

# WATER WISE

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM MARION  
COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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### A YEAR IN REVIEW

**TRASHY TUESDAY** - Marion County led a group of dedicated volunteers to clean over 150 lbs of trash from our waterways

**RECYCLING** - Marion County adapted to the major changes in the recycling markets and managed to rank 3rd in the state for recovery of recyclable materials

**WATER QUALITY** - Marion County staff attended 20 events to promote watershed health to students and the public

**EARTHWISE** - The EarthWISE program certified 6 new businesses and welcomed a new EarthWISE program coordinator.

**NOXIOUS WEEDS** - Received a \$25,000 grant from ODA to prevent noxious weeds along the Upper Mill Creek and Salem Ditch

**WASTE REDUCTION** - Received a \$75,000 grant from DEQ to install milk dispensers and reusable dishes in Marion County Schools

**PARKS** - Marion County's Parks completed major improvement projects at 4 different parks and smaller improvement projects at 7 other parks. The MC parks and trails in the North Fork Corridor had record attendance, selling over 8,800 parking passes

**POLICY CHANGES** - Saw the City of Salem pass a plastic bag ban that will go into effect April 1st, 2019



## FEATURE

### SUSTAINABLE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS



2019 is here and you know the saying - "New year, new you." Share your New Year's Resolutions with us on Facebook or by emailing [mccleanwater@co.marion.or.us](mailto:mccleanwater@co.marion.or.us).

Need some inspiration? Follow us on Facebook to see what our staff is doing to be more sustainable this year! Every day we'll be sharing a different staff member's goals for the year!



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