

# WASTE ♻️ MATTERS

SPRING 2015

## EARTH DAY FAIR

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18**  
**10 A.M. — 4 P.M.**  
**AT THE OREGON GARDEN**

**FREE ADMISSION**  
**\$5 ON-SITE PARKING**

*Free Parking & Shuttle from Robert Frost Elementary and the gravel lot north of Roth's*

### Featuring:

Bush Elementary Marimba Band  
 Early College High School Emaa Da Band  
 Woodburn High School Mariachi Band  
 Great Food

### Activities:

Tours of the Oregon Garden  
 Face Painting  
 Make your own reusable bag

### Presentations:

Little Ridge Wildlife Center: live birds  
 Backyard Composting  
 The Mushroomery: Gardening with Mushrooms



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# SAVE THE FOOD

We all have a love for food, how it brings a community together, how it grows, its rich history, and the delicious taste, however too much is wasted. This infographic tells the tale of food waste and how we can fill our plates to value the food we harvest.  
SAVETHEFOOD.NET

The average American family throws away one fourth of all food purchased. This is a growing problem with profound financial and environmental impacts. In Marion County, food waste accounts for 20% (by weight) of the total waste disposed. In an effort to bring awareness to the issue of food waste, Marion County is launching the Save the Food campaign. This campaign encourages families to take action by pledging to reduce food waste at home. By implementing simple food waste prevention strategies, families can make better decisions about how to plan ahead, shop smart, prep early, and properly store the food they purchase. Our goal with Save the Food is to equip

families with simple tools and tips that make it easy for the entire family to participate. Get your family involved; take the pledge, and Save the Food!

**HERE ARE A FEW SIMPLE TIPS TO HELP YOU REDUCE FOOD WASTE AT HOME:**

**PLAN AHEAD**  
Plan your meals according to your family's weekly schedule. Be realistic about how many meals will be eaten at home. The time spent preparing a meal should be taken into account when creating your weekly meal plan. Having a busy schedule doesn't mean your family can't enjoy a home cooked meal.

**SHOP SMART**  
Create a grocery list based on your meal plan before you go shopping. Having a grocery list on hand will prevent you from purchasing food items on a whim. Stick to your shopping list and avoid store specials that are based on quantity discounts on perishable food. Buying more than is needed may lead to food spoilage.

**PREP EARLY**  
Prep the food you'll need for the week as soon as you get home from the grocery store. By washing, chopping, and properly storing fruits and vegetables you will save time on meal preparation throughout the week.

**KEEP IT FRESH**  
Learning how to properly store your food will extend its shelf life and save you money. Some fruits and vegetables release ethylene which can quickly ripen nearby fruits and vegetables. You want to keep bananas, apples and tomatoes away from other fruits and vegetable unless you want to take advantage of this effect.

Find more tips and information by visiting [SAVETHEFOOD.NET](http://SAVETHEFOOD.NET)

# SCHOOL WASTE DIVERSION



We are happy to share that the food waste collection program continues to successfully divert food waste from school cafeterias.

During the 2013-14 school year, the Salem-Keizer School District diverted roughly 17,000 pound of food waste from the waste stream and saved an equivalent of \$22,644 in disposal costs. At this point, we have made a successful transition from working with elementary schools to working with middle schools. So far Claggett Creek,

Houck, Straub, and Howard Street Charter School have made the commitment to separate their food waste. We hope that by the end of the 2014-15 school year two more middle schools will join the program.

We are also happy to announce that South Salem High School has recently shown interest in implementing the program. If all goes well, South Salem High School will be the first high school to separate food waste in their cafeteria. Way to go SSHS!

Going forward, we hope to have the program implemented in all middle schools by the end of the 2015-16 school year. High schools will present new challenges; especially since students are allowed to eat all over campus and they are also able to leave school grounds for lunch. We look forward to working with High School students in the hopes that this program may lead to additional learning opportunities.



