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Salem Composts!



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MARION COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS - ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Master Recycler Newsletter

City of Salem and Salem Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) garbage customers in Marion County will be able to add food waste to yard debris carts beginning Monday, July 5th. The new program re-titles yard debris carts - they are now called *mixed organics* carts. All food waste including meats/proteins, bones, dairy, eggs and shells, seafood and shells, fruit, vegetables and more can be added to the mixed organics cart for curbside collection. In addition to all food waste, paper towels, paper napkins and cardboard pizza boxes can be included. Not included are other paper items (except newspapers or paper bags to wrap waste in), plastic items, personal hygiene products and animal waste.

Salem Council and Marion County Commissioners recently approved the \$0.35 per household, per month increase for residents. Commercial and multifamily customers will have the program available within a pilot program – using current garbage rates for roll-carts/containers and more.

Do put in:

- ✓ Breads/Grains
- ✓ Meats/Proteins
- ✓ Dairy Products
- ✓ Paper Napkins*/Towels*
- ✓ Coffee Filters/Tea Bags
- ✓ Coffee Grounds/Tea Leaves
- ✓ Pizza Boxes*
- ✓ Plants/Flowers
- ✓ Egg Shells & Bones
- ✓ Seafood & Shells
- ✓ Fruits/
Vegetables



Don't put in:

- ✗ Plastic Bags
- ✗ Metal
- ✗ Animal Waste
- ✗ Foil
- ✗ Utensils
- ✗ Liquids/Grease/Oils
- ✗ Other Plastic - Styrofoam
- ✗ Personal Hygiene Products

Visit mcrecycles.net for more info!



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Whatsoever is done in charity, however small and of no reputation it be, bringeth forth good fruit.

-- Thomas à Kempis



Free Kitchen Compost Collectors!!

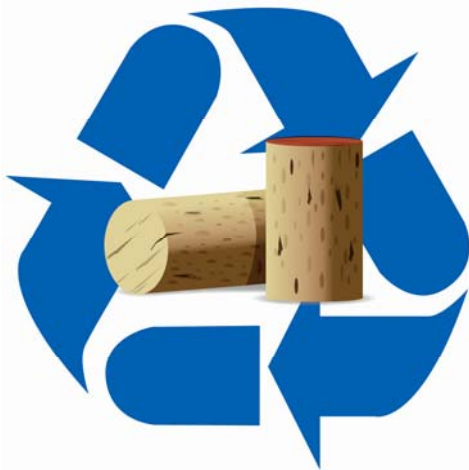
Free Kitchen Compost Collector pails (mini-bins) are being provided on a first-come, first serve basis to all Salem and Salem Urban Growth Boundary residents in Marion County starting July 5th courtesy of Marion County Public Works Environmental Services. Over 10,000 pails will be distributed for FREE through local garbage haulers' offices. Call or visit your hauler's office to arrange pick-up of your free pail.



These pails can be used to collect scraps in your kitchen to transfer to the mixed organics cart as needed.

Once all the pails have been given away, no more will be available for free, but the Fresh Start Market carries two styles for purchase at below retail cost year-round.

Put a Cork in it!



The Salem-Keizer and North Marion Recycling & Transfer Stations

will now begin accepting both plastic and natural cork. Both natural cork and plastic corks will be accepted. The corks will be donated to the A.C. Gilbert Discovery Village which will use them in their toy inventor's workshop. The downtown Salem non-profit organization accepts many other knick-knacks which crafty kids turn into sculptures, toy cars, and other creative items. The A.C. Gilbert Discovery Village has many other hands-on activities to teach children about the 3 R's.

If the A.C. Gilbert Discovery Village can't handle the volume of corks that we collect, we will separate the natural corks and send them to the Turtle

Ridge Wildlife Center in south Salem. They sell the corks as a fundraiser to support their mission. In addition to being used for making cork boards and crafts, corks can also be recycled and turned into shipping materials, floor tiles, new corks, and even shoes. Most recyclers do not accept plastic corks, so we will send those to Agri-Plas who will recycle them.

