

THINK COMPOST

At Allied Waste, we see things a little differently than most. The smell of fresh cut grass, bulbs blooming and sunny days don't make us think Spring; we think COMPOST. This is the time of year when Pacific Region Compost ramps up production to handle the additional tons of organic material coming through its gates. Over 1,000 tons of yard debris is collected during Spring months from just the Albany/Lebanon area. That material is composted rather than landfilled and results in a beneficial soil amendment that closes the loop locally when used on farms and in gardens and flower beds.

Whether you compost at home or send organics to Pacific Region Compost, there are substantial benefits:

1. Compost retains soil moisture and increases soil nutrients.
3. Compost decreases the need for commercial chemicals.
4. Compost prevents soil erosion.
5. Composting is a sustainable solution to divert organics from landfills.
6. Composting organics is beneficial to recover nutrient rich material.

Finished compost is available at Pacific Region Compost and Tom's Garden Center locally, and is also available for larger commercial operations.

If at home composting is for you, call to have a Earth Machine composter delivered. Customers may have either a yard debris cart or composter at no additional charge.

Celebrate Earth Day Your Way

Earth Day is April 22. Below are some suggestions for celebrating the 41st anniversary of this event in your own way.

EVENTS

Join Allied Waste at the Corvallis Waterfront Earth Fair, April 16 and OSU Community Earth Fair, April 19 to learn about what's new in recycling, composting and waste reduction.

April 16 & 23, support sustainable local agriculture with a visit to the Albany Farmers Market, which opens April 16 for the season. Linn Co. Master Gardeners and the Mid Willamette Valley Plant a Row for the Hungry program will be on hand along with live music. SE 4th Street in Downtown Albany.

www.locallygrown.org

April 22, LBCC Earth Day Activities, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Showcasing sustainable efforts at LBCC. Tables and educational programs that incorporate sustainable and or green industries.

April 30, Procession of the Species, dress as your favorite plant or animal and join the parade.

www.albanyprocession.wordpress.com

HOME

Stop receiving catalogs, credit card offers and junk mail by going to:

www.catalogchoice.org or

www.optoutprescreen.com

Bike or walk to work.

Avoid printing for one whole day.

Calculate your carbon footprint at:

www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/ind_calculator



Pacific Region Compost Facility (PRC)

29969 Camp Adair Rd
(1 mile east of Coffin Butte Landfill)

541-745-5831

Open Monday through Saturday

8-5 April 1 – Oct. 31

8-4 Nov. 1 – Mar. 31

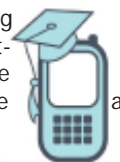
CLOSED SUNDAYS

Closed Christmas, New Years Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day & Thanksgiving

Cash, Checks, Debit & Credit Cards Accepted

www.pacificregioncompost.com

Technology is a great way to connect to new information. Smart phone users can click on the QR Code above to connect to the Allied Waste website recycling page to find the latest in recycling. (Use your camera to take a picture.)



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Calendar

May 7, 2011

8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lebanon Recycle Roundup

Wood, yard debris, appliances and other scrap metal and electronics accepted at no charge.

Lebanon Transfer Station, Brewster Rd.

May 21, 2011

8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Albany Recycle Roundup

Wood, yard debris, appliances and other scrap metal and electronics accepted at no charge.

1214 SE Montgomery St.

October 21 & 22, 2011

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Household Hazardous Waste Event

Hazardous materials including: pesticides, herbicides, automotive fluids, paint, solvents, cleaners, fluorescent light ballasts & tubes, batteries and computer electronics accepted for recycling or safe disposal. No charge for residential customers. Business customers must call PCS at 1-800-547-2436 for an appointment.

November 7, 2011-December 23, 2011

Leaf Collection

Watch local papers for a schedule of fall leaf collection in your area.

November 25, 2011-January 6, 2012

Christmas Light String Recycling

Bring old or worn out light strings to the Allied Waste office for recycling. Usable strings should be donated to area reuse stores.

December 26, 2011-January 13, 2012

Christmas Tree Collection

Place bare, non-flocked trees at the curb for collection on your regular service day. NO lights, ornaments or tinsel please.

Contact Us:

Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

1214 SE Montgomery St.

Albany, Oregon 97322

at: 541-928-2551 or

Harrisburg: 541-995-6414

After hours, leave a message and we will call you back.

or find us on the web at:

www.sanitation.com

for on-line bill pay option:

go to www.disposal.com or to pay by phone: 877-692-9729.



Congratulations to Master Recycler, Mike Murzynsky, a senior accountant with the City of Albany, who received the Oregon Volunteer of the Year Ovation Award from the Oregon Events & Festivals Association.

FAQ's:

How should carts be placed at the curb?

Carts should face the street with wheels and handles facing the house. Be sure to leave at least four feet between carts and other carts or objects. As a courtesy, remember to keep neighborhoods looking tidy by removing carts from the street after they are emptied.

When is glass collected?

For customers with glass collection, it is picked up every other week, opposite yard debris. Glass is collected separately in a bin, bucket or bag beside the tan cart, not in it. Call a customer service representative at 541-928-2551 to request a calendar.



Which plastics can be recycled in the tan cart?

Make it easy and remember these four shapes:

Plastic Bottles

Plastic Jugs

Plastic Tubs

Plastic Jars

Where can electronics be recycled?

Computers, monitors, televisions and accessories like keyboards, mice, and printers can all be dropped off the Allied Waste e-waste center, located at 1214 SE Montgomery, at the north end of the lot, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

What services are available for large appliances or bulky items?

Large items can be picked up both at the curb or at the house. Call for rates. Remember to donate items in good condition to a reuse store before disposing.

Can I pay my bill online?

Yes, simply go to www.sanitation.com and click on "Pay My Bill Online." You may also call 541-928-2551 and one of our friendly customer service representative will be happy to help you set this up.

How can I schedule a trash pickup, request service or order a dumpster?

Go to www.sanitation.com and click on "Contact Us." All of these services can be scheduled online, when it's convenient for you. You may also call during business hours to have a customer service representative assist you.