

A word on Earth Day: Volunteer!

Volunteering is one of the most rewarding things you can do – for the time you invest and what you help create.

Volunteering can help you:

- **Build confidence:** Volunteering gives you the chance to try new things and feel accomplished.
- **Learn new skills:** Volunteering can help you learn new skills, gain experience and even develop job qualifications.
- **Make friends:** You can meet all kinds of people while volunteering.
- **Build community:** By volunteering in your community, you support opportunities for you and your neighbors to come together for the good of the whole community.
- **Have fun!**

There are a variety of volunteering options for all types of interests. In recognition of Earth Day this April 22, here is a short list of local groups in Clackamas County with volunteers working hard to make a difference for people and our local environment. Whether you are looking for a one-day opportunity or an ongoing commitment, these groups can use your help.

Volunteer opportunities

- Clackamas County Volunteer Connection (clackamas.us/socialservices/volunteer.html)
- Clackamas River Basin Council (clackamasriver.org)
- Johnson Creek Watershed Council (jcwc.org)
- Master Recyclers (masterrecycler.org)
- North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District (ncprd.com)
- Oswego Lake Watershed Council (oswegowatershed.org)
- SOLVE (solveoregon.org)

Schedule a workshop with us!

Master Recyclers and county staff are available to present information to your community group on a variety of topics, such as:

- Recycling
- Green cleaners
- Reducing wasted food
- and more!

For more information or to schedule a presentation for your organization, garden club, faith group, school or other community group, call 503-557-6363 or email wasteinfo@clackamas.us.



Volunteers helped fix 60 broken items at the West Linn Repair Fair in February.

EARTH DAY QUIZ

1. When was the first Earth Day?
2. What American river caught fire in 1969 and pushed concerns about the environment into the national spotlight?
3. What groundbreaking and lifesaving legislation was passed in the wake of the first Earth Day?
4. By 1990, what was the monetary value of the health benefits from the Clean Air Act?

1. April 22, 1970; 2. The Cuyahoga River in Ohio; 3. Richard Nixon signed the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act; 4. Approximately \$22 trillion in health benefits.

Recycle at your event!



We can help you recycle bottles and cans with ClearStream recycling containers for events open to the public, such as races, tournaments, festivals, fairs and concerts. We loan ClearStream containers for free. They are simple to transport and set up. They are an easy option to collect beverage containers that you can then redeem.

To reserve containers for your event, contact Rita Hale at 503-742-4464 or email rhale@clackamas.us.

No plastic bags:
Do not put plastic bags in your recycling bin. Do not put recyclables in plastic bags.



Why? Plastic bags put in your home or work recycling bin get tangled in the the sorting machines at recycling processing centers. Workers must cut the bags free several times a day. This is dangerous, takes time and wastes money.

What can I do with my plastic bags?

- Take them to a grocery store participating in a plastic bag recycling program.
- Use them again to line your garbage cans or collect pet waste.

Durable recycling bags for apartments, retirement communities

Looking for an easier way to recycle at your apartment community?

For property managers and residents of communities with shared recycling service (including condos), we offer reusable, durable recycling bags.

Mixed recyclables and glass are often carried from the home to shared recycling containers in plastic bags. Plastic bags do not belong in recycling because they cause major problems at the recycling facility. The durable recycling bag is a convenient alternative with many benefits:

- Sturdy bag to collect recyclables
- Handles for easy carrying
- Convenient bottom handle helps empty contents
- Recycling guide on every side
- Collapsible and easy to store when not in use

Have your property manager request bags today!

Bags are \$1 each. Property managers can order bags at bit.ly/multifamilyClackamas.

Questions? Contact a multifamily specialist at 503-742-4451 or email wasteinfo@clackamas.us.



Durable bags make recycling easier for residents at apartment communities.

Recycle your paint with paintcare®

Got old paint?

There are nine PaintCare locations in Clackamas County that take back old paint, stain and varnish from residents and businesses at no cost to you. Learn more at:

paintcare.org

855-724-6809

Want earth-friendly paint at a fraction of the cost of new?

