



**BRING**

reduce | reuse | recycle | rethink

**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.***





B.R.I.N.G.  
RECYCLING

Serving Lane County  
Residents Since 1971

**We are Lane County's original  
used building materials depot**



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



THE STUFF WE USE SHAPES THE PLANET WE SHARE.

## The Cycle of Stuff



**We all use stuff.**  
Making new things uses energy and resources, creates pollution, and contributes to climate change. We need to use less and reuse more.

**What you can do:**

- REDUCE** waste. Choose durable, non-disposable products.
- REJECT** excess packaging. Buy in bulk.
- REPAIR** and choose repairable goods.
- REUSE** what you have, or pass it on to others.
- RECYCLE** — it's the best way to handle waste we've already made.
- RETHINK** — thoughtful consumption creates a healthy planet for future generations.



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 non-prescription 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](http://www.bringrecycling.org) - BRING
- <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1> - Oregon Legislature
- <https://www.productstewardship.us/> - Product Stewardship Institute

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