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## Garbage haulers lag on recycling rules

### Marion County customers claim they were told rules did not change

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Nearly six weeks after Marion County announced strict new curbside recycling rules, local garbage companies still haven't notified their customers.

Some customers told the Statesman Journal their haulers have told them the rules have not changed and instructed them to continue under the old rules. And all but two of the companies' websites contain outdated recycling information.

"We are certainly all on board," said Kevin Hines, general manager of the Mid-Valley Garbage and Recycling Association, which represents the garbage companies.

"We're developing some brochures to send out to our customers," he said.

Hines said there is not an exact time for that to happen, but it will be soon. The companies also will soon post a uniform list of recyclables on their websites, he

said.

Marion County scaled back its curbside recycling program, effective March 5, in response to China's refusal to take most recyclable materials from western countries. China was the world's largest importer of recycled paper and plastic and took most of Oregon's recycling.

Among the items no longer allowed: shredded paper, egg cartons, milk boxes and most plastic containers.

Since then, Salem's Garten Services, which takes about half of the county's recycling, has noticed no change in the materials it is receiving, spokeswoman Gaelen McAllister said.

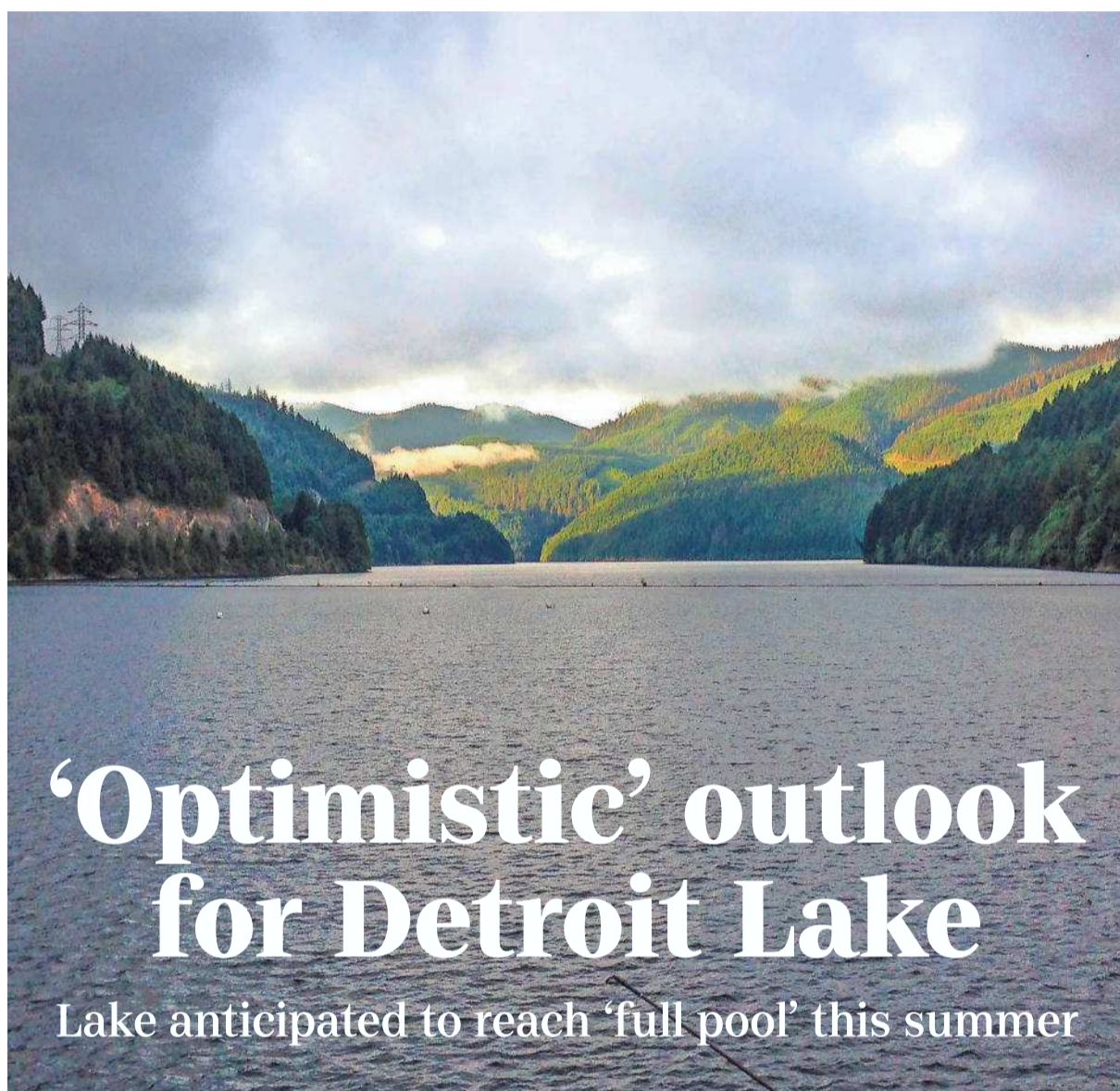
In addition to continuing to get now-banned items, the company still is getting things that never have been included on the list of approved recycling — things like dirty diapers, garden hoses and metal

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Sorters pull non-recyclables at Garten Services in Salem in January. Marion County scaled back its curbside recycling program, effective March 5, in response to China's refusal to take most recyclable materials from western countries.

