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MARION COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS - ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Master Recycler Newsletter

PaintCare Goes Permanent

The PaintCare pilot program in Oregon marked its third anniversary in July, and lawmakers marked the occasion by making the 2009 legislation permanent by passing a bill that eliminates the 2014 sunset provision.

PaintCare submitted its annual report for the program to the Oregon DEQ in September, detailing operational aspects and successes of the program's third year.



During this time, PaintCare maintained 100 retail and municipal collection sites, with some new sites being added in previously underserved areas. With PaintCare's infrastructure, 95 percent of Oregon residents have access to a site within 15 miles of their home.

Most of the latex was recycled into new recycled-content paint, and almost all of the oil-based paint was used for fuel blending.

Partnering government programs are realizing a direct financial savings as PaintCare covers the cost of paint transportation and recycling.

In 2009, Oregon became the first state in the nation to enact a law requiring paint manufacturers to safely manage leftover latex and oil-based paint from consumer and contractor painting jobs. This historic product stewardship legislation responds to the issue of managing leftover paint - the largest component of local household hazardous waste collection programs. Costs for safely managing leftover paint are incorporated in the purchase price of new paint.

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"I realized this week that I cannot do it all, so I will choose to do what I can, fabulously."

~Clinton Kelly

PaintCare...

The PaintCare program is at the forefront of the producer responsibility movement, in which Oregon is a national leader. Producer responsibility means manufacturers take responsibility for reducing the lifecycle impacts of a product, including internalizing end-of-life management costs, rather than having government set up and fund collection programs for waste products.

In response to the success of the Oregon program, legislation mandating the creation of the PaintCare program has been enacted in six additional states since 2009: California, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Minnesota, Vermont, and Maine.

What's going on in our backyard?

Marion County began recycling latex paint in 2000, long before the producer responsibility legislation was enacted.

Since the start of PaintCare, however, the county has been reimbursed by the program at a per-gallon rate that has saved over \$200,000!



It has also facilitated the collection of oil-based paint. Although it is still burned for energy as when it was mixed with garbage, we are able to better account for the amount of energy recovered from this type of paint, and it has encouraged safe disposal by making it easier for residents to dispose of oil-based paint at the curb and recycling depots.

Medication Drop Off Expands

Since the County began partnering in medication collection events in 2010 there have been continuing efforts to provide year-round access to safe disposal locations.

This perseverance has paid off, and now, thanks to the commitment of participating cities, the county boasts 6 permanent locations for residents to bring unwanted and expired household medication (prescription or over-the-counter).

Gervais, Keizer, Salem, Stayton, & Woodburn residents have locations at police stations or city halls, and all other Marion County residents can take them to the administration building at the Marion County Jail. Most are open regular business hours Monday through Friday, and Salem offers 24/7 availability.

Proper disposal of medication is important to protect water quality (never pour or flush down drains!), and to keep families safe.

For location and other important details visit our website at

www.co.marion.or.us/PW/ES/disposal/drugturnin.htm.



Collection box at the Marion County Jail Admin. Building

Put Your Cans to Work!

The Oregon Green Schools Association has launched a collection drive for plastic bottles and aluminum cans that have a deposit value. People can now donate their cans and plastic bottles (no glass) at the new collection receptacle at the Salem-Keizer Recycling & Transfer Station. The facility is located near the Gaffin Road Exit off of Highway 22 east of Salem and is open 7 days/week from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.



Marion County awarded OGSA a grant which allowed the non-profit to build three collection boxes. Republic Services has donated space at the recycling depot to collect them. Currently only one box is being used but the group plans to find two locations in Marion County to place the other boxes.



“Oregon Green Schools is a non-profit organization that helps K-12 schools establish recycling programs, save water and conserve energy. The organization works on a shoestring budget and this new source of income will help the group tremendously!” said Bailey Payne, Waste Reduction Coordinator for Marion County and OGSA Board Member. There are currently 26 schools in Marion County that are in the program and approximately 250 throughout Oregon. To learn more about OGSA, watch the short video on their website: www.oregongreenschools.org.

