

# Free Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event in Vernonia

## Toxic items used in the home can be brought for safe disposal

The vernal equinox has arrived, and to help residents with their spring cleaning, Columbia County is hosting a household hazardous waste event in Vernonia on Saturday, April 13. A large variety of toxic and unsafe materials can be brought to the free event which takes place from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at 377 Bridge St. (Spencer Park between State and Washington Avenues).

Many items used around the home, including cleaning, gardening, and automotive products can be harm-

ful to people, fish, and wildlife. Toxins in these products can present potential safety and health hazards when poured down the drain or dumped on the ground. The event provides residents a safe and responsible way to discard these and many other items which are not accepted with curbside service.

Items must be in containers of less than five gallons and should be secured safely during transport. Trained household hazardous waste technicians will unload materials from vehicles.

- ammunition
- fireworks and flares
- gas / diesel / fuels

- lawn and garden chemicals
- herbicides and pesticides
- pool and spa chemicals
- light ballasts—please remove from light fixture
- fluorescent tubes
- art and hobby chemicals
- solvents and thinners
- items containing mercury
- propane cylinders
- compressed gas cylinders
- batteries - car, rechargeable, button - no alkaline batteries
- cleaners and detergents
- poisons



5:00 pm weekdays.

Columbia County sponsors free household hazardous waste events (for county residents only) in various locations throughout the area. The next event takes place June 1 in Rainier.

For more information, email Kathy Boutin-Pasterz at [kathleen.boutin-pasterz@co.columbia.or.us](mailto:kathleen.boutin-pasterz@co.columbia.or.us) or call her at (503) 397-7259.

### ABOUT COLUMBIA COUNTY'S SOLID WASTE PROGRAM

Columbia County plans, organizes, and directs recycling, reuse, waste reduction and household hazardous waste management throughout its 657 square-mile area. The County operates a transfer station in St. Helens and administers the solid waste collection franchises within the unincorporated area of the county.

## What's Happening at the Vernonia Library

### Seeing the Forest and the Trees: Stewarding our Public Forests

Thursday, April 11, 6:30 pm  
Mariah Acton will lead this conversation to explore the values, identities, and beliefs we each have about our forests and what we, as a state, do to steward, manage, and protect this special resource. Sponsored by the Friends of the Vernonia Library, an Oregon Humanities Conversation Project Program.

### Columbia County Reads with Phillip Margolin and Gregory Nokes

Friday, April 26, 6 pm  
Join *New York Times* Bestselling author Phillip Margolin and Oregon author Gregory Nokes. Event is sponsored by the Columbia County Cultural Coalition and the Friends of the Vernonia Public Library. Multiple copies of their books are available for check-out at the Library.

### City Wide Clean-Up Event

Saturday April 13, 8 am - Noon  
The Library is a clean-up location for this event. Weeding, spreading bark, trash pick-up, parking lot clean-up. If interested in volunteering, please contact Shannon at the Library.

### Movie Night: Local Color

Tuesday, April 16, 6 pm  
Featuring a documentary *Local Color*, a history of racism and civil rights in

Oregon. OPB, 60 min.

### After Hours Family Movie Night

Friday, April 19, 6:30 pm  
Featuring the movie *Night at the Museum* (PG, 1 hr. 48 min.). Free popcorn and the Library open just for you!

### Ongoing Programs

#### Writer's Group

Thursday, April 18, 6 - 7:30 pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month. For writers with all levels of experience.

#### Book Discussion Group

The Last Monday of every month, 5:30 pm. Discussion book for Monday, April 29: *Comet's Tale* by Steven D. Wolf.

### Storytimes

#### Baby and Toddler Time

Mondays, 10:30 - 11:15 am  
Songs, rhymes, books, toys, and bubbles! For ages 0 - 3. Older siblings welcome.

#### Preschool Storytime

Fridays, 10:30 - 11:15 am  
Stories, activity, and a craft. Planned for children up through age 6.

### Library Hours & Contact

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10 - 5  
Tuesday, Thursday: 1 - 7  
Saturday: 10 - 4  
Closed Sundays

Phone: (503) 429-1818  
E-mail: [library@vernonia-or.gov](mailto:library@vernonia-or.gov)

- used motor oil and antifreeze
- medical sharps in OSHA-approved, puncture-proof containers

No garbage, trash, items containing asbestos, or liquids in containers larger than five gallons will be taken.

Residents can bring latex and acrylic paint, oil-based paint, enamel, stains, lacquers, shellacs, varnishes and primers to Vernonia Hardware and Supply at 1026 Bridge St. or to the Columbia County Transfer Station in St. Helens during their respective business hours.

Expired, unused or unwanted prescription drugs can be deposited in the MedReturn collection box at Vernonia City Hall's main lobby from 8:00 am - 12:30 pm and 1:30 -

## Film Celebrates Wild Salmon and Nehalem River

What do coho salmon, beaver analogs, and state forests have in common? Join the Wild Salmon Center (WSC) at the Patagonia store in Portland for the screening of their new film, *Nehalem: A Wild Salmon Stronghold*, on April 18, 2019 at 7:00 pm and find out!

The film features Upper Nehalem Watershed Council (UNWC) Executive Director, and Vernonia resident, Maggie Peyton, as she discusses habitat restoration projects on the Nehalem River, including a pilot project funded by the WSC to install Beaver Analog Dams on tributaries of the Ne-

halem River. You'll also hear from the WSC's Oregon Policy Director on needed improvements to forestry management policies in Oregon, next steps to designate the Nehalem as a State Scenic Waterway, and listen to Patagonia's own fly fishing Ambassador Kate Crump share stories about chasing wild steelhead on the Oregon Coast.

The event will include live screen printing, so bring your own item to get printed on and BYO cup! Complimentary snacks will be provided, as well as drinks from Brew Dr. Kombucha, Hopworks Urban Brewery and Union Wine Company.

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Thursday, April 18  
7:00 - 9:00 pm  
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