

## ASK A MASTER RECYCLER

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A MONTHLY COLUMN OF RECYCLING  
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MASTER RECYCLERS  
For the Siuslaw News

erwise recyclable materials into the trash.

Recycling is a commodity and to be usable in manufacturing new products, it must be clean.

Another form of contamination is placing incorrect items in a curbside bin. It's not that plastic bags, house paint and clothing, for example, are not reusable and recyclable — they are.

However, they won't get to the right place if they are added to the customer's commingle bin.

Recycling options exist for many items that don't belong in the curbside bin, for instance:

- Plastic grocery-type bags can be dropped in recycle bins near the doors of Safeway and Fred Meyer;
- Electronics recycling is available free at the Florence Transfer Station, as well as at nonprofits like NextStep in Eugene;
- Block Styrofoam can be recycled at St. Vincent de Paul;
- House paint is recyclable at Habitat for Humanity's ReStore;
- Fluorescent lamps (under 4 feet) are collected for recycling at True

Value Hardware;

• Clothing, household goods, kitchenware, furniture, etc., can all be donated to local thrift stores for reuse, repurposing, or recycling.

Bell notes that recycling options exist for more items every year, but these options are outside of the mixed curbside recycling system. Imagine: it would be disastrous to try to collect spent compact fluorescent light bulbs, or unused paint, mixed in with your commingled recycling.

However, both of those materials can be recycled, if they are taken to the proper location.

In order for recycling to be effective, material must be delivered to the correct place — the place that is set up to handle that particular material.

For many household items like empty plastic bottles, metal cans, clean paper and cardboard, the correct place can be the recycling cart we push to the curb in front of our house. For many other items, such as clothing, bedding or small appliances, effective recycling means we need to deliver the items to the correct collection location.

Sending them to an incorrect collection often results in these otherwise recyclable materials ending up in the trash.

**Q.** My friend told me I can save money by recycling more. How?

A. Your friend is correct. Recycling saves money on the cost of garbage service, whether you have curbside service or haul your own garbage to the Transfer Station.

For instance, by sorting out recyclable items, rather than tossing them in the trash, you can reduce the size of your trash container and/or the frequency with which that container is emptied.

Both of these actions save you money. Going from weekly to every other week curbside service can save up to \$10 per month, depending on the size of the trash container.

If you're filling up the recycle bin with accepted materials, you'll have room in the garbage can to hold two weeks' worth of trash. Reducing the size of the trash container that you pay for can save up to \$9 per month.

Remember, fees for garbage service are based on the size of the trash container, not the recycle bin.

If you self-haul your garbage, you receive a \$1 discount on garbage fees if you also recycled that trip. And again, by sorting out recyclable materials instead of putting them in the trash, you may be able to reduce the size of your trash load from a \$20 load to a \$12 load.

The more you recycle, the less you pay to throw in the trash.

Finally, by choosing durable prod-

ucts over single-use, such as cloth versus paper towels, and ceramic mugs over paper cups; by avoiding unnecessary packaging; and by deliberately practicing waste prevention, including decreasing the amount of food you throw away, you can reduce the amount of trash you have to dispose of — thereby reducing your cost.

You will also save money by purchasing fewer items at the store initially.

Recycling is not only environmentally beneficial, it can also benefit your financial situation.

*Florence Master Recyclers (MR) 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) or follow Master Recyclers of Florence on Facebook.*



(A monthly column of recycling information provided by Florence Master Recyclers)

**Q.** Can I still join the Master Recycler class to be held in Florence?

A. Yes, just barely! The class begins this Friday, Jan. 13, at the Florence campus of Lane Community College.

Classes are from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. each Friday through March 10, plus two Saturday field trips.

The Master Recycler class is free in exchange for volunteer service. Pick up an application at the Florence transfer station, or online at [LaneCounty.org/MasterRecyclers](http://LaneCounty.org/MasterRecyclers), or just show up at the first class.

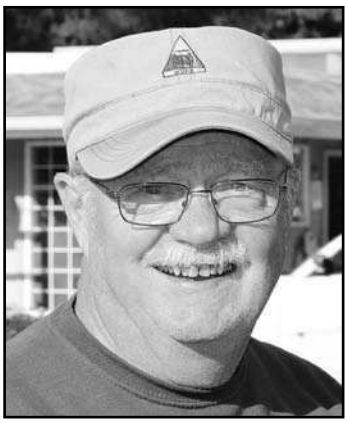
**Q.** What is the most important information local recycle companies want to share with customers about residential recycling?

A. This question was posed recently by Kelly Bell, Lane County Master Recycler Coordinator. The number one answer is: keep it clean.

This means avoid contamination — primarily food, but also debris such as oil or dirt, that can send oth-

## CAR CHRONICLES —

# 'It ran when they parked it...'



By CAL APPLEBEE  
Special to the Siuslaw News

How many times have we heard that line when talking about a vehicle we were contemplating purchasing?

I did recently when I found a 1986 F-150 that was just too good of a deal to pass up.