**40%** OF FOOD IN THE UNITED STATES TODAY GOES UNEATEN

**\$** AMERICANS TOSS \$165 BILLION OF FOOD A YEAR

**50%** OF U.S. LAND 10% OF THE TOTAL U.S. ENERGY BUDGET

**80%** OF FRESH WATER

**#2** FOR AGRICULTURE DIVERSITY more than 250 diverse products are grown and raised in Oregon **WHILE...**

29% OF KIDS IN OREGON STRUGGLE WITH HUNGER

JUST 15% LESS FOOD WASTE COULD FEED 25 MILLION PEOPLE

**WE THROW AWAY BETWEEN \$28-\$43 OF FOOD/MONTH**

**20 pounds**

Grains	38% LOSS	CONSUMED 62%
Seafood	50% LOSS	CONSUMED 50%
Fruits & Veggies	52% LOSS	CONSUMED 48%
Meat	22% LOSS	CONSUMED 78%
Milk	20% LOSS	CONSUMED 80%

GETTING FOOD TO OUR TABLES EATS 80% OF FRESH WATER

BE THE CHANGE: [SAVETHEFOOD.NET](http://SAVETHEFOOD.NET)

# COMPOSTER SALE!

Earth Machine composters are now being offered at Salem's Fresh Start Market at 3020 Center St. in Salem year round at the incredible clearance price of \$34 while supplies last!

Earth Machines protect your compost from the elements and feature an access door that lets you harvest finished compost from the bottom while newer material at the top is still processing. They also come with an instruction booklet and screws to secure it to the ground.

Time your visit to Fresh Start Market to take advantage of their Spring Plant Sale May 1-3. While you're at it, pick up some finished Brown's Island Blend Compost to use this season! Call the market at 503-585-4956 for details on sale hours and compost prices.



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# 2015 GREEN AWARD WINNERS

This year's Green Awards nominees are impressive not only for their individual or company-specific practices but also for their ability to touch the lives of so many people in the mid-Willamette Valley. More than 40 organizations, individuals and businesses were recognized at the sixth annual Mid-Valley Green Awards, presented by the Straub Environmental Center, Marion County Public Works Environmental Services, on March 7, 2015.

- Congratulations:
- Dana Canning, Individual Recycler of Year**
  - South Salem Cycleworks, Business Recycler of the Year**
  - Rafn's Restaurant and Local Goods, Small Sustainable Business of the Year**
  - BrucePac Meat Product Designers, Large Sustainable Business of the Year**
  - Kerr Concentrates, EarthWISE Business of Year**
  - Dan Hoynacki, Green Apple Award**
  - Nathan Good Architects, Service of the Year**
  - Zena Forest, Green Product of the Year**
  - Willamette Valley Vineyards, Sustainable Wine Producer or Brewery of the Year**

For more photos visit our facebook page: [MCenvironmentalServices](#)



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Congratulations to Compex for their EarthWISE recertification!



## BECOME EARTHWISE CERTIFIED

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 a FREE assistance program offered to all businesses in Marion County. EarthWISE program staff members 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.

**503-365-3188**  
**SE HABLA ESPAÑOL.**  
**MCEARTHWISE.NET**

## Restaurants that Compost

Is your favorite restaurant composting? 🗨️

Businesses in Salem and Keizer now have the option to compost food scraps. This is great news for food-generating businesses looking for way to divert large amounts of food waste from the garbage.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING IN THIS PROGRAM?

- **BUSINESSES CAN SAVE MONEY ON DISPOSAL COSTS**
- **THEY RECEIVE FREE MATERIALS (BROCHURES, DECALS, POSTERS)**
- **FREE ASSISTANCE TO TRAIN EMPLOYEES**
- **FREE PUBLICITY**

What can businesses compost? All food, food-soiled paper and plants 🗨️

Want to get started? Contact your hauler or call a Marion County program coordinator at 503-566-4159.

We want to congratulate the following businesses for being leaders in the community and for demonstrating their commitment to environmental stewardship.

JOIN THE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS!