Every year Oregonians either recycle or throw away bottles and cans that have a five cent deposit. The five cent deposit hasn't gone up since the Bottle Bill was first enacted in 1971. In fact if you accounted for inflation, a can in 1971 would be worth twenty-three cents in today's dollars. While a nickel may not seem like much money, a conservative estimate is that there are 260,000,000 bottles being thrown away or recycled without claiming the deposit. This works out to at \$13 million annually!



Graduate Gallery



Master Recyclers of the Century!

After poking around a bit in our archives we realized we have quite a number of above-and-beyond Master Recyclers who have amassed 100 or more hours of volunteer time. So here's a tip of the graduation hat to these centurions among us! If you are a little shy of that goal, don't fret! A measly 30 hours is all you need to call yourself a "Certified Master Recycler".



Master Recycler Centurions:

Joel Boone	Millie Estrin	Judy Skinner
Rich Clarkson	David Furr	Thomas Smith
Jack Cody	Marian LaBounty	Bonnie Sullivan
Sharon Cody	Tina Morilon	Patty Tipton
Steve DePina	Jessica Ramey	Sally White

Fun Fact-

In 2006, Fiji water ran an ad saying "The label says Fiji because it's not bottled in Cleveland". Cleveland took offense to that and ran some tests – turns out Cleveland's tap water is better than Fiji's bottled water.



Recycle Your Used Cooking Oil

RECYCLE CURBSIDE
PLACE COOL, USED VEGETABLE OIL INTO ORIGINAL OR SEE-THRU PLASTIC JUG WITH TIGHT-FITTING LID. 2 GALLONS PER PICK-UP MAXIMUM. PLACE IN SMALL RECYCLE BASKET.

BRING TO RECYCLING AND TRANSFER STATION
USED VEGETABLE COOKING OIL IS ACCEPTED AT THE SALEM-KEIZER RECYCLING AND TRANSFER STATION AND OTHER AREA DEPOTS. VISIT MCRECYCLES.NET TO FIND A LOCATION NEAR YOU.

WHAT HAPPENS TO IT?
THE OIL IS TAKEN TO SEQUENTIAL PACIFIC BIOFUELS IN SALEM AND TURNED INTO BIODIESEL, A LOCAL AND RENEWABLE FUEL THAT CAN IMPROVE THE PERFORMANCE OF YOUR DIESEL ENGINE! VISIT SQBIOFUELS.COM FOR FUEL STATION LOCATIONS.


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TASTY TIDBITS



Pamper Your Pearlies Plastic Paradise

Sometimes when you avoid packaging by making a product yourself you end up with a fresher, higher quality result as a bonus!

Instead of buying natural toothpaste in disposable tubes, try this home-made version:

- 2/3 cup baking soda
- 1 tsp fine sea salt (optional – direct application of the minerals in sea salt is great for teeth, but can be left out if the taste is too salty)
- 1 – 2 tsp peppermint extract or 10-15 drops peppermint essential oil (or add your favorite flavor – spearmint, orange, etc.)
- Filtered water

Blend first three ingredients then add water to desired consistency.

From www.diynatural.com.

A new film, Plastic Paradise, from journalist Angela Sun takes a closer look at the impacts of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch.



Watch the trailer, www.plasticparadisemovie.com, then browse the rest of the website for ways to help with outreach and prevention of ocean plastics pollution.

DIY Upcycled Gifts

Have you got old jar candles that have burned completely down the center but left perfectly good candle wax along the sides?

Create beautiful new layered candles out of the old ones with just a little new wick material!

Just put one jar in a pan of simmering water until the wax melts, lower in a new wick, then pour melted wax from another jar over the top after the layer cools.

Get the full scoop at Love Grows Wild blog: <http://bit.ly/1dvxv3R>



Leaf Bounty

Feeling overwhelmed by the pile of leaves in your yard? Once you realize all the great things you



can do with them you may be begging for more from your neighbors!

