

AT YOUR DISPOSAL

The Newsletter of Allied Waste of Albany-Lebanon



Reduce

More than 800 people dropped off household hazardous waste at the annual collection event held by Allied Waste in October. Getting toxic materials out of the home to be disposed of safely is a great step. Avoiding these products when possible is an even better way to reduce waste. Safer cleaners are a good way to start. Try the following:

Mix your own all-purpose cleaner: Mix one quart of warm water with 1 teaspoon liquid dish soap, 1 teaspoon borax and 1/4 cup of vinegar. You'll be pleased with how well it works on counters, floors, walls, rugs, etc. for a fraction of the cost of store-bought cleaners. For more tips download the Hazardless Home Handbook at: http://library.oregonmetro.gov/files/hazardless_home_handbook_2006.pdf or pick up a copy at the Allied Waste office.

Guest Recyclers



Janel and Matt Bennett, owners of Sybaris Restaurant

Reuse

We reuse things every day without thinking about it. Coffee cups, grocery bags and hand me down clothing are easy. As the new year approaches, challenge yourself to come up with other ways to reuse. Thinking about the durability and end use of a product before making a purchase, or precycling, is a good place to start. Looking at what goes into the trash is another way. By looking at what is being thrown away, you may be able to come up with some reusable alternatives. And remember, you can make things you no longer need available for others to use too. The Albany First United Methodist Church has created an area Reuse Directory, listing many places to donate or purchase good used items. It is available online at: www.albanymethodist.org or pick up a copy at Allied Waste, The First United Methodist Church, the Public Library and the Habitat for Humanity ReStore.

Recycle

Reducing waste can be done in many ways. To illustrate some of the unique ways people conserve resources, this newsletter will feature guest recyclers. Janel and Matt Bennett have been thinking about ways to do just that for quite a while. As owners of Sybaris, Clemenza's and First Burger in Albany, they use local fresh ingredients, recycle and now compost food waste with Allied's new Commercial Food Waste Composting program. It's a great fit for the Bennetts. According to Matt: "We recycle and compost because it's the right thing to do. It's just a bonus that it makes sense for our business too. Separating the food waste takes a little time to get used to, although it's second nature to our staff, who are pretty young and have that generational mindset. Reuse is really important to me, so making a usable compost out of our waste is pretty cool."

Allied Waste provides the tan cart for curbside recycling. For a complete list of how to recycle in the tan cart and what to include, visit www.sanitation.com.

The numbers for 2010 are in and Linn County has reached a 49.9% recovery rate. Put another way, residents are recycling, reusing and composting almost half of all waste generated. Finish 2011 strong by composting wreaths and trees and recycling wrapping, cards and boxes during the holidays, when Americans generate an extra 25 million tons of waste.

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2012 Calendar

May 5, 2012 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 19, 2012 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.

June 23, 2012 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Harrisburg Recycle Roundup

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

Harrisburg High School

October 19 & 20, 2012 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Household Hazardous Waste Event

Hazardous materials including: pesticides, herbicides, automotive fluids, paint, solvents, cleaners, florescent 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.

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Leaf Collection

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

November 25, 2012-January 6, 2013

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, 2012-January 13, 2013

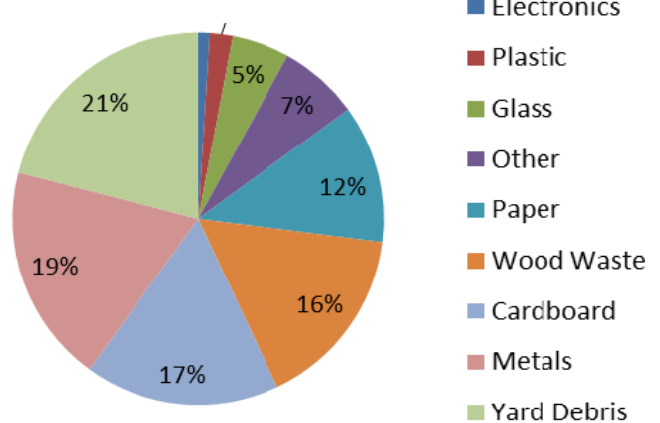
Christmas Tree Collection

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

What are Oregonians recycling?

The chart below shows what is being recycled by weight. Linn County residents and businesses recycled almost 63,000 tons of material in 2010.

Materials Recycled
2010



Be a Good Neighbor

Garbage trucks, personal vehicles, bikes and pedestrians all share the roads. Keep the tips below in mind to make roads and bike lanes safer for everyone:

Remembering to put trash, recycling and yard debris carts away as soon as possible after collection.

Keep bike lanes clear of waste containers, especially at night.

Did you Know?

Allied Waste offers containers and services for almost any size job.

3 yard temporary dumpsters, available for small jobs like garage or basement clean out.

20, 30 & 40 yard drop boxes for large jobs like roofing and remodels.

Demolition services.

General clean up services.

Call 541-928-2551 for more information.

Contact Us

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Paying Your Bill

Allied Waste customers may pay bills by mail, online or by phone. To pay online: www.disposal.com

Pay your bill online using your credit card or checking account



Or Pay by Phone
Toll-Free
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There's Still Time

to become a Master Recycler Allied Waste and OSU Campus Recycling offer an eight week course, beginning in January, focused on waste reduction and sustainable lifestyles. The class is free to participants who agree to pay forward what they learn. For more information go to:

www.recycle.oregonstate.edu.
Click on the Master Recycler Link.