Buy recycled paint from Metro



Reimagined paint

MetroPaint is previously unwanted paint remade new. Screened for quality and rebled into desirable colors, it's paint ready for a new purpose. Learn more at:



Metro

bit.ly/metropaint 503-234-3000

Oregon Green Schools in Clackamas County

Students, staff at Oregon Green Schools reduce, reuse and recycle!

At schools across Clackamas County, students, teachers and staff are making a difference in their communities with programs to recycle, reduce waste, save energy and conserve water. Please join us in recognizing the following certified Oregon Green Schools for their outstanding commitment!

Premier

- Deep Creek Damascus (Damascus)
- Hallinan Elementary (Lake Oswego)
- Oak Creek Elementary (Lake Oswego)
- Rex Putnam High (Milwaukie)

Merit

- Cedaroak Park Primary (West Linn)
- Forest Hills Elementary (Lake Oswego)
- Lakeridge Junior High (Lake Oswego)
- North Clackamas Christian (Oregon City)
- Redland Elementary (Oregon City)
- Trillium Creek Primary (West Linn)

Green

- Ardenwald Elementary (Milwaukie)
- Bolton Primary (West Linn)
- Candy Lane Elementary (Oregon City)
- Cascade Heights Public Charter (Clackamas)



- Columbia Academy (West Linn)
- Gardiner Middle (Oregon City)
- Jennings Lodge Elementary (Oregon City)
- John McLoughlin Elementary (Oregon City)
- Lowrie Primary (Wilsonville)
- Milwaukie High (Milwaukie)
- Mt. Scott Elementary (Happy Valley)
- Oregon Trail Elementary (Happy Valley)
- Portland Waldorf (Milwaukie)
- Rural Dell Elementary (Molalla)
- Springwater Environmental Sciences (Oregon City)

- Spring Mountain Elementary (Happy Valley)
- St. John the Apostle (Oregon City)
- View Acres Elementary (Milwaukie)
- Verne Duncan Elementary (Happy Valley)
- West Hills Montessori (Lake Oswego)
- Wilsonville High (Wilsonville)

To learn more about the county's Oregon Green Schools, visit bit.ly/orgreenschools.

Oregon Green Schools is a nonprofit organization dedicated to energizing and engaging students through student-driven activities that advance their understanding and ownership of sustainability.

Clackamas County schools lead the way in plastic recycling!



You may remember the Trex School Challenge from the fall issue of Citizen News. The challenge collects stretchy 'film' plastics such as plastic bags, shrink wrap and bread bags. In the last four months, eight schools have recycled hundreds of pounds of plastic, and are entered for the chance to win a bench made of Trex recycled plastic boards!

The current leader in the county is Springwater Environmental Sciences School. Students there

have collected over 130 pounds of stretchy plastics. That's almost 9,000 plastic bags in four months. Good luck to all participating schools!

Participating schools:

- Art Tech High
- Ardenwald Elementary
- Forest Hills Elementary
- Oak Creek Elementary
- Scouters Mountain Elementary
- Spring Mountain Elementary
- Springwater Environmental Sciences
- Verne Duncan Elementary

If your school is interested, the next challenge will begin in November 2017. Contact Laurel Bates lbates@clackamas.us for information.



Turn food scraps into gold; make your own compost

Composting at home is fun and easy! It supports a healthy yard and garden, reduces the need for lawn chemicals, keeps water in the soil and reduces erosion.



What do I need to start composting?

- A place to compost. This could be a compost bin or an open pile. Compost bins are offered at many home and garden stores. Metro also offers discounted bins at the MetroPaint Swan Island store.
- 'Brown' material (leaves, straw, animal bedding, etc.)
- 'Green' material (grass clippings, food scraps, etc.)

How do I compost?

Collect 'brown' and 'green' materials, and mix two parts 'brown' to one part 'green'. You can create compost more quickly by chopping materials into smaller pieces. To work properly, a compost pile needs water and air. Keep your compost pile damp like a rung out sponge by adding dry or moist materials or sprinkling with your water hose as needed. Turn the material periodically to introduce air into the pile.