There are also several vineyards and other businesses throughout the county that accept natural cork for recycling or reuse, including the Roth's grocery stores. For a list of all the restaurants that accept them on behalf of the Turtle Ridge Wildlife Center, visit their website: www.turtleridgewildlifecenter.org/Recycle_Corks.php

Salem Saturday Market becomes a Zero Waste Zone

Be sure to check out the Salem Saturday Market on July 24 to see a transformed market. The numerous trash containers will have disappeared. Recycling opportunities will be expanded to include plastic, paper, metal and glass collection. Composting food scraps and compostable dishware will become the new norm.

Why this change?

This past fall, Friends of Salem Saturday Market applied for and received a waste reduction grant from Marion County Public Works – Environmental Services. This grant will assist the Market in becoming a zero-waste event. During the last several months, the Zero Waste Workgroup – a collection of waste-conscious market supporters – has been discussing and working out the logistics of facilitating an even more sustainable Salem Saturday Market.

What does a Zero Waste Zone mean?

It means nearly every product a visitor would consume while at the Market would have no part destined for the garbage. Every item intended for on-site disposal (think plates, cups, or silverware) should be compostable, recyclable, or reusable. The big no-no's we will be eliminating this summer are styrofoam containers, plastic cutlery, and non-compostable paper serving dishes.

How will it work?

The Zero Waste Workgroup is working closely with vendors to find products that meet the recyclable or compostable requirements outlined by our hauler, Allied Waste of Salem. Two "Waste Stations" will be available to visitors for their disposal needs. These will have clearly labeled containers for Mixed Recycling, Glass Recycling, Composting, Deposit Bottles & Cans, Plastic Bags, and, inevitably, a small container labeled Garbage. Zero Waste Zone volunteers will monitor the "Waste Stations" to assist and help educate the public. We're also looking to create a "Mobile Waste Cart" to travel through the Market for added convenience and visibility of the Zero Waste Zone project.



"Reuse" always comes before "recycle." You can help the ZWZ project by donating reusable forks, spoons, and knives. A collection basket is at the FSSM booth.

What about reuse?

Zero Waste doesn't just mean increasing recycling and composting opportunities. Our mission is to minimize the need for single-use and disposable items at our Market. During this season, the Zero Waste Workgroup is developing a system for providing reusable metal silverware for Market consumers in lieu of disposable plastic cutlery. To facilitate this, we're accepting silverware donations at the Friends' booth every Saturday. We'll also be asking our loyal market-goers to start, or continue, bringing their own cloth bags, reusable coffee mugs and water bottles. Plastic grocery and produce bags and single-use coffee cups are an unnecessarily large component of the trash currently accumulated during the Saturday Market.

What about next year?

This 2010 season will be an opportunity for everyone to learn the ins and outs of transforming the Salem Saturday Market to a nearly zero waste event. It might pose some interesting challenges, but we strive for the Zero Waste Zone to be an ongoing aspect and expectation of the Market. The County grant we received is only being applied to the Salem Saturday Market for now, but the project may rollover into our Wednesday Market and other local markets in future seasons. Upcoming Saturday Market seasons may see an elimination of plastic bags or the introduction of fees for using disposable products.

What's the point?

We value and care about the sustainability of our Earth's resources and want to minimize any unnecessary waste. Many of you who shop at the Market already care deeply about the sustainability of our local community, economy, and environment. We want to demonstrate to you that the people who work behind the scenes to make the Market possible share these values too!

How to get involved: If you are on board with our Zero Waste mission and are interested in volunteering with the Zero Waste Zone project, or if you would like to learn more about what we're doing, contact zerowaste@friendsofsalemsaturdaymarket.org.

-Kat Franken

Zero Waste Workgroup Chair



Free Bags Made From Recycled Plastic Available!

We recently ordered some snazzy new Chico® bags and we want to mail you one! The bags are made from 100% recycled plastic (12 bottles per bag). The bags can be folded into a little pouch that you can clip onto your backpack or keep in your purse so that you never have to answer “paper” or “plastic” again at check-out. To have one of these little bags mailed to you, all you need to do is contact Maryjean (mrose@co.marion.or.us or 503-365-3171) and let her know the following:

