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Important dates:

- June 14 - 16 Schools out
- June 16 EcoFest
- June 18 Father's Day
- July 6 - 9 Marion County Fair
- July 15 Repair Fair & Share
- July 21 - 23 Salem Art Fair
- Aug. 4 - 6 Fiesta Mexicana in Woodburn
- Aug. 21 Solar Eclipse
- Aug. 25 - Sept. 4 Oregon State Fair
- Sept. 4 Labor Day
- Sept. 5/6 School begins
- Sept. 22 Autumnal Equinox

2017 Mid-Valley Green Award winners

On March 11, sustainable people, businesses, organizations, and supporters filled the Spinning Room of the Willamette Heritage Center for the **2017 Mid-Valley Green Awards**. Straub Environmental Center and Marion County Environmental Services have spotlighted sustainability throughout the community for the past eight years at this annual event. This year, eight winners were selected for their green efforts and highlighted along with a dinner and dancing.



The categories are listed below. Congratulations to the winners!

Sustainable Large Business of the Year:
Willamette University Campus Grounds Crew



EarthWISE Business of the Year:
Chemeketa Community College



Green Product of the Year: Nuvo Glass



Recycler of the Year: Greg Watkins



People's Choice Award: Brooke Jackson

"The impacts created by these Green Award winners will be felt for years to come within their industry and within our community."

Bailey Payne, Waste Reduction Coordinator for Marion County



**Lifetime Achievement Award:
Brenda Knobloch**



Business Recycler of the Year: Oregon Department of Corrections



Sustainable Small Business of the Year: Rapid Refill

Time to recertify already?
These EarthWISE businesses did



Cascade Baking Company
2008 - 2017



DAS Agriculture Building
2010 - 2017



White Oak Construction
2014 - 2017

AC + Co
Architecture | Community
2012 - 2017



More EarthWISE recerts



**Salem Center 50+
2013 - 2017**



**dalke Construction
2008 - 2017**

**DAS Fleet
Salem Motor Pool
2009 - 2017**



**Oregon State Capitol
2008 - 2017**

More recerts? Yep!



**Family Building Blocks Chelsea's Place
2012 - 2016**



**Oregon State Corrections Institution
2013 - 2017**



**Travel Salem
2009 - 2017**



**Studio 3 Architecture
2011 - 2017**

**Ask
Mister
Sustainability**

Question: We've been going around and around on what can and can't be recycled. Could you address the following items and let us know "the word?"

OK, normally, Mr. S. likes to wax outlandishly about sustainability stuff. Recycling "issues" are a piece of the sustainability pie, but recycling is overrated...at least in the big picture of sustainability. Why is that? Well...that's a topic for another day, but as these questions are ones we see over and over again I'm going to go ahead and see if I can't throw a few definitive stones at the beast. The questions asked by an EWB reader are the following (bold print):

Here in the Salem area, with our state of the art Brooks Facility, which is true or false to the following:

Caps can be left on rinsed plastic bottles with necks because the new machines here have the ability to remove and separate them so they can also be recycled.

True? If those bottles are the ones with a 10 cent deposit value and are going back to the distributor then yes, you can leave the caps on...providing that the bottles are empty. If they are going into the mixed recycling, no.

Yogurt/sour cream/cottage cheese lids can be recycled along with the containers?

Think of lids as soldiers inside of a Trojan gift horse. They sneak out of where they are supposed to be and go where you don't want em to. Flat objects in the mixed recycling are the enemy. They don't stay attached to the container and their flatness means that they often become mixed in with the office/news/magazine paper as they go down the sorting line, causing untold heartache and sadness.

Milk cartons that don't have the plastic pour spout are recyclable? Milk cartons are devilish. The paper fiber is blended with plastic resin and is almost impossible to recover. Also, there are NO carton paper mills west of the Mississippi. IF those cartons are separately collected - like in schools - and are cleanish, then they are at some point shipped to those plants on the East Coast. So...if one persists in collecting them they need to be collected separately and then you'll need to either a) take them out to the S-K Transfer Station or b) ask your hauler for a cartons only bin like the schools have.

Tetra Packs should be illegal. They're not recyclable and take a lot of energy to turn into energy at our Brooks facility, yes? They are devilish indeed. However, they burn easily....but what a waste of a resource!

Regarding your questions about milk cartons...the **very best** container for liquid exchange is a **reusable** container (regardless of what it's made of). The **best single use container** would be a plastic bottle or jug. Why? They require a tiny amount of oil to make and are easy to recycle into something else. I know, it goes against the grain to go with ALL PLASTIC VS. WHAT SEEMS LIKE PAPER FIBER but, as they say on the street, "It is what it is." And I stand by that!

Factoid Department

Latest numbers tell us that Marion County recycled a smidgeon over 1.7 million pounds of electronic waste in 2016.

#1 category? TV's. No data as to how many were broken by angry viewers.

Another biggie? Batteries. We shipped off just under 52 tons of them for processing.

