

Waste Matters 2016

Earth Day Fair

Saturday, April 23
10 a.m. — 4 p.m.
Oregon Garden
Silverton



We are Social!

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Free Admission
\$5 On-site Parking

Free Parking & Shuttle
From Robert Frost Elementary and the gravel lot north of Roth's in Silverton

Live music, exhibits, crafts, garden tours, face painting, local food, presentations, demonstrations, and more!

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6 REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE PROGRAMS TO KNOW & LOVE

Recycle Guide



Find hundreds of places to reuse and recycle with the touch of a finger! The online, mobile-friendly Recycling Guide makes it easy to clean out your garage, cupboard, or basement. It will even help you figure out which places are the best to take it!

Get recycling and reusing now! Simply visit the Recycling Guide at:

mcRecycleGuide.net

Master Recycler



Join a network of over 600 Marion County Master Recyclers by taking the Master Recycler program in September.

Learn about:

- What happens to your garbage
- What can and can't be recycled
- Waste reduction at work and home
- Green communities
- Composting and vermicomposting
- Household hazardous waste reduction and alternatives
- Education and outreach techniques

Includes two Saturday field trips to 10 different facilities in Marion County! After completing the class, you will complete 30 hours of volunteer payback by teaching others what you've learned, establishing recycling programs at work, volunteering at community events, or another project of your choice.

To learn more or sign up for future notifications visit:

MasterRecycler.net

School Compost



Marion County implements a food composting program in 43 elementary schools, 7 middle schools, and 1 high school. It has been rewarding to see students expect their middle school to compost after learning of the importance of composting in elementary school, and we hope these experiences and behavior changes continue when students are at home as well. In the 2014-2015 school year, the Salem-Keizer School District was able to divert 536 tons of food waste from school cafeterias.

Going forward, we hope to have all middle schools participate by the end of the 2016-2017 school year. Find out more about school composting by visiting:

mcRecycles.net

Repair Fair & Share



Repair Fair & Share brings together volunteers throughout the community for semi-annual repair events. Embracing "repair rather than replace," our goal is to provide community connections that not only provide repair service, but teach troubleshooting and the repair process. We hope to inspire and enable people to continue repairing and sharing in their community. The community benefits by making connections, learning skills, reducing waste, and saving money.

Want to teach a skill, repair things, or do you have something in need of repair? Sign up to learn more, and get notified of the next event. You can find more information on the Repair Fair & Share Facebook page, or sign up online at:

RepairFair.net

Save the Food



Save the Food is a food waste prevention campaign that addresses a problem with profound environmental and financial impacts. In Marion County 20% of the garbage is food waste. We encourage you to help Save the Food by implementing simple food waste prevention strategies like:

- Plan ahead
- Shop smart
- Prep early
- Store food properly
- Eat what you buy

Join the network of more than 300 people who have already signed the Save the Food pledge. Be a food hero and take the pledge today!

SavetheFood.net

EarthWISE



The EarthWISE program helps businesses in Marion County save money and natural resources by reducing waste, recycling more, and conserving energy and water. The EarthWISE program is FREE to all businesses in Marion County. EarthWISE program staff are available for anything from a quick question to a full-service environmental assessment of your business.

Start saving money and resources! Call our EarthWISE certification specialist or visit our website today.

mcEarthWISE.net



Waste Stream

Your road map for many hard to dispose of items.

WHERE DO I TAKE IT?

WHAT DOES IT TURN INTO?



Cooking Oil



Paint



Household Batteries



Plastic Bags



Electronics



Fluorescent Light Bulbs and Tubes

limit 10/customer



Chemicals, Solvents, Fuels



Styrofoam Block (clean, dry & snaps when bent)



Yard Debris/Fruit & Vegetable Scraps

Do you live in Aumsville, Gervais, Scotts Mills, Sublimity, Saint Paul, Donald, or Brooks?

No

Yes



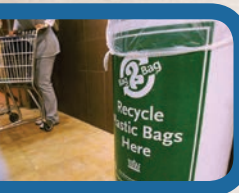
Curbside Special Recycling*
Place items inside this special basket. Motor oil, 2 gallons of oil & latex paint, household batteries in self-sealing plastic bag, antifreeze, cooking oil, and glass bottles/jars. *When available in your area.



