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Saturday, April 21
Oregon Garden, 10 am to 4 pm

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Free Admission Earth Day

April 21, 10am to 4 pm
Oregon Garden

Live music, exhibits, crafts, garden tours,
face painting, local food, presentations,
demonstrations and more!

► oregongarden.org



PARKING

Onsite parking \$5, Free shuttles are available from:

- Gravel lot between Roth's Fresh Markets and Seven Brides Brewing, 918 N First St.
- Robert Frost Elementary, 201 Westfield St.

¡Venga a Celebrar el Día de la Tierra!

Traiga a su familia al Jardín de Oregon en Silverton para disfrutar la belleza de la naturaleza. Habrá más de 30 exhibiciones y será un día lleno de actividades divertidas para todas las edades. ¡La entrada es GRATIS! Costará \$5 por estacionarse en las instalaciones del Jardín. También habrá estacionamiento gratis en Robert Frost Elementary y en el estacionamiento de grava al norte de la tienda Roth's. Un autobús lo transportara gratis al evento.



CURBSIDE COMPOST



Are you still putting your food scraps in the garbage? If you live in Keizer, Salem, Silverton, Stayton, Jefferson, Turner, or Woodburn you can toss all of your food waste into your yard debris cart so that it can be converted into compost. Compost is a valuable amendment that adds nutrients and organic matter back into our Oregon soils. Instead of a waste product, your scraps are recycled! **Remember only food, no plastic!**

EarthWISE GREEN AWARD WINNERS

In February, three Marion County EarthWISE businesses were awarded an EarthWISE Green Award for their outstanding leadership in sustainability practices. Areas considered were waste reduction, energy and water conservation, and green purchasing.

Please join us in congratulating the winners:

GARTEN SERVICES EarthWISE Non-profit of the Year

WILDWOOD MAHONIA EarthWISE Small Business of the Year

SPRING VALLEY DAIRY EarthWISE Large Business of the Year



What is the EarthWISE program?



EarthWISE is a FREE environmental assistance program offered to all businesses in Marion County.

EarthWISE staff are available for anything from a quick phone call to answer a question to a full-service environmental assessment site visit—whatever you need to get your business recycling, reducing waste, and/or saving energy and water. In fact, many EarthWISE businesses find that taking these steps also help save money as well.

The EarthWISE program also offers a certification should you want to pursue it. Certification is a great way to show your staff and customers that your business cares about doing the right thing by conserving resources as best you can. Certified businesses also receive promotion for becoming EarthWISE.

Get Started

Just give us a call at 503.365.3188 or send an email to Earthwise@co.marion.or.us. We'll help you begin conserving resources and, hopefully, saving money, today!

mcEarthWISE.net

EarthWISE Restaurants that Compost

Most businesses in Marion County now have the option to compost food scraps. This is great news for food-generating businesses looking for a way to divert large amounts of food waste from the garbage.

We want to congratulate the following businesses for being leaders in the community and for demonstrating their commitment to environmental stewardship.

Join the participants!

- Cascade Baking Co.
- Bentley's Grill
- Salem Convention Center
- Rafns' Restaurant
- LifeSource Natural Foods
- Roth's Fresh Markets



Want to get started? Contact your hauler or call a Marion County program coordinator at 503.566.4159.

RECYCLE RIGHT

MIXED RECYCLING



Metal Metal

Steel (tin) cans | Latas de acero (estaño)
Aluminum cans | Latas de aluminio



Paper & Cardboard

Junk Mail
Greeting Cards
(no foil or glitter)
Magazines
Newspaper
Phone Books
Paperback Books
Paper Bags

Papel y Cartón

Correo no Deseado
Tarjetas de felicitación
(sin aluminio o glitter)
Revistas
Periódicos
Libros telefónicos
Libros de tapa blanda
Bolsas de papel



Plastics

Bottles
Jugs

Plásticos

Botellas
Gallones

EMPTY CLEAN DRY
VACÍO LIMPIO SECO



TRASH IT

These materials are now considered contaminants.
When in doubt, toss it out, *si tienes duda, a la basura.*



