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Oregon Electronics Recycling Up and Running

Oregon E-Cycles, established by Oregon's Electronics Recycling Law (ORS 459A.300-.365), is a new statewide program that went into effect January 1, 2009. It requires electronics manufacturers to provide responsible recycling for computers, monitors and TVs. The program is an example of product stewardship. Product stewardship directs

everyone involved in the life cycle of a product to take shared responsibility for the im-

pacts to our health and environment that result from the production, use, and end-of-life management of the product.

Oregon E-Cycles provides free recycling of computers, monitors and TVs to anyone bringing seven or fewer items to a participating collection site at one time. However, collection sites may accept more than

seven items from house-holds, small businesses and small 501(c)(3) nonprofits with 10 or fewer employees. Please call the collection site nearest you to

ask about bringing more items.

Effective January 1, 2010, all computers, monitors and TVs will be banned

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from disposal in Oregon.

In addition to providing free responsible recycling, the law outlines further requirements for manufacturers and retailers.

Manufacturers

Manufacturers must label their computers, monitors and TVs with a visible,

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New Curbside Recycling Items added!

Mid-Valley Garbage & Recycling Association (MVGRA) is pleased to announce several new additions to the curbside line-up of items collected at residential curbs.

Place these along with other recyclables into big MIXED RECYCLING CART:

NEW! Aerosol Cans! Remove spray-tip/discard. ALL cans must be empty. NEW! Small Scrap Metal! 18-inches or less, less than 10lbs. Hangers, door knobs, small gutter pieces. <u>Larger</u> items? Call your garbage hauler direct.

Place these new items separately into the SMALL RED OR BLUE BASKET:

NEW! Antifreeze! Place into see-thru plastic jug with tight fitting cap. Keep motor oil

and antifreeze separate.

NEW! Used Cooking Oil! Place cooled used-cooking oil into same container and cap originally purchased, or place into CLEAN seethru plastic jug with tight fitting cap. 2-gallons per week maximum. DO NOT MIX WITH OTHER RECYCLABLES.

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"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted"



Announcements



2009 Recycling Art Calendars

There are still a few 2009 Recycling Art Calendars available! The calendars feature artwork from Marion County stu-

dents who competed for the honor of appearing and receiving a U.S. Savings Bond.

Call Beth at 503-588-5169 x 5920 to request one while supplies last.



happens the my stuff after I put it at the curb?"

You can view the video online at www.co.marion.or.us/PW/ES/ video.htm

or request a copy of the high-resolution DVD to share with your class or group from Beth at the number above.

tures of the products to provide collection incentives, then produces durable goods such as tote bags, backpacks, binders, notebooks and organizers with the collected packaging.

To find out how your group can participate go to:

www.terracycle.net/brigades/

Divert Waste, Earn \$\$\$!

Terracycle, an innovative self-proclaimed "Eco-Capitalism"

"Eco-Capitalism" company has launched a program that diverts some product packaging from the waste stream while paying groups to collect it. Terracycle partners with the manufac-





Saving Little Pieces of Our Earth

A new video on processing recycleables is out thanks to a Marion County partnership with DEQ, Metro and the Waste Reduction Education Action Committee. "Saving Little Pieces of our Earth" takes viewers on a journey through the sorting and recycling of paper, glass, metal and plastic to answer the question "what

Volunteer Opportunities



It's the season to begin planning for a wealth of spring events, and your help is needed! Check out these excellent opportunities to earn some payback hours (don't forget to report them!!):

FEBRUARY

League of Women Voters Forum #2

2/26, Thursday, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Willamette University School of Law Paulus Lecture Hall, Salem

One volunteer needed to man a table with Marion County waste reduction information outside this forum on waste incineration. Contact Alan at 503-365-3188 or apennington@co.marion.or.us.

MARCH

Oregon Green Schools Summit

3/5, Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem

Multiple volunteers needed. Contact Heath Keirstead at hkeirstead@bentonswcd.org or 541-753-7208. You can also sign up to volunteer online at www.oregongreenschools.org

APRIL

Earth Day Fair

4/18, Saturday, Oregon Garden, Silvertton. Two volunteers needed for each shift:

10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Call Alan at 503-355-3188 or apennington@co.marion.or.us.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

4/25, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. WalMart parking lot, Woodburn. One volunteer need for each shift:

9:00 a.m. - 12:00

12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Call Alan at 503-355-3188 or apennington@co.marion.or.us.

MAY

City of Jefferson Festival of Flowers

5/2, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

One or more volunteer needed. Call Alan at 503-355-3188 or apenning-ton@co.marion.or.us for more information.

ODOT CART (Conservation and Alterna-

tive Resources Team) Fair

5/14, Thursday, 11:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. Capitol Mall, Salem. One volunteer needed. Call Alan at 503-355-3188 or apennington@co.marion.or.us for more information

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY! - RE-SPOND ASAP!!