Beyond yard debris, what food can I put in my backyard compost bin?

Include these materials:

- Fruits and vegetables
- Coffee grounds, filters and tea bags
- Eggshells

Leave these materials out:

- Meat and seafood
- Grease and oil
- Dairy

Want to know more?

Metro provides information on composting methods, instructions for building a bin, trouble-shooting, composting demonstration sites and more at bit.ly/metrocomposting.

Mix only these items in your **Recycling Container**

PAPER

- Newspaper
- Cardboard (flattened)
- Magazines and phone books
- Mail and catalogs
- Scrap paper
- Paper bags
- Cartons: milk, juice, soup (rinsed)
- Shredded paper (in a paper bag)



PLASTIC

- Bottles
 - Jugs
 - Tubs
 - Nursery pots (larger than four inches)
 - Buckets (five gallons or less)
- Ignore numbers on containers; they indicate plastic resin type, not recyclability*
- Empty and rinse containers*
- Six ounces or larger in size*



METAL



- Aluminum, tin and steel cans
 - Metal paint cans (empty and dry)
 - Aerosol cans
 - Aluminum foil and pie plates
 - Scrap metal (smaller than 30 inches and less than 30 pounds)
- Do not flatten cans*
- Labels are OK*
- Tin tops are OK if crimped inside can*
- Empty and rinse containers*



In your **Yard Debris Container**

- Leaves and flowers
- Grass clippings
- Weeds
- Tree and shrub trimmings (less than four inches in diameter and 36 inches long)

Do not include:

- ✗ Plastic bags
- ✗ Household garbage
- ✗ Metal
- ✗ Food scraps* or food-soiled papers
- ✗ Rocks
- ✗ Dirt or sod
- ✗ Ashes
- ✗ Diapers
- ✗ Pet waste
- ✗ Oversized items
- ✗ Plastic
- ✗ Building lumber
- ✗ Stumps

In cities and urban areas with yard debris service. *Lake Oswego residents may include food scraps in yard debris containers.



In your separate **Glass Container**

GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS



- Empty and rinse containers
- All colors together
- Remove caps and corks
- Labels are ok



On the Side

MOTOR OIL

- Set used motor oil next to your glass bin
- Marked container with a screw-top cap
- No larger than two gallons

Single-family customers only, not at apartments or businesses



Metro Recycling Hotline **503-234-3000**

In your **Garbage Container**

Plastic film and bags

To-go cups and containers (paper + plastic cups and clamshells)

Frozen food containers

Glassware, ceramics and incandescent light bulbs



Also in your garbage: food-soiled paper, pizza boxes, carpet, textiles, food scraps, containers labeled "compostable," pet waste and diapers. *Some items can be taken to a drop-off center to be recycled or reused.*

RECYCLING locations convenient to Clackamas County



Call ahead to confirm materials are accepted and inquire about potential fees.

Questions?

Metro Recycling Information
Hotline: 503-234-3000
OregonMetro.gov/FindaRecycler

Deposit containers

Return to BottleDrop Centers, retailers or grocery stores.
bottledropcenters.com



Oregon E-Cycles

Recycle computers, monitors, TVs, printers, keyboards and mice for free.
1-888-532-9253
bit.ly/oregonecycles



Paints and stains

Drop off paint for free at PaintCare locations.
PaintCare.org



Prescription medicine

Take medicine to a free drug drop-off location near you.
ClackamasProviders.org/drug-take-back-boxes
Metro South Hazardous Waste Facility also accepts medications for a fee.



Sharps (needles, lancets, syringes)

Take to the Metro South Hazardous Waste Facility or call your collection company. Check with your local pharmacy.