# STUDENT RECYCLE ART CALENDAR

Marion County and the Mid-Valley Garbage & Recycling Association are once again sponsoring an art calendar contest to promote the three R's (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle). This year's theme will be "Save the Food". We invite all K-12 students to submit colorful pictures that address what reducing waste means to them, their families, their environment and/or their future. This contest is intended to serve as a vehicle for exposing students to art in the context of resource conservation. Each student will be allowed to submit up to three drawings. A selection committee will choose fourteen illustrations to be used in the 2016 calendar. Thirteen winners will be awarded a \$50 Fred Meyer gift card along with a fantastic art kit. The grand prize winner will be awarded a \$100 Fred Meyer gift card, an art kit, and their artwork will be featured on the front cover. In addition, the public school educator whose student is selected as the grand prize winner will receive a prepaid visa valued at \$500 for

classroom use. Homeschool educators may choose a non-profit organization to donate this money to. Winners will also be honored at a televised Marion County Board of Commissioners meeting.

**PLEASE VISIT MCRECYCLES.NET FOR CONTEST DETAILS**



## CONCURSO DE ARTE ESTUDIANTIL PARA EL CALENDARIO DE RECICLAJE

El Condado Marion y Mid-Valley Garbage & Recycling Association estarán patrocinando una vez más el concurso de arte para promover las tres Rs - Reducir, Reutilizar y Reciclar. Este año el tema será "Conserva la Comida". Este tema se enfoca en la prevención de los residuos de alimentos. Queremos que los estudiantes consideren muchas de las maneras en que podemos evitar que la comida sea desperdiciada. Como en años previos, invitamos a todos los estudiantes de grados K-12 a participar enviando sus coloridos dibujos que reflejan lo que reducir, reutilizar y reciclar significa para ellos, su familia, su medioambiente y su futuro. Los estudiantes deben vivir en el Condado de Marion para participar. Este concurso tiene por objetivo servir como un vehículo para exponer a los estudiantes a arte en el contexto de reciclaje y la conservación de recursos. Los estudiantes podrán presentar un límite de tres dibujos por estudiante. Un comité de selección elegirá catorce ilustraciones que serán utilizadas en nuestro próximo calendario 2016.

Trece ganadores recibirán una tarjeta de regalo de Fred Meyer con un valor de \$50 y un kit de arte fantástico. El ganador del primer premio recibirá una tarjeta de regalo de Fred Meyer con un valor de \$100, un kit de arte y su obra de arte será utilizada en la portada del calendario. Además, el educador de la escuela pública cuyo estudiante reciba el primer premio recibirá una visa prepagada con un valor de \$500 para su clase. Si el estudiante recibe educación en casa, el educador podrá donar el dinero a una organización sin fines de lucro de su elección. Todos los ganadores serán homenajeados en una junta de Comisionados del Condado de Marion que será televisada.

**POR FAVOR VISITE MCRECICLA.NET PARA OBTENER MÁS DETALLES DEL CONCURSO.**

**IF YOU THINK PICKING UP DOG POOP IS UNPLEASANT, TRY DRINKING IT.**

Pet waste washes into storm drains, polluting our rivers, lakes and drinking water sources.

**Scoop it. Bag it. Trash it.**

**Be a Scooper Hero—Join the Capital Canine Club today!**

Take a pledge to pick up after your pet and receive a FREE bag dispenser!

Call (503) 588-5036 or email [mccleanwater@co.marion.or.us](mailto:mccleanwater@co.marion.or.us) to get the scoop!

**PAINT RECYCLING HAS NEVER BEEN EASIER!**

Marion County's paint collection program is one of the most convenient in the nation because in most cities you can recycle your paint at the curb with your glass, motor oil, batteries, antifreeze and cooking oil. If you live in an area that doesn't have curbside recycling of these materials, there are several drop-off locations around the county, including both of the recycling and transfer stations.

Latex paint is mixed and offered for free at the recycling and transfer stations. Last year we recycled over 31,500 gallons of paint. Oil-based paint is burned for electricity generation at the Covanta Waste-to-Energy Facility in Brooks.



RE-using items uses much less energy than recycling them, so it is a better environmental choice. That is why Marion County offers a FREE promotional program to all reuse businesses in the county, the

ReUse Network (RUN). To be a member of the Marion County ReUse Network, at least 50% of the products that the business sells must be used or donated. We encourage you to support ReUse Network businesses which provide opportunities to save money and reduce waste.



