

Want your business to save resources and money? We can help!



What are your sustainability goals for your workplace in 2018? We can help your business reduce waste – saving you time and money – while supporting a healthy, productive workplace and community.

We support your environmental efforts with:

Resources: Streamline your recycling program with containers, signs and best practices found in our online sustainability guide.

Our sustainability guide has 100+ best practices to help you manage materials and minimize waste.

Staff trainings: Schedule a quick recycling refresher to get everyone on the same page.

Recycling and waste assessments: Evaluate how materials flow through your business to uncover fresh ideas for efficiencies and opportunities for cost savings.

Recognition and celebration of your achievements: Become a certified Leader in Sustainability and showcase your efforts.

See examples of what these businesses are doing at www.bit.ly/LiSvideos or on our Green Business Directory at www.bit.ly/certifiedLiS.



Yakima Products Green Team receiving their award for gold level LiS certification.

CONTACT US

Contact a sustainability advisor for support, trainings or supplies to start composting or to green your business in 2018.

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Clackamas County Leaders in Sustainability

- 18/8 Men's Salons
 - Autodesk, Inc.
 - Babica Hen Café
 - Bike Gallery – Lake Oswego
 - Bridges to Change
 - Canby ReStore – Habitat for Humanity
 - City of Happy Valley – City Hall
 - Coffee Creek Correctional Facility
 - Colliers International Centerpointe
 - Danielsons Properties
- Dose Family Dental Care
 - Dyke Vandenburg Jewelers
 - Exceed Enterprises
 - Friends of Robinwood Station
 - General Sheet Metal
 - Gubanc's Pub
 - Happyrock Coffee Roasting Co.
 - Johnson RV
 - Kyra's Bake Shop
 - Lake Oswego Chamber of Commerce
- Lake Oswego United Church of Christ
 - Lake Theater & Cafe
 - Lush Cosmetics – Clackamas
 - Marylhurst University
 - Mary's Woods
 - Menchie's Frozen Yogurt – Oregon City
 - New Seasons Market – Mountain Park
 - New Seasons Market – Happy Valley
 - OBEC Consulting Engineers
 - OEEO
 - The Partners Group – Lake Oswego
 - Rockwell Collins
- Rose Villa
 - Sandy Community Action Center
 - Shear Creations
 - Shorenstein Realty Services, L.P.
 - Tucci Ristorante
 - Water Environment Services
 - Wishbone Home and Design
 - Yakima Products, Inc.



Businesses put food waste to use



Wasted food makes up 20% of what we send to our landfills. Over half of this comes from businesses. Clackamas County restaurants, grocery stores and institutions are taking the initiative to put this material to better use by collecting their food scraps. The scraps are processed to create energy or soil-enriching compost to be used in our communities.

Food scraps collection service is available to most food-generating businesses in Canby, Clackamas/ North Clackamas, Happy Valley, Lake Oswego, Milwaukie, Oak Grove, West Linn and Wilsonville.

More than 75 businesses and schools are already collecting their food scraps. See the list of businesses to the right and give them kudos the next time you visit! Check out the growing list at www.bit.ly/compostparticipants.

Canby

- Cutsforth Thriftway
- El Chilito
- Willamette Valley Country Club

Clackamas/North Clackamas

- Baja Fresh
- Costco
- Courtyard by Marriott
- Fred Meyer – Johnson Creek
- Fuji's Restaurant
- McMenamins Sunnyside
- Mio Sushi
- Nordstrom's Café
- Nothing Bundt Cakes
- Original Thai BBQ
- Trader Joe's

Happy Valley

- Café Yumm!
- City of Happy Valley – City Hall*
- Killer Burger
- New Seasons Market*
- Peet's Coffee
- Sports on Tap
- Sushi Moto

Lake Oswego

- 365 by Whole Foods
- Animal Care Group of Lake Oswego
- Bon Appétit at Marylhurst University
- Babica Hen Cafe*
- City of Lake Oswego – City Hall
- Colliers International Centerpointe*
- Crowne Plaza
- Elephant's Deli
- Gubanc's Pub*
- Kyra's Bake Shop*

- Lake Oswego Adult Community Center
- Lake Oswego Farmers' Market
- Lake Oswego Parks and Recreation
- Lake Theater and Cafe*
- Mary's Woods*
- New Seasons Market*
- Riccardo's Ristorante
- Trader Joe's
- Tucci Ristorante*
- Westlake Fire Station
- Zupan's Markets

Milwaukie

- Clackamas County Corrections Center
- Dave's Killer Bread
- Kellogg Bowl
- Jo's Saloon
- Providence Milwaukie Hospital

Oak Grove

- Elks Lodge #142
- Flying Pie Pizzeria
- Rose Villa*
- The Bomber Restaurant

West Linn

- Market of Choice
- Starbucks
- Wal-Mart

Wilsonville

- Café Yumm!
- Coca Cola Bottling Co.
- Coffee Creek Correctional Facility*
- Holiday Inn
- Rockwell Collins*
- Wilsonville Old Church & Pub - McMenamins
- Xerox

* Also a certified Leader in Sustainability

There's been a lot of talk about recycling lately...