KEY	Appliances (Lg. & Sm.)	Batteries (Alkaline & Rechargeables)	Electronics (TVs, Monitors & Computers)	Glass Bottles & Jars	Household Hazardous Waste	Light bulbs, CFLs, Fluorescent tubes, etc.	Motor Oil	Paper, Cardboard & Metal	Plastic Bottles, Jugs & Tubs	Plastic (non-curb-side, bulky & rigid)	Plastic Film, Bags & Wrap	Scrap Metal	Tires	Yard Debris
✓ = No charge \$ = Fees required ✓/\$ = Fees required for specific items														
Clackamas County Transfer Station 19600 SE Canyon Valley Road, Sandy 503-668-8885	✓/\$		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓			✓	\$	
City of Estacada Recycling Depot 800 NW Evergreen Way, Estacada 503-630-8286				✓				✓	✓					
Far West Recycling 341 Foothills Road, Lake Oswego 503-200-5411 farwestrecycling.com 4930 SE 26th Ave., Portland 503-238-1640 farwestrecycling.com	\$ ✓	\$ ✓ <small>only rechargeable batteries</small>	✓ ✓ <small>also accepts misc. e-waste</small>	\$ ✓			\$ ✓	\$ ✓	\$ ✓	\$ ✓	\$ ✓	\$ ✓		
K.B. Recycling 9602 SE Clackamas Road, Clackamas 503-659-7004 kbreycling.com 1600 SE 4th Ave., Canby 503-266-7903 kbreycling.com	✓/\$		✓	✓				✓	✓			✓		
McFarlane's Bark 13345 SE Johnson Road, Milwaukie 503-659-4240 mcfarlanesbark.com														\$
Metro South Transfer Station 2001 Washington St., Oregon City 503-234-3000 oregonmetro.gov	✓/\$	\$	✓	✓	\$	\$	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	\$	\$
R.S. Davis Recycling, Inc. 10105 SE Mather Road, Clackamas 503-655-5433 portlandrecycling.com	✓/\$		✓									✓		
S & H Landscaping Supplies 20200 SW Stafford Road, Tualatin 503-638-1011 shbark.com												✓		\$
Universal Recycling Technologies 10151 SE Jennifer St., Clackamas 503-722-2236 urtsolutions.com		✓/\$ <small>also accepts misc. e-waste</small>	✓ <small>also accepts misc. e-waste</small>			✓/\$								
West Linn Dan Davis Recycling Facility 4001 Willamette Falls Road, West Linn 503-655-1928												✓		\$
Willamette Resources, Inc. 10295 SW Ridder Road, Wilsonville 503-570-0626	✓/\$		✓					✓	✓		✓			
Clackamas County Resource Conservation & Solid Waste clackamas.us/recycling 503-557-6363 wasteinfo@clackamas.us														

About Trash Talk

Trash Talk is 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.

Contact

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Green your business – Get started today!



Clackamas County sustainability advisors help businesses find easy, often overlooked, ways to green business practices. We work hand in hand with hundreds of businesses each year to save money, help attract new customers and make your workplace a healthier place.

Get certified

Green your business

Be recognized



Congratulations to these organizations for being Leaders in Sustainability!

CERTIFIED

Lake Grove Car Wash
Shear Creations



Bold = Businesses certified within the last year

SILVER

18/8 Men's Salons
Bridges to Change
Danielsons Properties
Dyke Vandenburg Jewelers
Friends of Robinwood Station
Happyrock Coffee Roasting Co.
Johnson RV
Lake Oswego Chamber of Commerce
Lush Cosmetics - Clackamas
Nicholas G. Dose, DMD
Sandy Community Action Center

GOLD

Autodesk Inc.
Babica Hen Cafe
Bike Gallery – Lake Oswego
City of Happy Valley
Coffee Creek Corrections
General Sheet Metal
Gubanc's
Kyra's Bake Shop
Lake Oswego United Church of Christ
Lake Theater & Cafe
Mary's Woods Retirement Community

Marylhurst University
Menchie's Frozen Yogurt
New Seasons – Happy Valley
New Seasons – Mountain Park
Norris Beggs & Simpson
Microsoft Surface Hub
Rockwell Collins
Rose Villa
Tucci Italian Restaurant
West Linn Paper Company
Wishbone Home and Design

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