

ASK A MASTER RECYCLER



Close the loop on waste by buying recycled products

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Question: One of my resolutions for 2015 is to do better at recycling. How can I accomplish that?

Answer: Congratulations! That is a popular and commendable resolution. And it's also easily achievable — unlike the one about losing 20 pounds and exercising daily.

Instead of focusing on what items can be recycled and where, let's look at the other side of recycling: Closing the Loop, i.e. buying recycled products.

Without consumer demand to buy recycled, there is little incentive for manufacturers to produce goods made from recycled materials.

Believe it or not, one of the best things you can do to promote recycling is to go shopping. There are currently more than 4,500 products made from recycled content, including paper towels, nails, pens and pencils, I-beams, truck bed mats, jewelry, lumber, containers of all kinds, carpet, bulletin boards, toilet paper, fenders, greeting cards, culverts, and asphalt. To name a few.

First step, read the package. Ideally, the label will indicate the amount of recycled content.

One term you'd like to see on the label is "post-consumer material."

This is what we set curbside for recycling; material that has served its intended purpose, then been separated from the trash to be recycled.

Also — and this is important — just because a package includes a recycling symbol does not mean it's made with recycled material, or that it's recyclable in your community.

Green Seal and Scientific Certification Systems are two independent organizations that certify product claims, including recycled content; their symbols may be seen on product packaging as well.

Second, look for the highest percentage of post-consumer recycled content to guide your purchase. Ask your vendor if they have recycled products.

The more consumers ask for recycled items, the more likely retailers will carry recycled products.

Also, be aware that some products have been recycled for so long that they are often not labeled as made from recycled materials. Examples of these include aluminum — about 50 percent of aluminum in beverage cans is from recycled cans, and glass bottles and jars. New jars use about 30 percent post-consumer recycled glass, while brown and green containers have the highest recycled content.

We vote with our dollars when we purchase recycled products. Creating stable markets for recycling ensures the continuation and expansion of recycling programs everywhere. Buying recycled is one of the best ways to succeed at your resolution.

What do I do with old electronic equipment? Does it go in the garbage?

So glad you asked. Oregon law prohibits garbage disposal of computers, monitors and TVs. Luckily, these items are easily recyclable and/or reusable.

Our local Real Food Co-op, at 1379B Rhododendron Drive, has arranged for NextStep Recycling to provide a drop box for unwanted electronics this month.

The box will be in place through Friday, Jan. 16, and will accept almost all electronic devices. Visit www.NextStepRecycling.org for details.

Year round, the Florence Transfer Station, at 2820 N. Rhododendron Drive, accepts intact computers, monitors, CPUs, TVs, printers, phones, etc., along with many appliances.

Visit www.lanecounty.org/recycle and click on Electronic Waste Recycling, or call 541-997-6243 for details.

Working electronics may be donated to a thrift store for reuse.

If you miss the co-op's drop box, items can be taken to NextStep's donation center, 2101 W. 10th Ave. in Eugene.

New Folksters return to Florence after 4-year absence



New Folksters members Hal Weiner, Beverly Schriver and Keith Barr (courtesy photo)

After an absence of four years, the New Folksters have re-formed with founder Hal Weiner (banjo, guitar, uke and vocals), Beverly Schriver (kazoo and vocals), Keith Barr (six- and 12-string guitar and vocals) and sometimes Lynette Kristine and Ken Luse (bass).

The group performs folk songs of the '60s made popular by groups such as Peter, Paul and Mary, the Kingston

Trio, the New Christy Minstrels and others.

Sing along to your favorite tunes such as "Puff The Magic Dragon," "Stewball," "Scarlet Ribbons," "The Garden Song," and others.

The New Folksters will perform at Homegrown Pub on

Friday, Jan. 16, from 3 to 5 p.m. More information can be found online at www.thenewfolksters.info.

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A Taste of Florence

Dining Guide

Lovejoy's Restaurant & Tea Room

Featuring this week:
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(bacon, avocado & tomato)
Savory Chicken Cakes
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