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### **Marion County to Accept PVC Plastics for Free Disposal**

Marion County Public Works Environmental Services will accept PVC/vinyl plastics on Saturday, April 19 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Salem-Keizer Recycling and Transfer Station, the North Marion Recycling and Transfer Station, and at the Brown's Island Demolition Landfill for free disposal. **The day coincides with the 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day and is intended to raise awareness about the potential dangers of and alternatives to PVC/vinyl plastics.**

PVC/vinyl plastic (also known as polyvinylchloride) is one of the most versatile of the plastic materials, but it can potentially be dangerous. When burned, PVC/vinyl can create dioxins, which are cancer causing and can lead to impairment of the immune and nervous system. It is commonly used in construction, outdoor lawn furniture, and other types of plastic that are designed to withstand the outdoors.

“PVC/vinyl can be a dangerous type of plastic if mishandled. We hope that this event will raise awareness about safer and equally effective alternatives to PVC/vinyl,” said Jeff Bickford, senior environmental engineer of the Marion County Public Works Environmental Services Division. People can get more information by calling (503) 588-5169 or visiting the Department's Web site at <http://www.co.marion.or.us/PW/ES>.

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