

Summer tips from the Environmental Protection Agency to reduce, reuse

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While working in your garden or caring for your yard, there are many things you can do to reduce waste and conserve resources. From caring for your lawn and garden equipment to "greenscaping," learn how you can make a difference in the world around you.

- Use food scraps, yard trimmings and other organic waste to create a compost pile. Compost is a rich soil amendment that can help increase water retention, decrease erosion and replace chemical fertilizers.
- Greenscape Your Landscape – In spring and summer, many of us start some kind of landscaping around our property. You can reduce the environmental impacts of landscaping your lawn and property by "grasscycling," mulching and composting. Properly managing your yard waste enhances your environment and saves you money.
- Shred untreated wood and leaf wastes into chips and use them as mulch on garden beds to prevent weed growth, retain moisture, regulate soil temperature and add nutrients back to the soil.
- Build a backyard fort or tree house from recycled materials, such as wood scraps, cardboard and other found items.
- Buy recycled-content gardening equipment and tools, such as garden hoses made from old tires, stepping stones made from old glass bottles or hand tools made with recycled plastic. You also can use plastic lumber made from recycled plastic bottles and bags to make flower beds, trellises, decks and birdhouses.
- Recycle used oil and tires from lawn and garden equipment. If you have a need for large lawn and garden equipment, such as tillers or chainsaws, you can reduce waste (and save money!) by renting or borrowing the equipment.
- Keep your lawn mower and other equipment in efficient operating condition by performing regular maintenance according to the owner's manual. Purchase a nozzle that prevents fuel spills when refilling your lawn mower. Use manual tools when appropriate to save fuel and protect air quality.
- Raise the cutting height of your lawn mower during the hot summer months to keep grass roots shaded and cooler, reducing weed growth, browning and the need for watering. When you mow, "grasscycle" by leaving grass clippings on your lawn instead of bagging them or use a mulching mower. The clippings will return nutrients to the soil instead of taking up space in landfills.
- Cut the bottoms off plastic milk jugs or use small paper bags to protect young seedlings from frost, wind, heavy rain and roving animals. Remember to recycle the bags and jugs when the seedlings have grown.
- If you have healthy plants you want to replace, donate them to community gardens or schools, or offer them to neighbors.
- Many plants and insects can serve as non-toxic, natural deterrents to weeds and garden pests. Introduce ladybugs to eat aphids, plant marigolds to ward off beetles and look for quick-sprouting plants to block weed growth.
- Conserve water. Use barrels to collect rain water and use it to water plants. Check hoses for leaks before watering plants and position sprinklers so they water only plants, not the sidewalk, street or house. Also remember to water during the cooler parts of the day (early morning is best) to avoid evaporation.

Contact the Siletz Tribal Energy Program for more information on composting, recycling and conserving – toll-free at 800-922-1399, ext. 1271, or 541-444-8271; or step@ctsi.nsn.us. Search for Siletz Tribal Energy Program on Facebook and "like" us.

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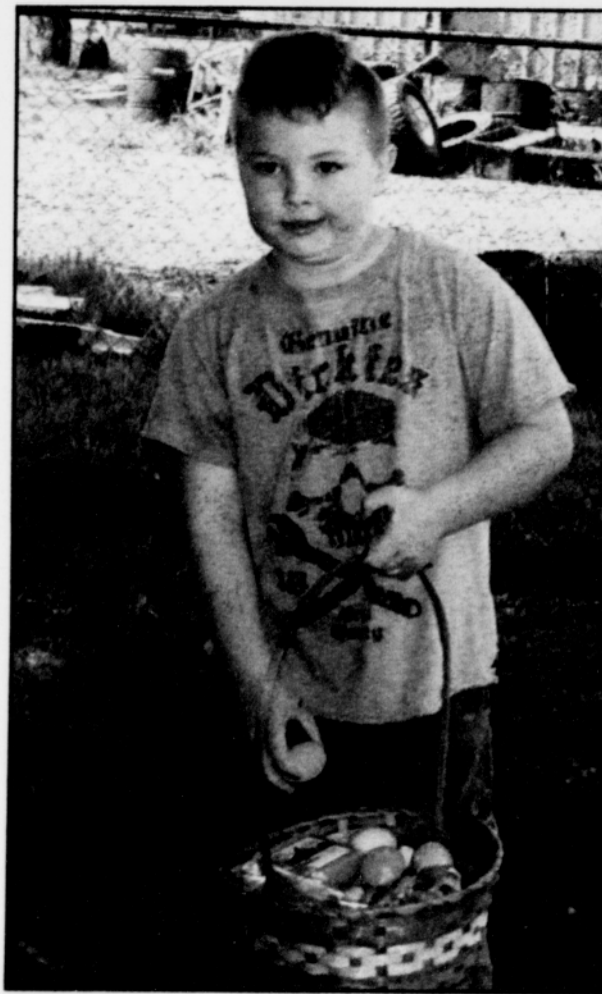
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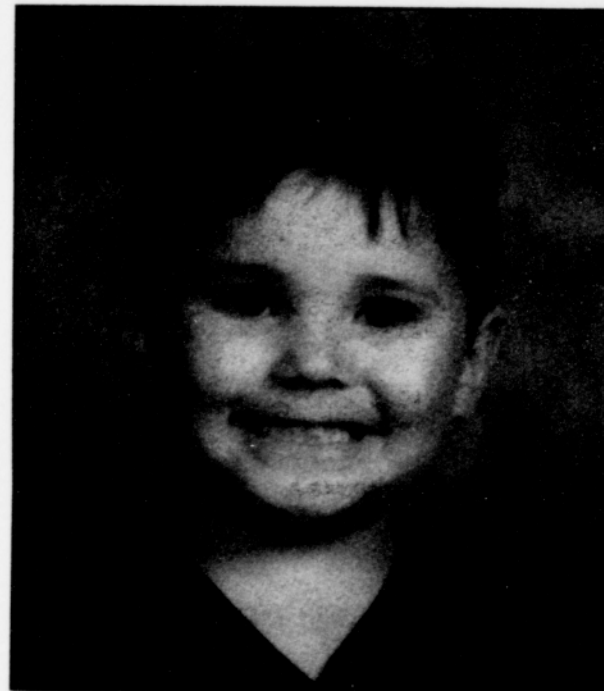
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Happy Birthday to Hunter Williams on July 14! Wow – 7 years old already! WooHoo Party! We love you, Hunter. Love – Mom, Dad, Daniel, Kyle, Gamma, Poppa and all your aunties, uncles and cousins too