Scrap Metal
Chatarras de metal



Egg Cartons
Cartones de huevos



Shredded Paper
Papel triturado



Plastic Cups
Vasos de Plástico



Plastic Jars
Fascos de plástico



Plastic Tubs
Contenedores de plástico



Aerosol Cans
Latas de aerosol



Aluminium Foil
Papel de Aluminio



Clamshells & Take Out Trays
No canastas de plástico o
contenedores de comida para llevar



MAJOR RECYCLING CHANGES

AFFECTING YOUR CART



We love to recycle in Marion County, but we've been putting the wrong things into our recycling rollcarts in hopes that they'll be recycled. This can slow or break sorting machinery and contaminate good materials. It's also one of the reasons China—the biggest buyer of recycled materials worldwide—has recently placed tougher restrictions on what they'll accept.

The companies that sort our recycling, like Garten Services, have had to slow down their processes to remove non-recyclable items and materials are piling up as they search for other

markets to sell to. Some recycling companies have asked permission to temporarily dispose of recyclables that they can't sell. This has been granted for a few materials for a limited time.

This is how you can help. The following items can no longer be recycled and must be placed in the trash: egg cartons; plastic jars; clamshells/take out trays; cups; tubs (like yogurt or cottage cheese containers); caps; lids; pump bottles; aerosol cans; scrap metal. And when in doubt, toss it out.

Don't stop recycling; but please only recycle items on the approved recycling list above! We work closely with recycling processors to create an accurate list based on what can be sorted and sold.

For more information about what's in and what's out, visit mcRecycles.net



Pro Tip!
Clip and post next to your in home recycling.



RECYCLING STRANGER THINGS

**They can be recycled...
just not in the mixed recycling cart**



ELECTRONICS

All televisions, monitors, and computers are required by law to be recycled. All of these items, plus pretty much any other electronic item—big or small—may be taken to the Salem Keizer Transfer Station, North Marion Transfer Station, or Garten Services. For a list of other free locations to recycle these items visit oregonecycles.org



**FLUORESCENT
LIGHTS**

Fluorescent tubes and bulbs contain mercury which can be released when broken. Residents may take up to 10 bulbs/tubes a day for free to the Salem Keizer Recycling & Transfer Station for recycling.



STYROFOAM

Styrofoam may be taken for free to the Fresh Start Market at 3020 Center Street NE, Salem. Only clean, block Styrofoam that snaps when folded is accepted. No peanuts or meat trays.



TEXTILES

Clothing and other textiles that are still in acceptable condition may be donated to thrift shops or assistance agencies for reuse.



Pro Tip! Visit mcRecycleGuide.net for more information about Recycling Stranger Things.



Become a Master Recycler!

Join a network of over 600 Marion County Master Recyclers by taking this 7 week class starting in September. Learn about:

- What happens to your garbage: Marion County's solid waste management system
- Recycling: what can and can't be recycled and why
- Waste reduction at work and home
- Green communities
- Composting and vermicomposting
- Household hazardous waste reduction and alternatives
- Education and outreach techniques

The class includes two Saturday field trips to 10 different facilities in Marion County! After completing the class, you will complete 30 hours of volunteer payback by teaching others what you've learned, establishing recycling programs at work, volunteering at community events, or another project of your choice. The total cost for the class is only \$25 plus your 30 hours of volunteer time.

To learn more about the class or to be placed on the upcoming class notification list visit: MasterRecycler.net



SPRING CLEANING

Do you have unused chemicals lurking in your home? If you do it's important to take them to Marion County's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Facility to protect your family and the planet. Some HHW products include:

- Cleaning products
- Pesticides
- Fuels
- Solvents/degreasers
- Antifreeze (also accepted curbside when available)
- Pesticides/Herbicides/Weed Killer
- Mercury
- Paint Thinner
- Wood Preservatives
- Rust Remover
- Engine Cleaners
- Pool Chemicals

These products can be hazardous if used or disposed of incorrectly. If an item has a "Caution", "Warning" or "Danger" label it should never be poured down a drain, flushed down a toilet, or placed in the garbage.

