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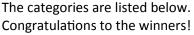


### **Important dates:**

- June 14 16 Schools out
- June 16 EcoFest
- June 18 Father's Day
- July 6 9 Marion County
- 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

n 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.





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

Organic Land Care

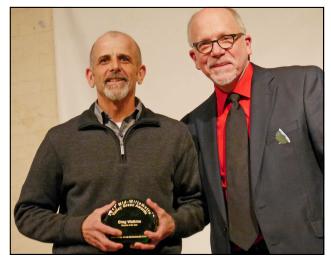


EarthWISE Business of the Year: Chemeketa Community College

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**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





## 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



Travel Salem 2009 - 2017



Oregon State Corrections Institution 2013 - 2017



Studio 3 Architecture 2011 - 2017

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Ask
Mister
Sustainability

uestion: 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?"

K, 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 distributer 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 the 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 Universlist 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.