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## 'Optimistic' outlook for Detroit Lake

### Lake anticipated to reach 'full pool' this summer

Detroit Lake is on schedule to reach its regular summer water level this year. FILE PHOTO

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Detroit Lake could use some good news.

After three summers impacted by drought and wildfire — not to mention a disruptive project looming on the horizon — the tourist town east of Salem could use a normal, motorboat-filled season.

And this week, Mother Nature delivered.

The recent deluge of rain brought the lake up to 1,550 feet above sea level, right where it should be this time of year.

Even with snowpack below normal, the heavy dose of spring rain should allow "a pretty good recreation year," said Erik Petersen, operations project manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Willamette Basin system.

"We're expecting the reservoir to fill, and we're expecting all the facilities to remain useable through the summer months," Petersen said. "We still need continued showers, but at this point, I'd say we're optimistic."

That outlook is a welcome development for an area that's seemed snake-bit the past few years.

Detroit Lake was plagued by drought in 2015, when the reservoir hit its lowest summertime level in history, and in 2016, when it never completely filled.

Last year, the lake was full and in excellent shape, only to have multiple wildfires foul the air and torpedo an expected tourism boon from the total solar eclipse.

In a normal summer, the 11-mile long reservoir lures over 300,000 people to its campgrounds, marinas, and restaurants to fish, hike and camp.

"Last year tourism took a big dip in our prime season," said Elaine DeGeorge, owner of the Lodge at Detroit Lake. "All of the local business owners felt it."

DeGeorge said hopes are high for a big rebound season, beginning with the Detroit Lake Fishing Derby May 18 to 20.

"We look forward to seeing the visitors return and to make some memories at our beloved lake," she said.

A good season at the lake should also provide a distraction from the elephant in the room — a massive

#### Events at Detroit Lake:

- Kokonee Derby: April 28
- Detroit Lake Fishing Derby: May 18 - 20
- Fireworks Over the Lake: July 7
- Detroit Lake Water Ski Show: July 27

project that could drain the lake for one or two years around 2021.

The Corps released plans in December to build a 300-foot tower and floating screen at Detroit Dam to improve water temperature and fish passage for salmon and steelhead in the North Santiam River.

But the \$100- to \$250-million project sparked alarm over its potential impact to water supply in Salem and Stayton, for farmland irrigation, and to the economies of Detroit and the Santiam Canyon from the loss of recreation at the popular reservoir.

The Corps is currently in the earliest phase of this project, and multiple years of planning remain before a final decision and plans around 2020.

In the meantime, business owners are focusing on a good summer of 2018.

"With each passing day, we get more and more excited as we watch the water levels rise," said Dean O'Donnell, president of Detroit Lake Recreational Area Business Association. "We have many fun events planned throughout the spring and summer to entice people to get up and enjoy the lake and surrounding area."

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## Trump to not touch state-legal pot programs

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America's fast-growing marijuana industry could be poised for supercharged expansion after President Trump promised to respect state-legalized pot in a deal with a Colorado senator who had been blocking presidential nominees.

Republican Sen. Cory Gardner on Friday announced he'd received assurances from the president that federal agents would leave alone states like Colorado that have legalized recreational cannabis. Gardner had been blocking nominees to the Department of Justice since January over the issue, and on Friday relented.

"President Trump has assured me that he will support a federalism-based legislative solution to fix this states' rights issue once and for all," Gardner said in a statement.

Gardner didn't elaborate on what specific legislation Trump said he would support, although Congress is currently considering several bills that would legalize cannabis at the national level.

Following the announcement, Oregon Gov. Kate Brown, a Democrat, told the Statesman Journal in a statement, "We have not had similar negotiations but would appreciate President Trump extending his assurances to all states that he respects their rights to

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## Man, 64, falls 50 feet into Henline Creek

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Emergency responders rescued a 64-year-old man Friday after he fell about 50 feet into Henline Creek, authorities said.

The Florida man, whom the Marion County Sheriff's Office did not identify by name, had been on Henline Falls Trail in the Willamette National Forest. He had been hiking with his son but took a fall down an embankment into the creek, authorities said.

Crews hiked for about a mile before rescuing the man from the water, authorities said. He was taken to Santiam Hospital afterward for treatment.

"Sounds like he'll be fine," said Lt. Chris Baldrige with the sheriff's office. "They got to him pretty quickly."

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Emergency responders rescued a 64-year-old man who fell approximately 50 feet into Henline Creek. PHOTO COURTESY OF MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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