

Tips for working towards a waste-free holiday season

Once the winter holidays are over, it is time to get ready to pack up the reusable items and pack out the recyclable ones. Kelly Bell of the Lane County Master Recycler Program has collected some handy tips to help you take care of the most common items generated during the holidays.

Recycle Block Styrofoam

St. Vincent de Paul is Lane County's source for recycling white block #6 polystyrene (commonly known by the brand name Styrofoam) and Styrofoam packing peanuts. It shreds block Styrofoam and compresses it into logs, making it more cost-effective to transport it to recyclers. Styrofoam peanuts are used at Aurora Glass or resold in thrift stores.

Households in Eugene and Springfield can recycle small quantities of Styrofoam at no

charge at the Seneca, Division and Thurston stores.

Keep packing peanuts and block foam separate. No food containers or cups. St. Vincent de Paul charges a modest fee for businesses. Contact them for more about the Styrofoam recycling program for businesses.

Recycle Christmas Lights

NextStep Recycling accepts functioning and non-functioning Christmas lights for recycle. All proceeds from the recycled lights go to Hosea Youth Services during the month of December. Hosea provides outreach to homeless and displaced youth in the Eugene area.

Reuse Packaging Materials

Many area businesses reuse clean packing peanuts and bubble wrap, but especially the pack-and-ship outlets. Check

with a business you usually frequent to find out if they want your excess, clean packing materials.

Recycle Christmas Trees

With online scheduling and pickup or drop-off options, it's easier than ever to participate in a local tree recycling program. In addition to the programs listed here, check with your neighborhood schools to see if they plan to hold a tree pickup fundraiser.

Boy Scout Troop 182 offers pickup for \$10 on weekends between Dec. 27 and Jan. 22. It doesn't take flocked or painted trees.

McCornack Elementary School's fifth grade class is fundraising for a trip to Washington, D.C. next summer. They will be picking up trees during the weekends following Christmas. They are asking for a \$10 donation.

For information call 541-833-0180.

If you want to recycle your tree by yourself, Rexius (150 Highway 99, Eugene) is accepting green trees for a \$5

fee and flocked trees for \$7.

You can drop off your tree from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, or 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays.

For a list of additional holi-

day recycling tips, contact Kelly Bell, Lane County Master Recycler Program, at 541-682-2059 or email kelly.bell@co.lane.or.us.

WLCF accepting 2017 grant applications

Western Lane Community Foundation's (WLCF) annual Discretionary Grant Program is accepting applications immediately for the 2017 grant cycle. These grants have been given to local nonprofits for more than 40 years addressing needs in areas of education, medicine and science, the arts and social and civic services.

Last year, Siuslaw kindergarten teacher Linda Johnson wrote a WLCF grant for an online subscription, "Starfall and Tumble Books."

This program allows kids ages K-5 to access books, phonics activities, multiple math concepts and much more at school, home or anywhere with access to the Internet.

This is just one example of a WLCF Discretionary Grant addressing an educational need while potentially impacting up to 650 students.

More information, guidelines or applications, visit the

WLCF website at www.wlcf.org.

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Saturday 12/24	David Jefferis Eli Korab	Mapleton Florence	Safeway/Florence Grocery Outlet
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