

ASK A MASTER RECYCLER

What's going on green in Florence?



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A MONTHLY COLUMN OF RECYCLING INFORMATION
PROVIDED BY FLORENCE MASTER RECYCLERS
For the Siuslaw News

Q. Aren't plastic grocery bags recyclable? Why can't I put them in my curbside bin?

A. Most plastic grocery-type bags are recyclable, but only if taken to a bag recycling bin at a grocery store or at the Transfer Station.

If included in your curbside bin, the bags make a serious mess in the equipment used to sort commingled recycled materials. The lightweight bags get caught in rollers and belts, prevent items from being sorted accurately, and slow processing by requiring frequent stops to clean the equipment.

If the bags don't end up jamming the conveyor system, they often are caught between flat papers or boxes, then baled and sent to a paper plant where they clog filters and machines, creating further problems.

You can watch a short video and

see how curbside recycling is sorted at www.lanecounty.org/commingle drecycling; it's very informative.

We're fortunate in Florence that most grocery stores offer a bin near the main doors where you can recycle your clean, dry plastic grocery bags. Just don't put them, or any plastic film-type items, in your curbside bin!

Q. When is the next Household Hazardous Waste pick-up in Florence?

A. Just in time for spring cleaning! Twice each year Lane County Public Works, along with the City of Florence, sponsors a convenient, free Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Roundup here. The spring event is this weekend, Friday, April 10, from noon to 5 p.m., and again Saturday, April 11, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Staff from the county's year-round hazardous waste collection center in

Glenwood will be at the Florence Transfer Station, 2820 Rhododendron Drive, to accept the following items: household cleaners, lawn and garden chemicals, car care products, arts and craft supplies, fluorescent lamps over four feet long, paint, fuel, solvents and poisons.

They appreciate it if you leave materials in the original containers; it helps staff know how to store and dispose of them safely.

Also note, these items are NOT accepted at the event: any container over five gallons, asbestos, radioactive waste or explosives. Don't bring your empty containers, either — they can just be thrown in the trash.

Businesses that generate small amounts of hazardous waste may be able to take advantage of this event in Florence also. They will need to pre-register and will pay a fee for the disposal.

Call 541-682-4120 for details.

In case you don't know, oil, antifreeze, batteries and sharps (needles) are accepted year round at the Transfer Station. Fluorescent lamps

that are four feet or less in length can be recycled year round at Florence True Value, 1750 Highway 126.

And the Habitat ReStore, 2016 Highway 101, now offers recycling for architectural paint, stain, primer, sealers, lacquers and varnishes year round too.

Check out the City of Florence website at www.ci.florence.or.us and search for Hazardous Waste or Paint for more information, or call 541-997-8237.

If you like to plan ahead, the fall HHW event is generally the second weekend in October.

Q. Is Florence holding a Green Fair this year?

A. Yes! The Sixth Annual Green Fair will be Saturday, May 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Florence Events Center.

The theme this year is "Growing Up Green, Kids Protecting Florence." The first 100 kids in the door will receive a free Recycle Superhero Cape. Plan to attend this exciting event, featuring a Kids Zone, local produce, community organizations

and green businesses.

This year's fair will be full of practical information, hands-on education and inspiration on living green — how to make changes to your lifestyle that are environmentally friendly and sustainable.

Visit www.florencegreenfair.com for details.

Florence Master Recyclers are part of the Lane County Master Recycler Program, a service of the County's Public Works Waste Management Division since 2002. The mission of the MR program is to bridge the gap between awareness and action by motivating people to reduce solid waste at home, work and play.

This monthly column, written for The Siuslaw News, answers recycling questions. For more recycling information, please visit www.ci.florence.or.us/building/recycling or www.lanecounty.org/Departments/PW/WMD/Recycle or follow Master Recyclers of Florence on Facebook.

Artists sought for Siuslaw Marina enhancement project

The Florence Public Art Steering Committee, a sub-committee of the Florence Regional Arts Alliance, is requesting proposals for one piece of artwork to be placed at

the western end of the Port of Siuslaw Marina in the landscaped section facing Bay Street.

This location provides high visibility from both Bay Street

and the Port property. It should be designed to provide an attractive and impactful impression of the port and Old Town to both local residents and visitors.

The piece is intended to be the first in a series of public art pieces to be placed in strategic locations throughout the city, following consultation and approval from City leaders and the formation of a permanent Public Art Committee.