1. **Make leafmold.** Store them in a bin or bag with airholes for a year.
2. **Compost them.** Combine with green materials to help break them down.
3. **Chop and use as mulch.** Spread thickly over exposed soil.
4. **Condition your soil.** Dig a thin layer of chopped leaves right in!
5. **Insulate winter veggies.** Pile 6" high over cold-hardy root veggies.
6. **Save them for Spring.** They will help balance out your greens.

Another Winner!

Congratulations to Martha Cloran of Salem! She won an Earth Machine composter at the Salem Home & Remodel show. Martha hasn't composted before, but after talking with our Master Recyclers at our booth and winning the composter she's excited to get started!



Cloth Diapers for All



The Rebecca Foundation is a national cloth diaper lending bank, with chapters located in cities across the United States,

providing support, education and guidance to low income or in need families.

To learn about their current cloth diaper drive visit them at www.therebeccafoundation.org.

To learn more about the local chapter of Rebecca's Foundation visit their Facebook page at <http://on.fb.me/186t7mN>.

Master Recycler Call to Serve



Saturday, November 16 at 12:00

Master Recycler needed to help tape a short greeting on a television ad that will air on CCTV during the holidays. If you would like to sign up, please contact the Marion County Volunteer Coordinator Cathy Crocker - ccrocker@co.marion.or.us.

Sometime in November Recycling Activity with Silverton Elementary School Students

A Master Recycler is needed to lead an activity with an after school group called Silverton ASAP (www.asapsilvertonor.org). There are several different activities that can be done and we have the materials and instructions on how to do them. If you can help out with this, please contact Bailey at bpayne@co.marion.or.us or 503-365-3191.



Flexible Date

The Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Mt. Angel is seeking a Master Recycler volunteer to help educate their customers and the community about how reusing construction and other materials not only helps Habitat for Humanity, but is also a major help to the environment. A specific project has not been decided yet, but some ideas include creating a display and tabling at community events in the Mt. Angel/Silverton area, creating signs to inform customers about the environmental benefits of buying used, presenting to community organizations about how the ReStore helps the environment, or helping them to become our next EarthWISE business. If you are interested in this, please contact LouJean Fobert at lfobert@NWVHFH.org or 503-845-2164.

Flexible Date

Wednesday from 3:00 - 4:30pm

A volunteer is needed to lead a paper making activity with an after-school environmental club at Turner Elementary School. We have all the materials and can show you how to lead this fun activity. If you can volunteer, please contact Bailey at bpayne@co.marion.or.us or 503-365-3191.

Flexible Date

There are approximately 30 Oregon Green Schools throughout Marion County. Each of these schools conducts periodic waste audits where they save up a representative sample of the waste and then sort through it to analyze what they are throwing away. We have all the materials and can train you how to conduct these fun activities. Each waste audit takes approximately 60-90 minutes and the optional follow-up activity takes another 60 minutes.

We also get lots of requests from schools that want classroom presentations (which we have the materials for). If you can

help with either activity, please contact Bailey at bpayne@co.marion.or.us or 503-365-3191.

Flexible Date

Community Action Head Start

Master Recycler needed to teach 20 young children about recycling. Ideally, they would like someone to come Monday - Thursday sometime before noon. One possible activity is to talk about what composting is and read them a story about worm composting that is geared for their age (Bailey has a book). Another idea is to do a simplified waste sort activity (we have the kit). If you would like to help out with

this, please contact Jennine Osorio at lu-naleo27@yahoo.com or 503-991-3381 and then let Bailey (bpayne@co.marion.or.us) know so that he can arrange to give you the materials.

Flexible Date

Shangri-La Recycling Club

Shangri-La, a non-profit human services organization, is looking for a volunteer to join its Recycling Club as leader and captain and teach recycling information to a small group of adults with developmental disabilities. The captain would be responsible for teaching or organizing the weekly session. All activities must be approved by the LEAP Manager. LEAP is open Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Regular staff will provide supports for any personal needs of the individuals served. This volunteer opportunity requires an Shangri-La volunteer application, criminal history check, and required trainings. If you would like to sign up for this, please contact Ashley Erb at 503-581-1732, x328 or ashley@shangrilacorp.org.



