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REDUCE

The most effective way to reduce waste is to not create it in the first place. Making new products requires a lot of materials and energy. Raw materials must be extracted from the earth, and the product must be fabricated and then transported to wherever it will be sold. As a result, reduction and reuse are the most effective ways you can save natural resources, protect the environment, and save money.

Benefits of Reducing and Reusing

- Prevents pollution caused by reducing the need to harvest new raw materials
- Saves energy
- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global climate change
- Helps sustain the environment for future generations
- Saves money
- Reduces the amount of waste that will need to be recycled or sent to landfills and incinerators
- Allows products to be used to their fullest extent



REUSE on the go

1.

Bring your reusable coffee cup with you and save some coin! For a list of coffee shops that offer reusable discounts visit bit.ly/ReduceOnTheGo



2.

Find reusable bags you love, keep them in your car, and wash them regularly.



3.

Answer the call! Don't get wrapped up in plastic. Lots of produce comes in its own perfectly designed packaging. Free your produce from suffocation and ditch the bag altogether.



4.

If you're buying food in bulk, you can use a mason jar. Just write down the weight of the jar so it doesn't add to the price. For spices or dried herbs, clean out an old glass spice container and refill.



**SAT, DEC 7
9-11am**
Faith Lutheran Church
4505 River Rd N Keizer

Save a little cash and reduce your environmental impact this holiday season. Marion County Environmental Services is hosting a FREE toy swap! Bring any gently used, clean toys Friday, December 6th to Faith Lutheran Church from 9am to 1pm or visit our webpage for various drop off locations through Salem and Keizer. Then on Saturday, December 7th from 9 am -11 am shop for free to find toys and gadgets for your loved ones.

► bit.ly/reuseswaps



HOST A SWAP

Compared to 15 years ago, the average consumer buys 60 percent more clothing per year and keeps them for about half as long. Swaps challenge consumers to think differently about goods and are a fun alternative to purchasing new. Download our guide today!

► bit.ly/reuseswaps



MAKE MEMORIES NOT TRASH

We have the consumer power to greatly reduce environmental impacts this holiday season. Follow our handy online guide for 50 gift ideas that promote connections and experiences rather than purchasing wasteful stuff.

► bit.ly/wastelesscelebrations

REPAIR FAIR & SHARE

Repair Fair & Share brings together volunteers throughout the community to provide community connections, repair services, and promotes repair rather than replace. ► RepairFair.net

Fall 2015
Chemeketa Community College

28 items, 16 repairs, 3 items in process, 14 volunteers

Summer 2016
Willamette Heritage Center

30 items, 25 repairs, 1 in process, 20 volunteers

Winter 2017
The Northwest Hub

61 items, 49 repairs, 5 in process, 20 volunteers

Summer 2017
ReStore

92 items, 62 repairs, 6 in process, 20 volunteers

Fall 2019
Pringle Creek Hall

92 items, 62 repairs, 6 in process, 20 volunteers

95%

of past attendees said they were **more likely to repair** in the future



70%

of past attendees said they were **willing to try to repair something** themselves after visiting the event.



MIXED RECYCLING



Paper & Cardboard

Office Paper/Junk Mail
Cereal-type Boxes
Greeting Cards
(no foil or glitter)
Magazines
Newspaper
Phone Books
Paperback Books
Paper Bags
Cardboard
Paper

Papel y Cartón

Papel de Oficina/Correo
Cajas de Cereal
Tarjetas de Felicitación
(sin aluminio o glitter)
Revistas
Periódicos
Libros Telefónicos
Libros de Tapa Blanda
Bolsas de Papel
Cartón
Papel

EMPTY
CLEAN
DRY

VACÍO
LIMPIO
SECO



Plastics
Bottles
Jugs

Plásticos
Botellas
Jarras



Metal
Steel (tin) Cans
Aluminum Cans

Metal
Latas de Acero (estaño)
Latas de Aluminio



SPECIAL RECYCLING

Where available
Contact your hauler

Household Batteries
Baterías del Hogar
Especially Button Cell and Rechargeable
(sealed in a bag *colocadas en bolsas*)



Household Paint
Pintura del Hogar
Latex and Oil (usable, up to two gallons,
no rusty cans) *Látex y aceite (utilizable,
hasta dos galones, sin latas oxidadas)*



Used Motor Oil
Aceite de Motor Usado
(sealed in a leak-proof container)
(sellado en un recipiente a prueba de fugas)



Antifreeze
Anticongelante
(sealed in a leak-proof container)
(sellado en un recipiente a prueba de fugas)



Vegetable Cooking Oil
Aceite de Cocina Vegetal
(sealed in a leak-proof container)
(sellado en un recipiente a prueba de fugas)



Glass Bottles & Jars
Botellas de Vidrio y Frascos
(empty, clean, & dry) (*vacío, limpio, y seco*)



MIXED ORGANICS

Where available
Contact your hauler



All Food

Bread & Grains
Meat & Proteins
Coffee Grounds
Dairy Products
Eggs & Bones
Seafood & Shells
Fruits & Vegetables