North Marion Recycling & Transfer Station
17827 Whitney Lane NE
Woodburn OR 97071
503.588.5169
Mon. - Sat., 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (except for major holidays)



Salem-Keizer Recycling & Transfer Station
3250 Deer Park Dr. SE
Salem OR 97317
503.588.5169
7days/week, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (except for major holidays)



Local Grocery Store
Search for a drop-off location closest to you: plasticfilmrecycling.org



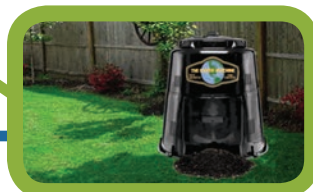
Household Hazardous Waste Facility
3250 Deer Park Dr. SE
Salem OR 97317
1.503.742.7109
Thurs. and 1st and 3rd Sat. of the month
8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.



Fresh Start Market and Espresso
3020 Center St. NE
Salem, OR 97301
503.585.4956
Mon. - Fri., 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Curbside Yard Debris
Simply walk yard debris and fruit & vegetable scraps to the curb, and add them to your yard debris bin.



Fruit and veggie scraps and yard debris can be added to your **backyard composter**. As a last choice, they should be thrown in the trash.

Do you live in Aurora, Brooks, Gervais, Hubbard, Jefferson, Keizer, Mt. Angel, Salem, Silverton, Stayton, Sublimity, Turner, or Woodburn?

Yes

No

Used cooking oil gets turned into clean-burning biodiesel fuel that is produced and consumed right here in the Northwest!

Latex paint is blended together to make recycled paint in Marion County. The recycled paint is offered for free at the two recycling and transfer stations. **Oil based paint** is collected and then processed through the Energy From Waste Facility in Brooks where it is used as a fuel to generate electricity.

Household batteries are broken down and put back into the marketplace for reuse in new products and are 100% recycled.

Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes are broken down. Mercury gets recovered and turned into new fluorescent lamps, electronics manufacturing, or medical equipment, and the glass is reused.

Electronics get sorted and sent to a regional recycler.

Plastic bags can be made into plastic lumber which is used to make park benches, backyard decks, and even playground equipment. They also can be recycled into new plastic bags and then recycled again.

Yard debris is sent to make compost in Adair Village. Supporting the production of compost strengthens local business, helps the environment, and leads the community toward a more sustainable future.

Home Grown Compost and Composters

Marion County creates and sells Brown's Island Blend compost to the public at Fresh Start Market. Composters are also sold at cost. For more information, call the market at 503.585.4956 for details.



Pro Tip!

Do you have other items that you don't know how to dispose of? Find out where to take other unusual items by using our mobile-friendly recycle guide.

mcRecycleGuide.net



Energy From Waste

75% of Marion County's garbage is processed at the Energy From Waste Facility in Brooks, which creates enough electricity to power 7,200 homes.

Wishful Recycling

Marion County continues to lead the way in recovery and recycling, however there are still items we wish we could recycle but can't. We call this **wishful recycling**. Because recycling relies on markets willing to buy used items, it's not possible to recycle everything. When non-recyclables are added to the mixed recycling bins, it causes contamination that can lead to machinery failure. So let's keep our recycling stream as clean as possible. In Marion County, residential trash is sent to the Energy From Waste Facility in Brooks where we create electricity. So remember, when you encounter wishful recycling, **when in doubt, toss it out!**

Wishful recycling includes these non-recyclable items:



mid-valley green awards

On March 5, 2016 sustainable people, businesses, organizations, and supporters filled the Historic Elsinore Theatre for the Mid-Valley Green Awards. Straub Environmental Learning Center and Marion County Public Works Environmental Services have spotlighted sustainability throughout the community for the past seven years at this annual event. This year there were over 27 nominations highlighted along with comedy and musical entertainment interspersed throughout the evening. Please join us in congratulating the winners.