Design specifications and guidelines include:

- Artwork must present a theme consistent with this par-

ticular location at the end of the Port — that is, a nautical design that could, for example, incorporate marine life, aviary, boats, etc. (these are examples only), and should recognize items and species that are specific to the Pacific Northwest.

- To ensure maximum impact and visibility, the piece should stand between eight and 10 feet tall and could be up to four feet in diameter. The port will provide a base for the piece.

- Each work will be evaluated to ensure that it does not present a hazard to public safe-

ty, and must conform to ADA standards.

The committee will place a small plaque in an appropriate place, not to detract from the artwork, to recognize the artist and donors who made the purchase of the artwork possible.

Submission and selection criteria is as follows:

- Submissions should include a resume of the artist, including references, that outlines the artist's experience with public and/or outdoor art, including pictures of finished work and details of where and when it was done and pricing.

Artists should submit a visual representation of their proposal in pdf or jpeg format.

- All submissions must be e-mailed with the following information to be considered eligible: Full name, address, email, phone number and date of birth.
- Submissions should be sent

to fraaoregon@gmail.com, and the deadline is Sunday, May 31.

Members of the committee will review all entries and determine the final design, which will be announced by June 15. The selected artwork will be purchased from the artist for a final price of \$7,000, and the design and finished piece will become and remain the exclusive property of the Port of Siuslaw.

Submissions not selected remain the sole property of the artist.

The artist is responsible for delivering the finished piece to the designated site at a time and date determined by the committee, but no later than Sept. 30. At that time, ownership of the piece will transfer from the artist to the Port of Siuslaw and payment will be made.

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OVEN ROASTED SALMON

with toasted almond parsley salad (serves 4)

INGREDIENTS:

- 12 ounce salmon fillet, cut into 4 pieces
- Coarse-grained salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

Toasted Almond Parsley Salad:

- 1 shallot
- 1 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- Coarse grain salt
- 2 tablespoons capers, rinsed
- 1 cup fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 1/2 cup toasted almonds
- Extra-virgin olive oil

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat the oven to 450 degrees F.

Season salmon with salt and pepper. Place salmon, skin side down, on a non-stick baking sheet or in a non-stick pan with an oven-proof handle. Bake until salmon is cooked through, about 12 to 15 minutes. Serve with the Toasted Almond Parsley Salad.

Toasted Almond Parsley Salad:

Mince the shallot and add to a small bowl. Pour the vinegar over the shallots and add a pinch of salt. Let sit for 30 minutes.

Roughly chop the capers, parsley and almonds and add to the shallots. Add the olive oil, tasting as you go. Mix again and adjust the seasonings.

Recipe from Foodnetwork.com

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Miss Puff has little tufts of hair coming out of her ears and a crinkled tail. She enjoys racing through out the house chasing / wrestling with her siblings but also likes quiet time away from her litter mates. She loves playing in water, likes napping on her people furniture, and is a great bed buddy snuggling up to you for a snooze and a good ear rub. It would be best if she was adopted with a sibling since they are a tightly knit group spending time constantly with one another. If adopted with a sibling, the adoption fee is \$85 for two. Kittens are better with a buddy as they can entertain each other, keep each other from getting lonely, and best of all, they learn social behavior like not scratching / biting people by play-wrestling with each other!

If you would like to meet Miss Puff or any of her friends, please visit us at:

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www.florencehumane.org

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Community Chorus presents 'Hooray for Hollywood'

At 2 p.m. on May 3, a musical performance called "Hooray for Hollywood" will be presented by the Community Chorus of Florence Oregon (CCFO) at the Florence Events Center.

The program, under the baton of interim director Paul Guthmuller, will include many songs from popular motion pictures of the past. In addition to a medley of favorite tunes, the chorus will sing several other unusual favorites, including the theme from the James Bond series of movies.

Special guests performing at the concert include Florence favorite the Flo Tones. In addition, The Siuslaw Children's

Choir, consisting of students in grades three to six, will also perform. Elise Arnold will direct both the children's choir and the Chorus' James Bond theme.

The May concert will highlight the Chorus' scholarship program and recipient(s) will be announced.

Tickets for the concert are available at the Florence Event Center and are \$15 for adults, with children under 18 years of age admitted free.

For more information or tickets, call the FEC at 541-997-1994 or visit www.eventcenter.org, or the Community Chorus at www.communitychorusflorenceor.org.

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