Happy Birthday to our baby brother, Kai Williams, on July 24. We love you, Kai Kai.

Love, Hunter, Lanaya and Talon

Happy 6th Birthday on July 24 to Kai Williams. I love you and you will always be my little Kai Kai.

Love, Mom

Happy Birthday to Jayda. We love you. Love, Auntie Daphne, Hunter, Lanaya, Talon and Kai

Happy Birthday to Auntie Vanessa on July 6.

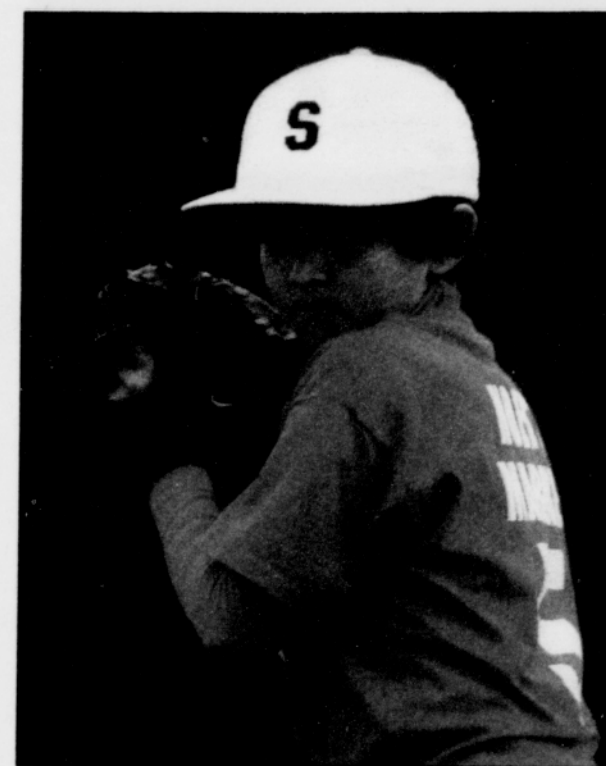
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Happy Birthday to Uncle Donald on July 26.

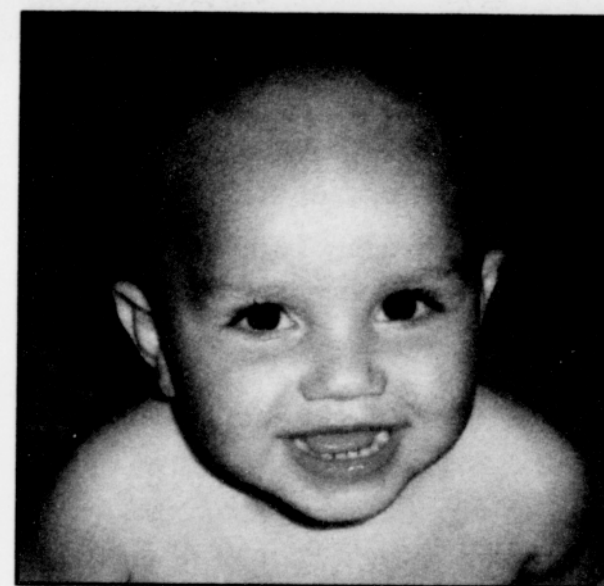
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Willard – We're so proud of you! Good luck in ALL-STARS! Love, Mom and Dad



Happy 2nd birthday to our son, Connor! Love, Dad, Mom, and Sister

Happy Birthday to Con-Man. Can't believe you're already 2!

Love, Aunty Jamie and cousin Aaidyn

Happy 1st Birthday to Little Max.

Love, Aunty Jamie and cousin Aaidyn

Happy 4th Birthday to Tyee Garcia.

Love, Sister Jamie and nephew Aaidyn

Corey Kline – To a special and handsome son and grandson whom we are so very proud of.

Love, Mom (Joella) and Grandma Wilma

Happy so Happy 6th Birthday to Princess TT! You are such a joy to us.

Love, Grandma Joella and Grandma Wilma

Joel : Have a great day on your special day and every day after,

Love, Mom and Sister Joella

Happy Birthday to our Uncle Joel! We love you! If you take your age and subtract the age you were when I was born, we're the same age this year. =)

Love ya, Uncle – Ang and all her kids

Happy Birthday to Corey, who is an inspiration. You are such a great brother and uncle.

Love, your sis, nephews and nieces

Happy Birthday to Princess Teonna "TT" – We hope your loyal servants are not too exhausted on your special day.

Love – Mom, Jon, Seth, KJ, Nahayla and Sahayla