- **Bobbie Snead** Lifetime Achievement Award
- **Judy Skinner** Recycler of the Year
- **Assistance League of Salem-Keizer** Business Recycler of the Year
- **Modern Building Systems** Green Product of the Year
- **Northwest Hub** Service of the Year
- **Rich Swartzentruber** Green Apple Educator of the Year
- **Friends of Family Farmers** Sustainable Small Business of the Year
- **Oregon Department of Corrections** Sustainable Large Business of the Year
- **Bethel Heights Winery** Sustainable Wine Producer of the Year
- **Marion-Polk Food Share** EarthWISE Business of the Year

Photography by Royce Young



Bobbie Snead



Judy Skinner



Marion-Polk Food Share



Oregon Department of Corrections



Northwest Hub



Modern Building Systems



Rich Swartzentruber



Friends of Family Farmers



Assistance League of Salem-Keizer

Spread the Word... Businesses Can Start Composting!



Businesses in Salem and Keizer have the option to compost food scraps. This is great news for food-generating businesses looking to reduce disposal costs.

What can businesses compost?

All food including fruit, vegetables, meat, dairy, bakery items, coffee grounds, cheese, shellfish, and more. Some paper products, such as napkins can also be included.

Get started with a few easy steps

- Contact your hauler to discuss service options or call Mid-Valley Garbage & Recycling Association at 503.390.4000.
- Request FREE assistance and resources. Marion County staff can assist with composting and recycling program set up, staff training, and ongoing progress assessments. Visit mcrecycles.net or call 503.566.4159.
- Get your employees involved. Trained and motivated employees ensure the success of the program.

Art Calendar Contest

In 2015, we received over 300 contest entries from schools within Marion County. Thirteen entries were selected to grace the interior pages of the calendar. The grand prize award was presented to Allium Letey-Moore, a tenth-grader from Sprague High School. His artwork is featured on the front cover of the 2016 calendar. In 2015, we also decided to recognize the educator whose student was chosen as the grand prize winner. Connie Toland, the art teacher at Sprague High School was honored. Because of teachers like Connie, who take time out of their busy classroom schedules to allow students to work on their drawings, the Recycled Art Calendar Contest was a big success.

The 2016 Student Recycle Art Calendar is available on our website: mcrecycles.net. For more information on next year's contest, please call 503.566.4159.





Save our Streams!

The disposal of household hazardous waste into storm drains, either directly or indirectly as runoff, can have a significant impact on our waterways by depleting the oxygen within the water or by creating toxic levels of chemicals poisonous to aquatic life. Protect your local stream by disposing of household products at the HHW Facility.

Household Hazardous Waste Facility (HHW)

3250 Deer Park Dr. SE, Salem OR 97317
1.503.742.7109
Thurs. and 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.



Share the Love!

Drop by the Public Works Department to get your free 3R bumper sticker today!

Donate Your Bottles and Cans

Donate your plastic bottles and cans to the Oregon Green Schools Association! The Oregon Green Schools Association helps schools throughout Oregon save watts, water, and reduce waste. Currently 24 schools in Marion County participate in this free program. To donate, simply drop off your redeemable plastic bottles or aluminum cans at the Salem-Keizer Recycling and Transfer Station or Republic Services Recycling Depot in Woodburn. To learn more about Oregon Green Schools or to find out how to become an Oregon Green School, visit: OregonGreenSchools.org.



¿Hablas Español?

¿Sabías que el Departamento de Servicios Ambientales del Condado de Marion tiene una página de internet en español? ¡Ahora tú puedes aprender más sobre los programas de reducción de basura, reciclaje y compostaje que ofrece el Condado de Marion! Esta página en español te ayudará a encontrar respuestas a preguntas comunes, tales como:

- ¿Qué tipo de materiales puedo reciclar en casa?
- ¿Cómo debo separar los materiales reciclables si vivo en un apartamento?
- ¿Cómo puedo deshacerme de los productos químicos tóxicos del hogar de forma segura?
- ¿Cómo puede mi negocio obtener la certificación EarthWISE?

Toda esta información está a tu alcance con sólo visitar mrecicla.net. Allí aprenderás acerca de las estaciones de reciclaje y transferencia, los residuos peligrosos del hogar, y el programa de compostaje para las empresas. ¡No esperes más! Visita:

mrecicla.net

Recycling 101 | Professional and Continuing Education

- How do curbside recyclables become new products?
- How do your choices affect the environment?
- How can you conserve resources at home and at work?



Take action today!
pace.oregonstate.edu/recycling

