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### **Marion County Solid Waste Management Plan Being Developed**

Marion County Public Works Environmental Services is currently in the process of having the county's solid waste management plan updated. A consultant, JR Miller and Associates of Brea, California, is performing the work. The last solid waste management plan (SWMP) prepared for Marion County was completed in 2002.

Since the completion of the SWMP in 2002, many of the recommendations have been implemented, such as the addition of mixed curbside recycling, enhanced business resource efficiency programs, and additional waste reduction and recycling outreach at multi-family housing.

A solid waste plan is a document that is utilized by the county in targeting where to focus their resources in order to reduce solid waste and accomplish safe and environmentally responsible waste disposal. Marion County residents are encouraged to both keep informed on the development of the plan, as well as provide input into the process.

Discussion and feedback on the sections of the plan as it is developed is possible at the meetings of the County's Solid Waste Management Advisory Council, held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm, typically in the Senator Hearing Room of Courthouse Square at 555 Court St. NE in Salem (for May only, this meeting will be held at the Marion County Public Works building at 5155 Silverton Rd NE). Copies of draft plan documents as well as the presentations made by the consultant at the planning meetings are available for view and download at the Department's website at [www.co.marion.or.us/PW/ES/](http://www.co.marion.or.us/PW/ES/)

"The department wants to take a fresh look at how things are going currently and where it is that we can improve, as far as waste reduction, recycling, composting, and disposal are concerned, and based on this, set a direction for the future" said Jeff Bickford, senior environmental engineer for the Marion County Public Works Department.

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