2/5 - 2/8 multiple shifts available.

The Portland International Auto Show at the Oregon Convention Center is short on volunteers for its "Portland Recycles!" information booth and is asking Marion County Recyclers for help! Entry badges to the show provided for volunteers (no Marion County payback hours for this event).

Contact: Matt Nicoll (503)731-7948, mattnicoll@oregoncc.org immediately!

A free Convention Center Sustainability Tour will be available for Thursday & Friday volunteers. Contact Brittin Witzenberg at 503-731-7949 or BrittinWitzenburg@oregoncc.org to arrange a tour.

Oregon E-Cycling (continued)





Collectively these programs comprise "Oregon E-Cycles" – a network of responsible collection sites and services and recycling facilities throughout Oregon. All recycling programs must establish, at a minimum, a collection site in every city with a population of 10,000 or greater and a collection service in every county.

Recycling programs may choose to provide additional "premium services" to customers. Premium services are services

The law provides DEQ with the authority to enforce these requirements should manufacturers fail to comply.

Retailers

Retailers are required to provide customers who buy new computers, monitors or TVs with printed information about Oregon E-Cycles at the point of sale.

Retailers must also ensure that the brands they sell are listed on DEQ's manufacturer compliance list as "pending" or "compliant" and the products are affixed with a permanent and visible brand label.

For a list of participating retailers go to www.oregonecycles.org

permanently affixed brand, and register those brands with DEQ. All manufacturers are required to pay a registration fee, which covers DEQ's administrative costs to implement Oregon E-Cycles.

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Manufacturers must also participate in a recycling program. Manufacturers choose to either pay a recycling fee to participate in the DEQ-administered State Contractor Program or, if they meet certain requirements, to implement and pay for their own statewide program.

that are offered by participating recycling programs under Oregon E-Cycles in addition to the standard collection sites and services. Examples of "premium services" could include mail back or pick-up services. There may be a fee associated with these premium services.

Manufacturers who fail to comply with these requirements will not be permitted to sell their products in or into Oregon. If a brand is not listed, it <u>may not be sold</u> in or into Oregon. Sales restrictions apply only to brands of computers, monitors and TVs, and not to other electronics or products a manufacturer may make. These requirements apply to all sales methods, including retail, catalog, phone and Internet sales. Sales of reused or refurbished products are exempt from these requirements.

Electronics Recycling in Marion County

The new Oregon E-Cycles law has greatly increased recycling opportunities for TVs, computers and monitors in Marion County, but did you know that the County's own program allows for many more electronic items to be collected at their two transfer stations? Garten Services, Inc. collects and processes the materials.

Both the Salem-Keizer and North
Marion Transfer stations
accept the following
electronics for no
charge:

♦ Televisions

♦ Photocopy Machines

♦ Microwaves

♦ Computers

♦ Monitors

♦ Mainframes

♦ Mice

♦ Keyboards

♦ Cables

♦ Circuit Boards

♦ Power Supplies

♦ Printers

Printer Cartridges

♦ Stereos

♦ VCR/DVD Players

Portable MusicDevices

♦ Cameras

Video Cameras

Laptops

Projectors

Telephones

Cell Phones

> PDAs

♦ GPS Units



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<u>Upcoming Events</u>



Friends of Straub Environmental Learning Center

1320 A Street NE, Salem

Nature Kids: Youth Naturalist Classes

"Rock and Learn" geology program

Grades 2 and 3 – Thursday, February 5^{th} , 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Grades 4 and 5 – Thursday, February 19^{th} , 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Class is free, RSVP REQUIRED. Call or email Lisa at 503-391-4145 for more information.

Restoration Day: Straub Environmental Learning Center oak savannah

Saturday, February 7th, 9:30 a.m.

Straub Environmental Learning Center, 1320 A Street, Salem

2008-09 Amateur Naturalist Series: Naturescaping (aka Landscaping for

Wildlife), Gail Gredler

Thursday, February 12th, 7:00 p.m.

Straub Environmental Learning Center, 1320 A Street, Salem

\$5 per person; RSVP required (Call 503-391-4145 or email lisa@fselc.org)

2008-09 FSELC Lecture Series: Mike Beagle

"Engaging Hunters and Anglers to Protect our Backcountry Heritage"

Thursday, February 26th, 7:00 p.m.

Loucks Auditorium, Salem Public Library, 585 Liberty Street SE, Salem



Salem Progressive Film Series

Grand Theater 191 High St. NE, Salem 7:00 p.m. \$3.00 adults, \$2.00 students

Thursday, February 12

"I.O.U.S.A. "

Thursday, March 12

"Addicted to Plastic"

For more information about these films, visit:

salemprogressivefilms.net

