

# ASK A MASTER RECYCLER

## Recycling information from Master Recyclers



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

**Q.** How do I borrow those reusable plastic dishes for parties? Is it really free? Can I use them for family gatherings?

**A.** Just call 541-590-0506 and, yes, it's free and the Durable Dishware is available for any event, from family celebrations to company picnics to nonprofit fundraisers.

Florence Master Recyclers has collected more than 175 reusable plates, bowls, glasses, forks, knives, spoons and napkins — all free for the public to use and return.

Some serving and holiday tableware is also available, along with coffee cups.

Master Recyclers offer this service to the community to reduce the use of disposable paper and plastic ware, which end up in the landfill.

Using durable tableware saves you money — both in not having to purchase paper or plastic dishes and in reduced garbage volume, and it helps the environment, too.

Plus, the retro dish patterns are a guaranteed conversation starter. Who wouldn't prefer to use a sturdy plate and real cutlery, rather than flimsy plastic forks and paper plates?

To reserve tableware for your next event, just call the number listed above. A Master Recycler will help you complete a one-page loan agreement form and arrange with you to pick up and return the dishware.

The Durable Dishware program works on the honor system, with borrowers returning dishes in a clean condition and replacing any lost items.

Call 541-590-0506 to use this fun tableware for your next event!

**Q.** My neighbor told me I can take some items to City Hall for recycling, that I can't put in my home recycling bin. Where do I take them and what is accepted?

**A.** Your neighbor is correct. There is a small, self-serve recycling center in the lobby of Florence City Hall, at 250 Highway 101.

An informative bulletin board above the recycle tubs lists acceptable and unacceptable items, including an easy to understand Yes/No display with photographs and examples.

Currently accepted items include: ink cartridges; recyclable batteries — no alkaline batteries, those go in the trash; cell phones and batteries — including rechargeable batteries such as those used for cordless drills, cameras, laptops, etc.; cork — finally, a home for that wine cork collection, no synthetic corks, please; pill bottles — remove labels with personal information and lids; plastic caps — such as those that twist on with a threaded neck (shampoo, water, soda, milk, laundry detergent, pill bottles, etc.) and flip-top caps like those commonly used on ketchup bottles; no margarine container lids, coffee cup lids

or caps with metal parts. A dedicated City of Florence volunteer regularly delivers these materials to where they can be recycled.

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 commonly asked recycling questions.

For more recycling information, visit [www.ci.florence.or.us/building/recycling](http://www.ci.florence.or.us/building/recycling) or [www.lanecounty.org/Departments/PW/WMD/Recycle](http://www.lanecounty.org/Departments/PW/WMD/Recycle).

# RIVER HOUSE INN BECOMES FIVE-TIME TRIPADVISOR AWARD WINNER

TripAdvisor, the world's largest travel website, has awarded The River House Inn its 2015 Hall of Fame Award.

The award recognizes that The River House Inn has achieved TripAdvisor's prestigious Certificate of Excellence for five consecutive years.

Of the total winners this year, only nine percent nationwide have qualified for the Certificate of Excellence Hall of Fame.

"This is a testament to our corporate values and the hard work of our management and staff," says Craig Sanders,

president of Hoagland Properties, owners of the inn. "Our philosophy is all customer oriented. In fact, our mission statement for our properties says 'To exceed customer expectations with spotless, reasonably-priced, well-appointed rooms and exceptional customer service.'"

"Wayne and Susan Tripp and their staff pride themselves in exquisitely clean rooms and friendly service, often helping guests with their travel plans and recommending all of the fun things to do in Florence," said Sanders.

To receive a Certificate of Excellence from TripAdvisor, a hotel must demonstrate hospitality excellence and represent the upper echelon of businesses listed on TripAdvisor by consistently achieving outstanding traveler reviews on TripAdvisor.

TripAdvisor uses a proprietary algorithm that factors in a variety of user-generated content. This includes review ratings, overall rating, and quantity and recency of reviews.



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**River House Inn has received the TripCheck Hall of Fame Award after five consecutive years of Excellence Awards.**

To qualify, The River House Inn had to maintain an overall TripAdvisor rating of at least four out of five with a minimum number of reviews and been listed for at least 12 months. A property's popularity ranking on TripAdvisor is also factored into the algorithm.

The River House Inn is consistently ranked in the top three hotels in Florence and in the top 30 percent on the Oregon Coast.

The River House Inn was also named 2015's Top Hotel or Inn for Out of Town Guests by readers of the Siuslaw News,

and received the Florence Chamber of Commerce's 2014 Curb Appeal award for outstanding exterior aesthetics.

"Now, more than ever, Florence area residents can recommend the Old Town Inn and The River House Inn to their friends and family from out of town," said Sanders.

To contact The River House Inn, at 1202 Bay Street, call 541-997-3933 or visit [www.riverhouseflorence.com](http://www.riverhouseflorence.com).

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## Landrum featured artist at Shorewood this month

Shorewood Retirement Residences is featuring local artist Jan Landrum as the June Artist of the Month.

Her watercolor paintings will be on display during the in the Shorewood dining room and hallways.

All her paintings are for sale.

Her paintings feature animals, flowers and portraits.

Landrum will be at Shorewood (1451 Spruce St.) for a meet the artist reception Friday, June 26, at 10 a.m., when she will answer questions about herself and her art.

Mom has always been so patient, but now when I ask her questions she gets angry.

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## ...need a friend?

### Meet VELVET

Hello, my name is Velvet. I came to the shelter 2 yrs ago with my best friend, Leo, after our owner died. I was so upset at losing my home, I hated everybody! But the people here were very patient with me and I soon came around. My favorite spot is on a comfy cat bed, looking out the window at the Siuslaw river.



Do you think you have a nice window spot for me in your house? BTW, I love to be brushed and petted but I don't like chaos and noise, so a quiet senior home might be best for me.

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

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[www.florencehumane.org](http://www.florencehumane.org)  
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