And that was from my own

father-in-law!

This truck is the 17th pickup I've owned in my years of auto-ownership. Some were new, some were used and a few were just projects — which this one is.

Though I knew it had sat for several years and had some issues, its overall condition was good and I just couldn't see it sit any longer.

In a prior edition, I covered a couple of my earlier acquisitions, the 1948 Chevy 3100 and the 1950 GMC FC101, both early in my years of auto-mania. My next pick-up was already 36 years old when I acquired it in 1977 — a 1941 PT 125 Plymouth (Yes, Plymouth pickup.)

Similar in design to its Dodge brethren, it carried a little more refined nose treatment

than the Dodge, (actually similar to the 1939 Dodge truck nose) and shared a lot of sheet metal treatment, but obviously had a Plymouth badge on the hood.

It had the 87 horsepower flat head six, with a three-speed top load transmission.

What it didn't have was a floor in the box. I drove it around Woodland, Calif., where I resided at the time, for a few months before it rolled away to someone more capable of restoring it.

The very first brand new vehicle I purchased didn't happen until 1979 — another Mopar — a Dodge D-150 half-ton pickup.

With the legendary 318 V-8 and four-speed (with "granny gear" — remember that?) it was a great truck with cinna-

mon brown exterior and saddle-tan interior.

Although it was my first experience purchasing new, I obviously didn't pay attention at the orientation and, the next morning, flooded it to the point that the dealer sent the mechanic to straighten me out and get the truck running.

I had traded in my ex-wife's Karman Ghia while she was at work one day (that might have had something to do with the eventual ex-status...)

Eventually, I found Ford trucks and have enjoyed owning several ranging from little half-ton F100s to three-quarter ton duallys. I've had several with the 300 straight-six and 5-speed manual, which is a great combination, and some, including Class C motor homes, with the Triton V-10

and automatic, which is a phenomenal power package.

My wife's current daily driver is the popular F-150 four-door which we purchased new in 2009 and is the only vehicle we've owned for that long — and she still won't part with it!

One of my favorites over the years was a 1965 F-100 I stumbled across just a few years ago — an actual US Army truck.

It had the 240 straight six with a three-on-the-tree (remember those?) with the short step-side bed. It had been surplused out of military service to a school district in the valley, which eventually retired it.

I drove it and enjoyed it a lot locally for both work and pleasure, and eventually sold it

to another military vehicle club member, so I still get to see it on the road from time to time when Ken drives by wearing a big grin.

As to the '86 F-150 that ran when they parked it?

It does now run after we've replaced battery, fuel pump and radiator. But I still haven't solved all the issues yet.

Watch for it soon on a craigslist near you.

This will end our journey back through time re-visiting some of the follies of my youth — at least with automobiles. I hope you have enjoyed this road trip as much as I have recalling some of the vehicles. We will soon start running the Military Heritage Chronicles again in the pages of Siuslaw News.

Travel Safe!

# Annual Winter Music Festival kicks off Saturday at FEC

This year's Winter Music Festival will bring nine bands and headliner Danny O'Keefe, best known for his hit single "Good Time Charlie's Got the Blues."

Among the bands performing at the two-day music festival, Jan. 14 and 15, will be Cabin Fever Northwest, RJ Ballard, Ian McFeron, Halie and the Moon, Pretty Gritty, Midnight Darlins, Castletown, The Colin Trio, as well as Haley Johnsen, who will open for O'Keefe.

The festival will take place Saturday, Jan. 14, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In 1968, O'Keefe was a member of a four-man heavy psychedelic rock band named Calliope. The group recorded one album, "Steamed," for Buddah Records before dis-

banding.

O'Keefe received national acclaim for "Good Time Charlie's Got the Blues" in September 1972, and reached number 9 on the U.S. Billboard Hot 100 chart.

It stayed on the Billboard chart for 14 weeks and sold a million copies.

The gramophone record's sales culminated in a gold disc issued by the RIAA in June 1973.

O'Keefe's unique lyrical melodies earned him a reputation as an important songwriter of his genre.

With Bob Dylan, O'Keefe co-wrote the environmental movement anthem "Well Well Well."

In concert with his music and through his organization, the Songbird Foundation, O'Keefe has been active in the environ-



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**Danny O'Keefe will headline this year's Winter Music Festival and perform Saturday from 8:20 to 9:20 p.m.**

mental field, helping to develop public awareness of the effect that indiscriminate coffee-growing techniques have on the songbird population.

O'Keefe's songs have been covered by numerous musi-

cians, including Jackson Browne, Elvis Presley, Glen Campbell, John Denver, Donny Hathaway, Jerry Lee Lewis, Judy Collins, Leon Russell, Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Jimmy Buffett and Alison Krauss.

O'Keefe will perform Saturday, Jan. 14, from 8:20 to 9:20 p.m.

Tickets to this year's Winter Music Festival are now available by visiting the FEC box office, calling 541-997-1994 or visiting [www.eventscenter.org](http://www.eventscenter.org).

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