Don't forget to like us on Facebook!

Events & Occasions

Featured Event

Thursday, Nov. 21st, 5:30-7:30 pm
DIY Studio Tour for Master Recyclers
155 Liberty, Suite 150, Salem
In the old Cherry Red space (behind Subway)



Master Recyclers and their guests are invited to come see the new DIY Studio in downtown Salem! DIY Studio was founded by Master Recycler, Jessica Ramey. Join us for some hands-on fun while meeting some of your fellow Master Recyclers. If you've forgotten what upcycling is, this is your chance to find out! Get ready to get crafty! Please RSVP by contacting Bailey (bpayne@co.marion.or.us -or- 503-365-3191) if you plan to attend & let him know how many people will be in your group. There is a limit of 25 people for this event. Find out more about DIY Studio at www.diystudio.net

Tuesday, Nov. 12th, 8 a.m.- 3 p.m.
**2013 Salem-Keizer Sustainability Summit:
Economic Opportunities
Keizer Civic Center**

The purpose of this summit is to facilitate the discussion of emerging business development, encourage sustainable practices, and grow Salem-Keizer area economy/workforce. It is an excellent opportunity for exposure to local. \$25 registration includes lunch! Visit www.sustainabilitysummit.info or call the Chamber at 503-393-9111.



Wednesday, Nov. 13th, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Straub Lecture -*Cascade Summer: Following the Ghost of John Waldo on Oregon's Pacific Coast Trail*
Salem Library Loucks Auditorium.

Author and Register-Guard Columnist Bob Welch tells of his 2011 journey hiking the 452-mile Oregon portion of the Pacific Crest Trail and Judge John Breckenridge Waldo's similar travels more than a century before. \$5 suggested donation.

Thursday, Nov. 14th
7:00pm
Salem Progressive Film
Series: *A Fierce Green
Fire*



Grand Theater, Salem

A FIERCE GREEN FIRE chronicles the largest movement of the 20th century and one of the keys to the 21st. It connects all major parts of environmentalism. It focuses on activism, people fighting to save their homes, their lives, the future – and succeeding against all odds. Doors open at 6:15p. Admission: Adults \$4, Students \$3.

www.salemprogressivefilms.net. 503-881-5305

Sunday, November 17th, 1pm to 2pm
Salem's Comic eXchange
DIY Studio, 155 Liberty, Suite 150

A chance for you to swap your gently used comics and graphic novels with other avid readers. Bring a comic, take a comic. Bring a graphic novel, take a graphic novel. All ages welcome! RSVP required. jessica@diystudio.net or (971) 208-5869. www.diystudio.net.

Tuesday, November 19, 6:30 -8pm
"Sew" Nerdy Embroidery

DIY Studio, 155 Liberty, Suite 150

We'll make Super Mario or Doctor Who wall hangings with felt, embroidery floss and an embroidery hoop. Feel free to

bring a snack to share and let us know which embroidery kit you prefer. \$15 instruction (\$20 non-members) and \$5 supply cost. Visit www.diystudio.net to register.

Nature Kids, 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

2nd/3rd Graders - 2nd Thursday of each month

4th/5th Graders - 3rd Thursday of each month

Straub Environmental Center

Join Bobbie Snead at Straub Environmental Learning Center to learn about where our food comes from, gray whales, invasive species, recycling and more. Call today to reserve your child's space in this popular program! Limited space - reserve today at nichole@fselc.org or call 503-391-3145. \$5/class or \$30/series (7 classes total)

November (14 & 21st) - Learn about gray whales!

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“Henry the Fish” is one in a collection of sculptures created by non-profit Washed Ashore, dedicated to educating about waste reduction and ocean impacts through art. See more sculptures and learn how you can help at www.washedashore.org.



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