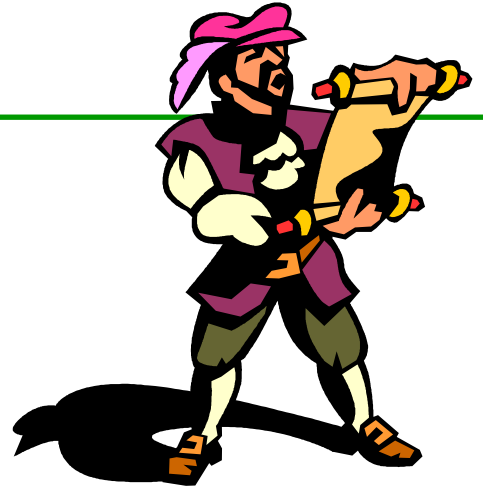
- ☾ Number of hours you've completed each month in the last year and what activity you did for those hours. If you have already reported all of your hours, you can just ask her for an update of how many hours we have on record.
- ☾ Give her your current email address, mailing address and telephone number.
- ☾ Let her know what year you took the class (a guess is fine).

Call her.... to get this!



Voila...that's it! Maryjean will send it out pronto!

Grant Awardees!!!



Marion County Environmental Services recently selected four awardees for its spring grant cycle. The grant funds are dedicated from out-of-county medical waste disposal fees.

Garten Services received \$49,532 to start a Community Sustainability Liaison program. The Liaison will work closely with businesses and event planners to help them craft and implement sustainable practices including large-scale waste prevention and recycling.

Pringle Creek Community received \$19,756 to make Painter's Hall, their community events center, a zero-waste venue. They will use the funds to buy durable, reusable items to be used by those renting the center, such as glasses, plates, silverware, etc. (no more plastic water bottles or disposable plates!), as well as carts and bins to set up a recycling depot to collect 16 types of recyclable items to take to the Salem-Keizer Recycling and Transfer Station.

Oregon Green Schools received \$20,170 to fund a portion of their new director's salary proportionate to the number of Green Schools in Marion County, and to update their website to provide better recruitment of new schools and provide effective tools to teachers and administrators at current Green Schools.

The Marion County Fair received \$7,778 to support efforts to once again "go green" at the fair. The funds will be used to contract with Garten Services to sort the Fair waste and divert as much as possible to recycling and composting.

New and Improved Recycling Database



Marion County Public Works Environmental Services has recently upgraded its database to help make it easy to find out where to take things that you are trying to get rid of. With 200 different locations ranging from the transfer stations to thrift stores that accept various materials and over 300 different types of materials ranging from acids to x-rays, it provides an extremely comprehensive and easy to use guide to help people find out where to take things. Some of the improvements include:

- ☾ Search results are prioritized with the most environmentally friendly choice appearing first. Nifty little icons like the ones above indicate what each location will do with the material.
- ☾ It is now easy to find out everything that a location accepts, hours of operation, and other details about the business.
- ☾ A new mapping feature makes it a cinch to find out how to get to each location .
- ☾ It is also much easier for staff to maintain and update.

Over the summer our student intern will take on the time consuming task of going through the data to verify that all of the information is still current.

Please visit apps.co.marion.or.us/Recycle to check it out for yourself!



TASTY TIDBITS



Paint Stewardship



In what is being hailed as the first program of its kind in the U.S., the Oregon DEQ

has approved a plan for a paint product stewardship program allowing consumers to return unused paint to participating retailers and other sites for disposal.

The pilot program is expected to collect as much as 600,000 gallons of leftover paint annually in Oregon.

This program will allow Marion County to add oil-based paints into collection in the near future while receiving cost offsets from the state program.

Enough Already!

Catalog Choice is a nonprofit service dedicated to helping manage unwanted catalogs and other solicitations.



By logging on to their website you can choose from thousands of companies and have them stop sending you mail or choose to receive some electronically.

You can also keep tabs on the status of each request and Catalog Choice will advocate on your behalf to those companies who do not honor your requests. If you are getting more catalogs than you can handle this should make a big difference!

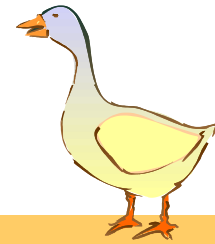
www.catalogchoice.org

Take a Gander...

Interested in some great natural pest control for your landscape?

Local agencies are beginning a project to remove the multitudes of geese from the waterway near the state prison in Salem. Wild geese will be relocated and released while domestic geese will be available for adoption.

