

Since 1971, BRING has worked to change attitudes and behavior regarding waste. Today, we focus on the urgent issues of consumption, climate change, and community resiliency. Through our reuse store, community education programs, and advocacy efforts we fulfill our mission to provide vision, leadership, and tools for living well on the planet we share.

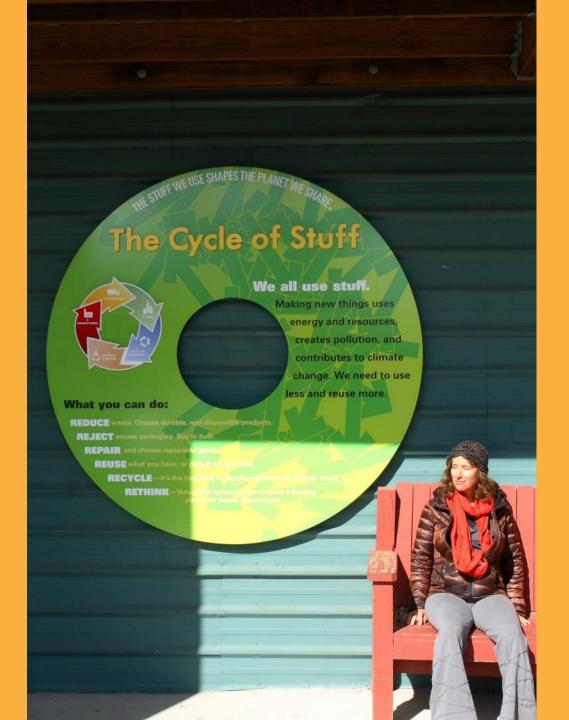






We accept more than 1 million pounds of used building materials annually





Every visitor learns

We demonstrate green building, energy-saving features, and creative materials reuse.







This award-winning program includes classroom visits and lessons, presentations, and tours of waste handling facilities and BRING.

We serve over 6,000 Lane County school-age children each year.



We have served over 400 local businesses and certified over 200 for their conservation efforts.



Since 2010, rethink has saved businesses tens of thousands of dollars in operational costs.



In 2017 BRING created CMR2, a technical assistance and education program for contractors and builders. Construction debris makes up nearly 30% of Lane County's waste stream.





We are recognized state-wide for pioneering practical resource conservation methods.



Extended Producer Responsibility Advocacy

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is a policy approach under which producers are given a significant responsibility – financial and/or physical – for the treatment or disposal of post-consumer products. Assigning such responsibility could in principle provide incentives to prevent waste at the source, promote product design for the environment and support the achievement of public recycling and materials management goals.

How Does EPR Work?





EPR Programs in Oregon







HB 2772- Product Stewardship for Household Hazardous Waste

Covers products that contain the following characteristics

- Ignitability
- Corrosivity
- Reactivity
- Toxicity

- Marine Toxicity
- Or requires registration under federal rules as a household insecticide, fungicide and rodenticide

Why Product Stewardship for HHW?

- Public demand to protect health & the environment
- Local governments with DEQ support are carrying the financial burden
- Manufacturers have a responsibility to fulfill

We aren't getting it all!

- In 2018 Lane County collected and shipped 717,168 pounds off HHW waste
- A waste composition study from Metro estimates that only about 20% of HHW is collected
- Access to collection in rural counties is limited



Senate Bill 276- Establishes Product Stewardship for Mattresses

 Requires manufacturers to develop a stewardship organization and to pay for implementing collection, reuse, and recycling of mattresses.



Why Product Stewardship for Mattresses?

- About 95% of a mattress is recyclable
- Some mattresses can be rebuilt and reused
- Mattresses are a difficult to manage
- Mattress recycling creates jobs and economic opportunity



House Bill 3273- Establishes Product Stewardship for Prescription Drugs

- The bill covers prescription drugs and some nonprescription drugs
- Requires drop sites in every County in the state and at least 1 drop site in each City that has 20,000 or more residents



Why Product Stewardship for Prescription Drugs?

- Current collection is voluntary and limited
- Municipal governments are shouldering the costs of disposal
- Unused medications that fall into the wrong hands may result in theft, misuse, and accidental death
- Unused medications are often flushed or thrown into the garbage impacting waterways and the environment

Want to learn More?

- www.bringrecycling.org
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- https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1 Oregon Legislature
- https://www.productstewardship.us/ Institute

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