Todo Comida

Pan y Granos
Carne y Proteínas
Café Molido
Productos Lácteos
Cascarones de Huevos y Huesos
Mariscos y Conchas
Frutas y Vegetales



Some Paper

Paper Napkins
Paper Towels
Coffee Filters & Tea Bags
Pizza Box

Algo de Papel

Servilletas de Papel
Toallas de Papel
Filtros del Café y Bolsas de Té
Caja de Pizza



Plants

Yard Debris

Plantas

Desechos del Jardín



GARBAGE

When in doubt, throw it out



Plastic Tubs
Contenedores de Plástico



Egg Cartons
Cartones de Huevos



Scrap Metal
Chatarras de Metal



Shredded Paper
Papel Triturado



Aerosol Cans
Latas de Aerosol



Plastic Jars
Frascos de Plástico



Aluminum Foil
Papel de Aluminio



Plastic Cups
Vasos de Plástico



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





For Individuals

Marion County Master Recyclers

Join a network of over 800 Marion County Master Recyclers by taking this 7 week class starting January 30. The program includes two Saturday field trips to 10 different facilities in Marion County and presentations from over 20 experts in the industry. The total cost for the class is \$25 plus 30 hours of volunteer time.

Engaging presentations and field trips
Learn about waste reduction and reuse
Master Recycler certification
Connect with people with similar interests
Share knowledge through the community

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.

Learn more and get added to the upcoming class notification list.

► MasterRecycler.net



For Businesses



EarthWISE is a no cost resource for businesses looking to make positive changes in their sustainability practices, or set goals to add additional opportunities for reuse, conservation and recycling. Businesses complete a self assessment and then work with EarthWISE staff to receive certification based on national best practices in sustainability.

Food waste reduction programs for the food industry
Peer to peer networking
Lunch and coffee meet ups with sustainability experts
Access to audits (plug load, energy, food waste)
We help tell your business's sustainability story

With the idea of the triple bottom line, planet, people and profit, our EarthWISE network members practice building green businesses and green communities. Each business upon certification becomes an EarthWISE network member and receives a plaque and decal to display proudly in their business. Check out which local businesses are EarthWISE certified.

► mcEarthWISE.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 (VOC's). These compounds, upon exposure, can create a wide variety of health issues for you, your family, and the environment around you. To reduce these exposures, choose 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 benign or less toxic chemicals that have been tested to clean well , typically don't contain VOC's, 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. Each of these organizations have independently tested the product that they endorse and are not owned by the company that makes it. Here are logos to look for:



For the DIYer, making your own green cleaners is easy and affordable. Many cleaners can be made with common ingredients you already have on hand.

Green All-purpose Cleaner

Use this cleaner for just about every kind of surface, from kitchen counters and appliances to bathroom surfaces, mirrors and walls.

2 cups water
1 cup hydrogen peroxide
¼ cup lemon juice

Add ingredients to a reused spray bottle for use at home or work.

Green Window Cleaner

Perfect for streak-free windows.

2 cups warm water
1/4 cup rubbing alcohol
1/4 cup white vinegar
1 tablespoon cornstarch

Combine everything in a spray bottle, and shake well.





KEEP YOUR FAMILY & STREAMS SAFE

Many household products contain hazardous chemicals which need to be disposed of properly. Items labeled **Danger, Warning, Caution, or Poison** should not be tossed in your residential garbage, as this increases the potential for release of these substances into the environment. The disposal of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) into storm drains, either directly or indirectly as runoff, can have a significant impact on our waterways by creating toxic levels of chemicals poisonous to aquatic life. Water from storm drains does not get treated and runs directly into local waterways, so remember only rain down the drain.

Protect your loved ones and local streams by disposing of household products at the Marion County Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Some HHW items include: antifreeze, pesticides, weed killer, herbicides, fuels, pool chemicals, solvents/degreasers, spot remover, turpentine, mercury, paint thinner, and engine cleaners.

HHW is accepted free of charge from residents of Marion County. Please bring your household hazardous materials in the original retail containers with lids. Residents with containers larger than 5 gallons or multiple containers of any one substance must receive approval from Marion County prior to delivery at the HHW facility and may be charged a fee. Businesses must contact 1.503.742.7109 for an appointment and pricing.

► <http://bit.ly/hhwMC>

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility
3250 Deer Park Dr. SE, Salem OR 97317
Thursdays and 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month
8 am- 3:30 pm | 503.588.5036 (Residents)



WHAT IS HAZARDOUS?
Use our online Recycle Guide to find answers!
► mcRecycleGuide.net



WASTE MATTERS PODCAST

Discover behind the scenes stories of waste and reduction in our community. Hosts Alan Pennington and Rachel VanWoert interview guests about their business and personal waste reduction stories and share helpful, sustainability tips. Stream the show live, on the radio, or download the podcast.

► bit.ly/WasteMattersMC



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► bit.ly/ReduceNews



REDUCE & RECYCLE GUIDE
Learn where to take your stuff when you don't want it any longer.
► mcRecycleGuide.net

