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 news from Allied Waste of Corvallis

Recycling Update

 **12% !**

We've finished six months of recycling with the tan automated roll carts and are pleased to report that the Corvallis and Philomath area is recycling more than ever, with a steady 12% increase in commingled recycling volumes. To look at it another way, almost 1,000 tons more have been collected and recycled in the first six months of 2008 as compared to the same time period in 2007. Nice Job!

As with any new program, we have a few kinks to work out. Along with the new carts and increased capacity, we are seeing more material that shouldn't be in the commingled recycling. The items below are not recyclable in our curbside system and should not go in your tan cart:

Styrofoam. we do not accept any form of this material.

Plastic Bags. these can be recycled at our depot or at an area grocery store, but **not** in your tan cart.

Yard Debris. can only be collected in your grey yard debris cart and cannot be mixed with commingled recycling.

Glass. **Glass is only collected in a separate glass bin during the first full week of the month, on your regular service day.** It cannot be mixed with the commingled recycling in your tan cart.

Waste Reduction Hint: make choices when shopping about packaging that is easily recyclable, like paper egg cartons vs. styrofoam to reduce trash.



Trucks & Summer Safety

Because we know that kids are out of school and love big trucks, we want to pass along a few reminders to keep everyone safe this summer.

1. If you can't see the drivers' eyes, either from the front of the truck or in the side mirrors, he or she can't see you either.
2. Stay on the sidewalk until traffic passes.
3. Don't cross in front of or behind trucks.
4. Never chase trucks or other vehicles.



Annual Canned Food Drive Changes this Year

Traditionally, September is the month Allied Waste recyclers have collected canned food in for Linn-Benton Food Share. With the new automated commingled recycling program, drivers don't get out of the truck, providing a challenge for food collection. Rather than put two to three extra trucks on the streets to collect food, we will be making a cash contribution to Linn-Benton Food Share and invite our customers to join us in contributing to this worthwhile effort.

It's estimated that almost 12% of households in Oregon have "food insecurity" and nearly 4% report "food insecurity with hunger." Linn-Benton Food Share distributed over five million pounds of food through 71 member agencies in 2007. This translates to 42,500 individuals. 40% of all food recipients in the Willamette Valley are children. For every dollar donated, Food Share is able to distribute 15 pounds of food. In addition to cash, they also accept donations of food and volunteer time. To find out how to make a donation, call 752-1010 or go on-line at: www.csc.gen.or.us/foodshare.htm to make an donation electronically.

Upcoming Events:

Aug 9, 2008, Household Hazardous Waste Event, 9a.m. to 2p.m.

Sept 5 2008, Compost Workshop, Benton County Fairgrounds

Nov 8, 2008, Household Hazardous Waste Event, 9a.m. to 2p.m.

Hazardous Waste Disposal Coming Up

The Allied Waste Household Hazardous Waste Event is coming up on August 9th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Don't miss this opportunity to dispose of hazardous items including:

Herbicides & Pesticides, Automobile Fluids, Paint, Poisons, Solvents, Batteries, Electronics & Fluorescent Lights

Televisions are accepted for a fee of \$10 and microwaves have a \$5 fee. All other items are accepted at no charge. (appliances and electronics in wooden cases are not accepted)

This event is free to area residents.

Businesses can make an appointment for disposal by calling Phillips Environmental at: 1-800-547-2436.



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Compost

Nationally, it is estimated that up to 40% of material in landfills is organic. Wood, brush, grass clippings and food waste are all included in organic material. You might think this sounds like an okay solution since organic material biodegrades, but consider that modern landfills hold waste more than break it down, by compaction, eliminating air and water required for breaking down organic matter. One solution is to be sure that your yard debris gets into the yard debris cart, not the trash cart. If you have more yard debris in the summer, you can haul larger amounts of wood and yard debris to the Allied Waste Process and Recovery Center (PRC) on Camp Adair Road, where wood and yard debris are ground and composted into mulch. It's important to put only yard debris in your cart. Plastic bags are a source of contamination. A good rule of thumb is; **"if it doesn't grow, it doesn't go."** If you wouldn't want it on your flower beds and in your garden, don't put it in your yard debris cart.

Food waste is organic, but can't be placed in your yard debris cart. Many families are looking to home composting as a way to reduce waste and provide a nutrient-rich humus in the garden. Allied Waste offers a composter instead of a yard debris cart, but there are many other composters out there to choose from. From the simple pile on the ground to the more elaborate elevated barrel, there is sure to be a composter that fits your needs.

If you are interested in learning more about home composting, mark your calendar for Allied Waste's Fall Compost Workshop. It will be held on Friday, September 5, at the Benton County Fairgrounds, from 1-4 p.m. and is free.



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Cart Etiquette

With summer weather, there are more people walking and riding bikes. Following a few guidelines with your trash and recycling carts will make sharing the roads and bike lanes easier for everyone.

1. Remember to keep bike lanes clear.
2. Put carts away as soon after collection as possible.
3. Place cart with the handle facing the house.
4. Put recycle carts out only when full or easy to manage, no need to put them out every week.



Do the "Ride" Thing

Area kids and families are doing their part to cut down on car trips this summer with the help of Allied Waste, the City of Corvallis and the Philomath Connection. For the second summer in a row, kids 17 and under can ride the Corvallis Transit System buses at no charge, getting a free ride to the library, pool, movie or anyplace the buses travel. The program runs through Sept. 1, 2008.



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