If you have some space and are interested in adopting a goose (or geese) please contact Laurie Gordon at 541-617-6097. She needs to confirm homes for them asap.



Clean the World!

The EarthWISE certified Grand Hotel in Salem is the first in Oregon to participate in the Clean the World program.



The program diverts waste soap from hotel waste streams by either reprocessing it into new bars or sterilizing it in a certified process and repackaging it.

The soap is sent along with educational materials to countries in need where simple sanitation can be a lifesaver, preventing acute lower-respiratory infections and diarrheal illnesses.

For more information visit www.cleantheworld.org

Job Openings

PAID

* Marion County Environmental Services will be opening a position for a fourth **Waste Reduction Coordinator** in the next couple of weeks. Stay tuned to your email or our website for the announcement and position description!

* Garten Services is hiring a **Community Sustainability Liaison** to work closely with businesses and event planners to help them craft and implement sustainable practices. Visit garten.org for details.

VOLUNTEER

* Marion Soil & Water Conservation District **Board Positions** are available contact Jane Keppinger for more info. 503-399-5741 x 124 jane.keppinger@or.nacdn.net

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Inspired by watching the movie *Julie and Julia*, Marisa Lynch decided to test her sewing creativity by attempting to make 365 new items of clothing out of 365 old dresses for no more than \$365 and blogging about it. She has been working on it for more than half a year and the results are fabulous! See for yourself at newdressaday.wordpress.com.

Call to Serve



Thursday, July 8 - Sunday, July 11

Marion County Fair, State Fairgrounds

Be a part of the coolest little fair in America while helping to spread a little greenness around. Master Recyclers are needed to answer questions and give advice to an inquisitive public. Two 4 hour shifts each day: 10 am - 2 pm & 2 pm - 6 pm. Contact Alan Pennington 503-365-3188 or apennington@co.marion.or.us

First Week of August

Salem-Keizer Recycling and Transfer Station Tour

A Master Recycler is needed to lead a tour of the Salem-Keizer Recycling & Transfer Station and the Earth Walk. There will be approximately 25 students ages 6th - 8th grades. They would like to do the tour the first week of August from 1:00 - 2:30. If you would like to lead this tour, please contact Jen Biel (pastorjen@christthegoodshep.org or 503-363-3726). Once you have confirmed the tour date, please let Bailey (bpayne@co.marion.or.us) know so that he can notify the transfer station and give you tips on how to lead the tour.

Friday, August 6th, Saturday August 7th and Sunday August 8th

Homer Davenport Days, Silverton

Master Recyclers are needed to staff recycling stations and educate festival-goers on proper recycling techniques. The festival hours are 10 am - 10 pm Friday and Saturday, and 10 am - 5 pm on Sunday . Contact Sheldon Traver 503-507-9953 or sheldonstraver@gmail.com for shift times or more information.

Events & Occasions

SOLV Volunteers Action Training

Wednesday, July 14th, 9:30 - 11:45 and 12:15 - 3:30

Wildwood/Mahonia Offices, 4985 Battle Creek Rd SE #205, Salem

This training is designed for community members organizing a volunteer project and will be delivered in two sessions. Topics include watershed basics, project visioning , volunteer recruitment and management, project logistics and safety, preventing volunteer burnout, working with the media, and fundraising. Participants can attend one or both sessions. Free for those planning a cleanup or watershed restoration project, or a modest fee for others. Visit www.solv.org for details and to register.



Sustainable Building Advisor Program Informational Meeting

Wednesday, July 28th, 6 - 7 PM

Eugene Public Library Bascom Room

The Northwest Energy Education Institute has just completed their 2nd Sustainable Building Advisor Program and are offering the course again starting October 2010.

The course is a 100-hour professional certificate training course specifically designed for working professionals eager to advance their knowledge and technical mastery of a wide-range of sustainable design and building topics. For more info visit www.nweei.org. To RSVP to the meeting contact Elaine Vidal at 541-463-3154.

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Trash today is easy to find – especially in the urban jungle of New York City, where it's hard to walk ten steps without seeing litter on the ground.

But artist Justin Gignac still sees stories in the ubiquity, and is out to prove that with some clever package design, Manhattan's refuse can be art. Gignac sells plastic cubes of trash from the Big Apple for \$50 a pop.



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