Wanna know what could make a 20.8 mile line? That would be the fluorescent tubes that were recycled in 2016 in Marion County.

Who would have guessed that the #1 recycled item in the USA are lead-acid batteries (think cars and trucks). Over 99% of those things are turned in each year.

Are you a green, energy conserving driver? Then you must be a road-rage avoider. The EPA tells us that aggressive driving can lower fuel efficiency by 15 to 30%, primarily by speeding, quick acceleration, and sudden braking.

Unsurprisingly, it raises blood pressure.

Next best efficient technique?? That would be driving the speed limit. Even better with the windows rolled up!

EarthWISE Member Directory

★ Denotes new EarthWISE business

Automotive

AJ's Auto Repair, Inc.
Brooks Automotive
Capitol Auto Group

Construction

Advantage Precast, Inc.
Arbuckle Costic Architects, Inc.
Barnwood Naturals, LLC
Carlson Veit Architects, P.C.
CB|Two Architects
dalke Construction
Fluent Engineering, Inc.
Jet Industries
LCG Pence Construction, LLC
Modern Building Systems, Inc.
Nathan Good Architects
Pence Northwest Construction, LLC
Studio 3 Architecture, Inc.
White Oak Construction

Education

Chemeketa Community College
Chemeketa Center for Business & Industry
Straub Environmental Center

Financial

Country Financial
Northwest Farm Credit Services
SELCO Community Credit Union

Food

Bentley's Grill
BrucePac - Silverton & Woodburn Plants
Cascade Baking
Kerr Concentrates, Inc.
LifeSource Natural Foods
NORPAC Foods - Stayton, Brooks, & Salem Plants
Rafns' Restaurant
Roth's Fresh Market - Central Office, Sunnyslope, Vista,
Hayesville, Lancaster, Stayton, & Silverton stores

Spring Valley Dairy
Sweet Couture
Willamette Valley Fruit Company

Government

Marion County Dog Shelter
Marion County Public Works—Silverton Road Campus
OR Department of Administrative Services- 20 Buildings
OR DAS - Salem Motor Pool
OR DAS - Property Distribution Center
OR Dept. of Corrections (DOC) CDC/Warehouse
OR DOC Gath Road Range
OR DOC Mill Creek Correctional Facility
OR Santiam Correctional Facility
OR State Corrections Institution
OR DOC State Penitentiary
OR Department of Energy
OR DMV Headquarters OR Exposition Center
OR Dept. of Public Safety Standards & Training
OR Lottery
OR State Capitol
Salem Center 50+
Salem Civic Center
Salem Fire Department
Salem Housing Authority
Salem - Information Technology
Salem - Public Works Willow Lake WPCF
Salem Shops
Salem - Urban Development's Airport Division
Salem - Urban Development's Director's Office
Salem Public Library

Landscaping

DeSantis Landscapes, Inc.
The Garden Angels
Green Acres Landscape, Inc.

Medical

Holly Chamberlain D.D.S., L.L.C.
Chiropractic Physicians, P.C.
Mid-Valley Oral, Maxillofacial & Implant Surgery ★
Spinnaker Pediatric Dentistry
Willamette E.N.T. & Facial Plastic Surgery, LLP

Not For Profit

Assistance League of Salem - Daue House
Assistance League of Salem - Encore Furniture
Center for Hope & Safety
Family Building Blocks
Garten Services, Inc.
Habitat for Humanity of the Mid-Willamette ValleyMarion-
Polk Food Share
SAIF Corporation
Saint Mark Lutheran Church
Salem Art Association ★
Temple Beth Sholom
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem
United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley
Willamette Lutheran Retirement Home

Personal Services

Designer Cut
Phiz Spa

Professional/Services

AAA Cleaning Service - Metro, Inc.
ABC Window Cleaners & Building Maintenance
Allied Video Productions
Cascade Employer's Association
Collier Law
Compex Two Computers
Law Office of Eden Rose Brown
VanNatta Public Relations/Spire Management

Real Estate & Commercial Properties

Coldwell Bankers Commercial Mountain West Real Estate ★
The Epping Group/Creekside Corporate Center
Pringle Creek Community
Wildwood | Mahonia

Recycling/Solid Waste

Agri-Plas, Inc.
Covanta Energy, Marion Facility
D & O Garbage Service Inc.
Loren's Sanitation & Recycling Services
Marion Recycling Center
North Marion Recycling & Disposal
Pacific Sanitation

Retail/Wholesale

Cooke Stationery Co.
Crosby Hop Farm, LLC ★
Habitat for Humanity ReStore
One Fair World
Rapid Refill

Tourism/Entertainment

Grand Hotel in Salem
Salem Convention Center
Salem Riverfront Carousel
Travel Salem

Transportation

South Salem Cycleworks
Salem Keizer Transit



Modern Building Systems (2011 - 2017)



MBS does big things: big projects, has a big work site, makes big modular buildings. And when it comes time for **EarthWISE** recertification they take a big picture. Our EarthWISE hats are off to you --MBS--for including so many folk.