Bring them to the collection facility instead; it's free for residents! For quantities larger than five gallons, please contact us. Businesses must make an appointment by calling 1-800-444-4244 and are charged a fee.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility

Salem-Keizer Recycling and Transfer Station

3250 Deer Park Dr. SE, Salem, OR 97317

Open every Thursday and the 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month

8 am – 3:30 pm, mcRecycles.net



GREEN CLEANERS

If you read the list of chemicals in a typical household cleaner, you might be surprised to learn that many of them contain volatile organic compounds (VOCs). These compounds, upon exposure, can create a wide variety of health issues for you, your family, or the environment around you.

To reduce these exposures you may choose to switch to "green cleaners" that are made of non-toxic or less toxic substances. Green cleaners are available at most stores that sell cleaning supplies. These cleaners use less toxic chemicals, typically don't contain VOCs, and are safest for use in the home

or business environment. To know which products live up to their claims, choose one with a trusted 3rd-party certification. They include: Green Seal, UL Laboratories, Ecologo, Safer Choice, or Scientific Certification System.

For the do-it-yourselfer, making your own green cleaners is easy. In fact, you'll find that you can save money. Many cleaners can be made with simple ingredients like; vinegar, baking soda, lemon juice, or water! The internet is full of recipes and ideas, but if you need a place to start visit mcRecycles.net



Pro Tip!
look for
these labels



EXPANDED BOTTLE BILL

You've noticed that returnable bottles are now worth a 10 cent deposit. But did you know a lot more types of bottles can earn you a dime? The Bottle Bill was amended in 2011 to add all beverages except wine, liquor, dairy or plant-based milk, meal replacement beverages, and infant formula. In other words, pretty much everything else that is a "beverage" is now worth a dime.

Examples of common beverages that are included in these container sizes:

- Coffee/tea (even if they contain milk)
- Energy and sports drinks
- Fruit and vegetable juice
- Juice smoothies
- Hard cider if 8.5% ABV or less
- Marijuana beverages
- Aloe vera juice
- Coconut water
- Non-alcohol wine
- Drinking vinegar
- Muscle Milk
- Protein shakes
- Kombucha
- Cocktail mixers



¿¿HABLAS ESPAÑOL??

¿Sabías que el Departamento de Servicios Ambientales del Condado de Marion tiene una página de internet en español? ¡Ahora tú puedes aprender más sobre los programas de reducción de basura, reciclaje y compostaje que ofrece el Condado de Marion! Esta página en español te ayudará a encontrar respuestas a preguntas comunes, tales como:

- ¿Qué tipo de materiales puedo reciclar en casa?
- ¿Cómo debo separar los materiales reciclables si vivo en un apartamento?
- ¿Cómo puedo deshacerme de los productos químicos tóxicos del hogar de forma segura?
- ¿Cómo puede mi negocio obtener la certificación EarthWISE?

Toda esta información está a tu alcance con sólo visitar

► mcRecicla.net

WASTE MATTERS ON THE AIR

Every second and fourth Thursday of the month at 1 pm on KMUZ 88.5, 100.7 FM, join host Alan Pennington as he interviews guests about waste reduction, recycling, and other timely topics. Stream the show live, on the radio, or download the podcast.



► kmuz.org/category/wastematters

STUDENT CONTEST WINNER

The 2017 Student Recycle Art Calendar grand prize went to Savannah Schaefer-Barnwell from Sprague High School.

This art contest is intended to encourage students throughout Marion County to consider the importance of waste reduction and resource conservation. The calendar is produced annually as a collaboration between Marion County Public Works - Environmental Services and the Mid-Valley Garbage & Recycling Association. To learn more about this contest visit mcRecycles.net



TAKE 2 Stay up-to-date on Recycling



► mcRecycles.net

From finding your garbage hauler to recycling depots to free resources you might use in your home or business, mcRecycles.net is a great go-to website.



► mcRecycleGuide.net

This amazing database contains hundreds of listings as to how an item may be recycle, reused, or trashed. Available either on a smart phone or desktop computer.