



# Waste Wise

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## Household Hazardous Waste Facility Turns Five

October 1, 2016 was not only the usual Household Hazardous Waste collection, but a celebration as well. "It was the five year anniversary of having the only Hazardous Waste Facility on the Oregon Coast," shares David McCall, Tillamook County Solid Waste Program Manager. Residents who brought in their discarded paints, lightbulbs, batteries and other hazardous materials on that day were surprised with birthday cake in return.

In the five years of operation, there have been 49 collections serving over 4,505 residents with 414,478 pounds of materials collected. "That's an average of 92 pounds for each resident," adds McCall.



"I've been working at these events since early 2012," states Sue Owens, Solid Waste Outreach and Education Coordinator, "it's fun to see that we have a set group of regular people who come nearly every month with their little bag of batteries or a light bulb. In every collection though, we have several who either just purchased property with all this junk left behind, or they are cleaning out after a deceased family member. If I could get any message across, I'd encourage property sellers and buyers to communicate about the hazardous waste, primarily paint, on the property—make sure it is addressed, decide who is going to take care of it and for realtors to make it a part of the purchase agreement," Owens states.

The next Household Hazardous Waste collection events are on March 4th and May 6th. Businesses can make an appointment for collection on March 3rd by calling Pat Nymas at 1-800-457-2436, extension 2523.

## Community Support & Education

Tillamook County Solid Waste is more than recycling. "We are proud to find ways to support our community while also educating about environmental stewardship" states Sue Owens at Tillamook County Solid Waste. We utilize many outreach opportunities, and provide support of local students.

"Since 2012 we have been participating in America Recycles Day in November. This has taken the form of plastics collections and art contests and has grown quite successfully." Since 2012, TCSW has awarded over 40 benches and raised garden beds made from recycled plastic as awards to participating schools throughout the county. The art contests have also been successful as County students are encouraged to draw their versions of recycling.



Liberty Elementary students on a field trip to Tillamook Transfer Station



South Prairie students during the America Recycles Day collection.

In 2015, TCSW began offering the local High School SAFE Committees a chance to earn money by collecting E-Waste. There is a direct correlation between the success of these collections to the amount of effort the students put into it. They earn needed funds, and the County is rid of E-Waste. It's a win-win for everyone! These events have collected approximately 75,000 pounds of discarded electronics and earned the collective schools several thousand dollars.

Owens has assisted local schools in planning field trips to the local transfer stations and recycling depots as an opportunity to help children learn about recycling. Interested schools should contact her about Earth Day opportunities in April, 2017. The Tillamook County Solid Waste Ordinance mandates is that we implement "...outreach and education strategies that encourage thoughtful consumption ... " Why not let it be fun?

## THANK YOU, South County!

Have you been to the Pacific City MSW Transfer & Recycling Station lately? Or do you know about the other recycling services in South County?

"A new approach to operating the transfer station began July 1, 2014, when all the county transfer stations switched to a weight-based fee structure," said David McCall, Tillamook County's Solid Waste Program Manager. "When we took over the operation of the Pacific City Transfer Station, it opened up a host of new opportunities in the area."

The results of these changes are noticeable. As McCall recently explained to the county commissioners, the quantity of both trash and recycling taken in at PCTS during 2016 was double that of 2015, and that trend is expected to continue in 2017. "In addition to the improvements we made at the transfer station to streamline things for customers, we are also sending a Community Recycling Trailer to Beaver and Neskowin every month. We have also been working with local businesses to help them recycle more. We started with Center Market in Cloverdale, and we've recently expanded our trial to Kiwanda Coastal Properties. We're working with a couple more local businesses, and hope to launch recycling services for them in the near future. Step by step, we're improving the services offered for recycling in South Tillamook County."

If your business would like to be part of this effort, contact the Tillamook County Solid Waste Department at 503-815-3975.

## CARTM Has A New Look!

The nonprofit recycling center and transfer station for North County has new signs in English and Spanish, new traffic markings and complete repaving and sealing are just some of the improvements that help customers distribute their loads. The newspaper trailer and the box trucks have huge new logos and identifiers on their sides. CARTM is using the new county-wide color coding, which informs at-a-glance, so visitors can easily find where to put their recyclables, donations and discards:

**Blue Is For Paper:** cardboard, greyboard, newspapers, magazines, catalogs, phone books, shredded paper, and high-value paper can be quickly tossed into the correct bin or baler.

**Green Is For Glass:** uncolored, green, brown, and deposit bottles can go into the bins or on the sorting table. CARTM uses the refund to offset the expense of staff time to sort and haul.

**Yellow Is For Plastic:** CARTM accepts household plastic containers such as clamshells, deposit bottles, and containers, as well as plastic lids and other small bits.