Whether you saw something in the news or were turned away at your local recycling depot, we want to clarify what all the buzz is about.

If you recycle everything, you're doing it wrong.

Oregonians love to recycle, but we've been putting the wrong things into recycling bins in hopes they will be recycled. This can slow or break sorting machinery and contaminate good recyclables. It's also one of the reasons China has recently placed steeper restrictions on imported recycling, affecting recycling markets worldwide.

The companies that sort our recycling have had to slow down their process to remove items that aren't recyclable, and materials are piling up as they look for other buyers. Some companies have requested permission from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to temporarily dispose of recyclables, primarily plastics, as trash. Only a limited amount of these materials will go to a landfill and only if pre-approved by DEQ.

Higher costs to process recycling may contribute to increased fees for garbage and recycling throughout Oregon.

What can you do?

Keep recycling, but please only recycle items on the approved recycling list! We work closely with recycling processors to create an accurate list based on what materials can be sorted and sold.

You can review the approved recycling list at www.clackamas.us/recycling.

Top 5 Recycling Blunders

Ever wonder why these items can't be recycled? Read on!

To-go containers/cups

Salad containers, berry cartons, soft drink cups, coffee cups, plastic utensils and more.

This plastic can't be properly sorted by the sorting machines at local recycling facilities. Put it in the trash.



Tops and lids

Tops of yogurt containers, butter tubs, drink/shampoo/laundry detergent bottles and more.

These items fall out as trash as they go through the sorting machines or are improperly sorted as paper. Put them in the trash.



Plastic film and bags

Plastic grocery bags, bread bags, plastic shipping envelopes, dry-cleaning bags, bubble wrap and more.

These stretchy plastics get tangled in the machines and cause many problems at our recycling facilities. Return them to participating retailers (Safeway, Albertsons, etc.) or put them in the trash.



Frozen food boxes

Frozen pizza boxes, microwave dinners, ice cream cartons and more.

This cardboard is infused with a plastic that can't be removed during the recycling process. Put them in the trash.



Styrofoam

Packing peanuts, Styrofoam blocks, meat trays and more.

These items can't be sorted by the machines, and they break apart and create a mess. You can take some styrofoam to Agilyx (www.agilyx.com) in Tigard. Otherwise, they belong in the trash.



1 in 5 Oregonians don't have enough to eat

Donate your time, food or funds to fight hunger!

According to the Oregon Food Bank, 644,000 Oregonians (16%) lack access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food. More than 223,000 of these are children.

At the same time, approximately 170,000 tons of food are thrown out each year in the Metro region alone. That much food waste would fill 5,000 long-haul trucks. A good amount of this food is still perfectly good to eat.

There are more than 50 food rescue agencies in Clackamas County that help get good food – that would have been wasted – into the hands of those who need it. The agencies range from small pantries and meal sites hosted by churches to large organizations offering services beyond food assistance such as showers, clothing, health care, counseling and more.

The need for food donations, volunteers and funding is high. If you're interested in getting involved, visit www.211info.org/search-resources, enter your zip code and select "I need food" to find organizations near you.

A few of the 50+ food rescue agencies in the county include:

- **Canby Adult Center**
Serves seniors and people with disabilities
- **Colton Helping Hands**
Food pantry and teaching garden
- **Estacada Area Food Bank**
Shopping-style food pantry
- **Gladstone Food Pantry**
Supplemental food boxes
- **Esther's Pantry, Milwaukie**
Serves low income people living with HIV
- **Father's Heart Street Ministry, Oregon City**
Serving meals, including sack lunches
- **Sandy Community Action Center**
Shopping-style pantry
- **West Linn Food Pantry**
Supplemental food boxes and meal deliveries



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Become a MASTER RECYCLER

Learn from the experts. Connect with others. Make a difference.

Registration is now open for the Clackamas County course starting March 28, 2018. Deadline for applications is Thursday, March 1, 2018 at noon. Earn Master Recycler Certification by attending the course and volunteering 30 hours.

Details and application at masterrecycler.org

About Trash Talk

Trash Talk pages are provided by Clackamas County's Resource Conservation & Solid Waste Program, on behalf of the Clackamas County Recycling Partnership: a cooperative of Clackamas County, the cities of Barlow, Canby, Estacada, Gladstone, Happy Valley, Lake Oswego, Milwaukie, Molalla, Oregon City, Sandy, West Linn and Wilsonville, and local garbage and recycling companies.

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