**NOON TO 4 P.M. SATURDAY, APRIL 11 OREGON STATE CAPITOL FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Upcycle Oregon highlights statewide reuse, reduction and upcycling efforts through an art show, "upcycled" fashion show, hands-on activities and information booths. It aims to raise awareness about waste reduction and reuse by highlighting Oregon artists and innovators, providing waste reduction education, and encouraging the reuse of a variety of materials in new, different and creative forms.

- **Hands on, green activities for all ages**
- **Upcycled Artwork Exhibit**
- **Upcycled Fashion Show\***
- **Innovative Products and Solutions**
- **Capitol Tours to the Gold Man**
- **Live Music and Entertainment**
- **Waste Reduction Education**
- **Artist's Reception, April 10, 4-5pm**

Upcycle Oregon is created in partnership by the Capitol History Gateway Project, DIY Studio, Willamette University, Marion County, and is supported by a grant of Transient Occupancy Tax from the City of Salem and the Oregon Community Foundation.

**LEARN MORE AT [UPCYCLEOREGON.ORG](http://UPCYCLEOREGON.ORG)**

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

Do you have unused chemicals lurking in your home? When it's time to get rid of cleaners, fuels, pesticides and other types of household hazardous waste it's important to take it to Marion County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility to protect your family and the planet.

These products can be hazardous if used or disposed of incorrectly, carry "Caution", "Warning" or "Danger" labels, and should never be poured in a drain, flushed down a toilet, or placed in the garbage.

Bring them to the collection facility instead; it's free for residents! Businesses must make an appointment by calling 1-800-444-4244 and are charged a fee.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility At the Salem-Keizer Recycling and Transfer Station, 3250 Deer Park Dr. SE, Salem, OR 97317 Open every Thursday and the 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

Fall HHW Collection Event in Silverton September 26, 2015, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. At the Silverton Fire District Office, 819 Rail Way NE, Silverton

## CONTAMINATION

One of the challenges to single-stream recycling is the increase in contamination. Folks tend to get a little recycling happy, tossing additional items into the bin. But, sending us non-recyclable materials that get tangled in machinery can make our jobs harder and sometimes even hazardous.

Please help make single-stream recycling a success by keeping these materials OUT of the recycling bin.

- **PLASTIC FILM OR PLASTIC BAGS**
- **TEXTILES**
- **SHREDDED PAPER**
- **FOOD**
- **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE**



## GREEN COMMUNITY EVENTS

Do you enjoy attending environmental education events? Stay notified with our Green Community Calendar! You can simply add it to your google calendar to make updates a cinch. If you have green community events to add to the calendar, send us an email (EnvironmentalServices@co.marion.or.us) or call us at 503.365.3180.



## BECOME A MASTER RECYCLER!

Join a network of over 600 Marion County Master Recyclers by taking this 8 week class starting in September. Learn about:

- What happens to your garbage: Marion County's solid waste management system
- Recycling: what can and can't be recycled and why
- 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.

**Registration closes Friday, August 7th**  
**The class costs \$25 plus 30 hours of volunteer time.**

To register or be notified of future classes visit our website [mcrecycles.net](http://mcrecycles.net) or call 503-588-5169 x0 and ask to be added to the Master Recycler notification list.



## WASTE REDUCTION AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Want to be the top recycling whiz in the room? Just go to [mcrecycles.net](http://mcrecycles.net) and click on the Recycling Guide link to find hundreds of places to reuse or recycle that #3 widget out in your garage, cupboard, or other dark, forgotten corner of your home or business.

It will even help you figure out which places are the best to take it! It puts reuse locations at the top of the list, then recycling spots, and... well you get the picture.



**On the go? It is enhanced for use with mobile devices too!**

*Scan QR Code on your right to view online:*

SCAN ME!

## PARK UPDATE

New play equipment will be installed at the Scotts Mills County Park in April to replace the outdated swings and slide.