**Red Is For Metal:** There's a handy magnet to differentiate tin from aluminum, and a big can to collect aluminum foil and foil pans. There are metal containers for large and small metals. Look for big bags for plastic deposit bottles and cans, and a bin for aluminum food cans, as well as buckets for metal lids, corks, and wine-bottle foil. Some items may not be recyclable, but they are reusable and sold at bargain prices in the Refinery, the thrift store attached to the recycling lot.

CARTM is located between Manzanita and Nehalem on Necarney Road. For more information, call 503-368-7764 for directions or see [www.cartm.org](http://www.cartm.org).



## COMMUNITY RECYCLING EVENTS:



Offered to you as courtesy of the Tillamook County Master Recyclers and Tillamook County Solid Waste

### BAY CITY

Off Hwy 101,  
Next to Ortiz Signs  
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
March 5 • April 2 • May 7

### WHEELER

Next to the Post Office  
9:00 am to 11:00 am  
February 19 • March 19  
April 16 • May 21

### NESKOWIN

Neskowin Wayside  
9:00 am to 1:00 pm  
February 18 • March 18  
April 15 • May 20

### GARIBALDI

Next to Parkside Cafe  
11:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Mar. 5 • April 2 • May 7

### NEHALEM

Downtown Parking Lot  
Noon to 2:00 pm  
February 19 • March 19  
April 16 • May 21

### BEAVER

Beaver Thrift Shop  
11:00 am to 3:00 pm  
February 16 • March 16  
April 20 • May 18

### ROCKAWAY BEACH

3rd Street, By Public Works  
8:00 am to 10:am  
March 5 • April 2 • May 7



## Styrofoam Recycling

Expanded Poly-styrene, better known as "Styrofoam," is one of the most challenging materials we encounter on an almost daily basis. It is made from oil but is 98% air. Because it is not biodegradable, Styrofoam could take up as much as 30 percent of landfills worldwide. Styrofoam is so light that recycling it is almost impossible ... until now!

The Tillamook County Solid Waste Department is now in possession of a mechanical densifier, designed specifically for Styrofoam, that crushes the air out of Styrofoam, reducing it to be not only transported economically, but also recycled. Our densifier is mounted on a trailer with a generator to offer portability. "This machine is incredible," said David McCall, Tillamook County's Solid Waste Program Manager. "It processes Styrofoam so quickly that sometimes we can hardly keep up feeding it. We can process 40 cubic yards of Styrofoam into a 4-foot "log" in less than two hours."

The Styrofoam Team has already processed about 120 cubic yards of Styrofoam into a few "logs," which are stored in one row on a pallet. McCall explains, "When we get enough material, we ship it to a company that recycles it into hangers or picture frames."



Solid Waste Program Manager David McCall "feeds" the Styrofoam densifier

### Residents and businesses can drop off Styrofoam at the following collection events:

- March 4th and May 6th at the Tillamook Household Hazardous Waste facility, 1315 Ekloff Road from 9 am to 1pm
- Fridays, Saturdays and Mondays at the Pacific City Transfer Station, 38255 Brooten Road, from 9 am to 4 pm
- The first weekend of every month at the Manzanita Transfer Station at 34995 Necarney Road, from 10 am to 4 pm

## Master Recycler of 2016 - John Goertzen

For the first time, Tillamook County Solid Waste awarded the title of Recycler of the Year. "It is so exciting to have enough active volunteers now that we can make these kinds of awards," notes Sue Owens at TCSW. "John has been extremely supportive of the program, and he has given so much of his time and energy" John has volunteered more than 70 hours in 2016, And this is only his first year!

When asked about why he became a Master Recycler John shared, "I joined the TCSW Master Recyclers to continue my efforts to learn ways to educate neighbors about recycling and reusable materials. I became a recycler as a kid. Summers were spent helping Dad build a cabin in a mountain town, and using recycled building materials was the norm.

We recycle all the waste we can. City Sanitary Service and CARTM are recipients of our household waste recycling items. Building materials go to the Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Bay City. R-Sanitary is our trash hauler service, and food waste goes to a compost bin. We also use Bennett Farms who reuse milk bottles and egg cartons."



Master Recycler John Goertzen accepts his award from Tillamook County Commissioner Tim Josi

### John says consider these things before any purchase:

1. Do you truly need this item?
2. Can I find a used repurposed item instead?
3. Purchase items with the least amount of packaging.
4. Purchase items with recyclable packaging.
5. Can this item be recycled after its useful life is over?

Thank you John for a great year, great tips and all you do to promote recycling. Congratulations!

If you are interested, the next Master Recycler class is, February 11th, 17th and 18th. Please contact Sue Owens at Tillamook County Solid Waste, 503-815-3975.

For more information, call the Tillamook County Solid Waste Department at 503-815-3975 email [recycle@co.tillamook.or.us](mailto:recycle@co.tillamook.or.us) or see us online at [www.tillamook.or.us/gov/solidwaste](http://www.tillamook.or.us/gov/solidwaste)

