



Waste Wise

Reduce • Reuse • Recycle

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WELCOME NEW MASTER RECYCLERS!

February 17th marked the final day of Tillamook County Solid Waste's ninth Master Recycler class. "I'm so thrilled to offer this class and see people who are passionate about recycling and making a difference in their neighborhoods come together," states Sue Owens, Coordinator of the Master Recycler program. "We started the class in 2014 and as of today, have 25 certified Master Recyclers."

Class participants learned basic recycling information and the impact of a healthy recycling program. Not limited to classroom learning, students were also treated to field trips to local sights of interest such as all three County Transfer Stations and City Sanitary Service's recycle yard.

A further perk of being a Master Recycler is the annual field trip for the entire group. "Each year we try to plan a trip to places of interest outside of Tillamook County," Owens shares, "we've gone to some really interesting places and I look forward to taking the volunteers someplace where they can really see what happens after materials leave Tillamook County."

The Master Recycler class is free and only asks for 30 hours of volunteer time over the following year in exchange. This time can be utilized in many ways, helping with school outreach events, household hazardous waste events, mixing recycled paint, repairing recycle shacks, building benches and tables, and working at community event tables to name a few. "I try hard to match skills and interests with jobs that need to be done," notes Owens, "we have a lot of things to do but I won't ask anyone to do something they don't feel comfortable with or that is unsafe."

Graduates of the 9th Master Recycler class include: Diane Colcord, Howard Harrison, Sally McGee, Georgeanne Zedrick, and Clyde Zeller. If you know any of these fine folks, please take a moment to congratulate them and ask them about recycling!

For more information about becoming a Master Recycler please contact Owens at sowens@co.tillamook.or.us, or (503) 815-3975.



NEW MASTER RECYCLER VOLUNTEERS
L to R: Diane Colcord, Sally McGee, Howard Harrison, Georgeanne Zedrick, In back, Clyde Zeller

BAGGING IT

Tired of getting those obnoxious plastic bags from the grocery store? Until recently, these bags were recyclable, but now due to changes in the international recycling markets they are no longer accepted anywhere in Tillamook County. These seemingly harmless bags may serve their purpose in the grocery store, but they live forever in the landfill. And that is where they end up. Let us challenge you, **DON'T USE THEM!** One of the easiest things to do about this problem is simply to bring your own bags and skip the flimsy ones! You can always purchase reusable bags but why not take it a step further and make your own, using other bags you might have on hand?

That's what we are doing. Tillamook County Master Recyclers will be making reusable bags from ones you might be throwing away. If you purchase your pet food or bird seed in 13 to 20 pound plastic bags, we ask you to give the empties to us!

Please bring your clean and non-ripped PLASTIC bags to Sue at the Solid Waste office located at 503 Marolf Loop, Monday through Thursday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm) before March 7th. When you visit our booth at the Home and Garden Show in April, you may see your donated bags in use!

For more information contact the Solid Waste Department by phone at (503) 815-3975, or email us at recycle@co.tillamook.or.us or visit our website at <http://www.co.tillamook.or.us/gov/SolidWaste/Default.htm>.



2018 Household Hazardous Waste collection dates

Convenient collection for the **SAFE AND PROPER DISPOSAL** of common household items.
(See our website for a list of items.)

PLEASE separate Hazardous Waste from other items PRIOR to arriving at the event.

This facility **DOES NOT ACCEPT** Ammunition, Explosives, or Medical waste

at the **Tillamook Transfer Station**
1315 Ekloff Road, Tillamook
9:00am to 1:00pm
*CEG/Business event day prior. Registration Required

This service provided free of charge by the:
Tillamook County Solid Waste Department
503 Marolf Loop, Tillamook, OR 97141
Phone: 503-815-3975 • Fax: 503-842-6473
E-mail: recycle@co.tillamook.or.us • www.co.tillamook.or.us/gov/solidwaste

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Purchase some of our **RECYCLED LATEX PAINT**
Seven colors to choose from and available for only
\$24 for a 3-1/2 gallon Bucket



Tillamook County Recycled Paint
Can Be Purchased At These Four Locations:
Habitat for Humanity Restore
6500 Williams Avenue, Bay City, OR 97107
CARTM Refinery
34995 Necarney City Road, Manzanita, OR 97130
Tillamook County Solid Waste
503 Marolf Loop, Tillamook, OR 97141
Pacific City Transfer Station
38225 Brooten Road, Pacific City, OR 97135
For more information please contact the Tillamook County Solid Waste Dept. at (503) 815-3975 or visit our website at www.co.tillamook.or.us/gov/solidwaste

FIGHTING BIRDS WITH FISHING LINE

Do you ever wonder why there are essentially NO seagulls at the Tillamook Transfer Station? Even though, for a garbage staging station, the transfer station is meticulously clean, there is still plenty of things to attract seagulls.

In the past, the Solid Waste Department looked for humane ways to attempt to control the seagull population at the transfer station. "The waste from so many birds was creating problems with sanitation," states David McCall, Solid Waste Program Manager, "we had to do something." When McCall was hired in 2012 the county had contracted with a falconer to deal with the gulls in a natural way. "It was very effective but also costly," notes McCall. Being resourceful, McCall started investigating alternatives.

What he found made him a laughing stock with many—until it worked. The new system is simply a "net" of heavy duty fishing line strung over the open areas of the facility. Barely visible to the human eye, it distorts the bird's vision, making them afraid to try to approach. "It is very effective, humane, and affordable" adds McCall. Not only is it affordable, it's low maintenance. "It's been in place five years and we just replaced it for the first time," he adds, "it is a bit challenging to install, but not impossible with the right equipment and a few dedicated people with a little time." The replacement was made possible due to the help of some contracted help and of course, Master Recyclers. "Many of the tasks that get done in this department are done with the tremendous assistance of our volunteers," McCall adds. Next time you visit the transfer station, look up. When the light hits it just right, you can see it gleaming in the sky and rarely a seagull in sight.

COMMUNITY RECYCLING TRAILER:

TIN & ALUMINUM CANS • DEPOSIT CANS & BOTTLES • PLASTIC BOTTLES WITH NECKS • MIXED PAPER & CARDBOARD • GLASS BOTTLES & JARS
Recycling Only - No Garbage Please! For More Information Call (503) 815-3975

ROCKAWAY BEACH 3rd Street, By Public Works 8:00 am to 10:00 am 1st Sundays of the Month March 4, April 1 & May 6 BEAVER Beaver Thrift Shop 11:00 am to 3:00 pm 3rd Thursdays of the Month March 15, April 19 & May 17	GARIBALDI Next to Parkside Cafe 11:00 am to 1:00 pm 1st Sundays of the Month March 4, April 1 & May 6	BAY CITY Off Hwy 101, by Ortiz Signs 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm 1st Sundays of the Month March 4, April 1 & May 6 NESKOWIN Neskowin Wayside 9:00 am to 1:00 pm 3rd Saturdays of the Month March 17, April 21 & May 19
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