products and businesses, engage in fun and educational activities for all ages. Vote on your favorite designs in **MECCA's** Object Afterlife upcycled art challenge and **BRING's** Product Design Challenge, and check out what community designers can do with scraps during **St. Vinnie's** Fashion Challenge runway show. Innovation, inspiration, education, and most importantly – FUN!