

ASK A MASTER RECYCLER

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A MONTHLY COLUMN OF RECYCLING
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MASTER RECYCLERS
For the Siuslaw News

in the lobby at Florence City Hall.

Lids accepted at this location include those that twist on to a threaded neck-like your milk jug lids, along with shampoo, water, soda, laundry detergent and pill bottle lids.

The Kiosk bin also accepts flip-top plastic caps like those found on ketchup bottles. All lids must be clean and dry. Please do not place any of the following lids in the kiosk: margarine container-type lids, disposable coffee cup lids or caps with metal parts. Those are not recyclable here and must go in the trash.

The second piece of good news concerns just the larger-sized plastic milk jug lids. Laura Smith, also known as "Ms. Science," is currently seeking the 1-and-a-1/2-inch size plastic screw-on milk jug lids, in any color. She uses these in her popular Science Lab at Siuslaw Elementary School and she needs a lot of them before March 8.

Please make sure the lids are clean and dry, then drop them off at the

Elementary School office, or at the Recycling Kiosk at Florence City Hall. At the Kiosk, look for the special bin that is designated for Elementary Science Lab.

Q. What does St. Vincent de Paul do with donated mattresses?

A. Most mattresses and box springs donated to SVDP are recycled. Some are refurbished and then sold or reused, and a few are dropped off in good enough condition that they can be directly used in SVDP's social service programs or sold in their thrift stores.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County manages the largest mattress recycling operation in North America; they operate three mattress recycling facilities, including one in Eugene. In 2015, they recycled more than 195,000 mattresses and box springs in Oregon and California!

Approximately 85 percent of a typical mattress or box spring is recyclable.

Q. Can you make hot compost in Florence during the winter?

A. Yes, hot composting can be done year-round here, as can cold, or slow, composting. Composting is very adaptable; experiment and find a method that works for your lifestyle.

Hot, or active, composting is more labor intensive, but can produce finished compost in just 6-12 weeks. Slow composting, by contrast, can take 6-12 months to create a usable soil amendment.

What to put in the compost pile?

For hot composting, most organic materials can be added. Pet waste should always be avoided. Hot compost is made in a single batch, with no new material added, other than water, while it is cooking.

For best results, the pile size should be at least 3 cubic feet.

The recommended mix of ingredients for hot composting is 2 to 1 to 1 to 1/2. That is: 2 parts Nitrogen (kitchen scraps, grains, teabags, eggshells) + 1 part Hi-Nitrogen (coffee grounds, manure, fresh grass clippings) + 1 part Carbon (dry leaves, paper towels, cardboard, shredded paper) + 1/2 part Structure (wood chips, non-rotted straw).

For hot composting, the materials are mixed well, turned frequently, and begin to break down immediately.

Active compost piles can generate a lot of heat, up to 170 degrees

Fahrenheit. That might be welcome on a winter day!

Visit LaneCounty.org/Compost for more information. Or, plan to attend a Free Compost Demonstration at the Food Share Garden (2190 Spruce St.) on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 10 a.m., with Compost Specialist Rodney Bloom.

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 Master Recycler 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/bc-ema/cr recycling OR www.lanecounty.org/recycle OR follow Master Recyclers of Florence on Facebook. To reserve free Durable Dishware for any occasion, call 541-590-0506.

Cancer Support Group to hear about Jin Shin Jyutsu

On Tuesday, Feb. 28, in the conference room at the Siuslaw Public Library, Rosemary Alden will speak at the Cancer Survivors Support Group about an acupressure called Jin Shin Jyutsu (JSJ).

JSJ is an ancient Japanese form of acupressure that assists the body's innate healing ability for physical, mental and emotional projects.

"JSJ uses healing energy in the hands," says Rosemary. "It's empowering to bring forward the intelligence of the energy body with simple touch."

Anyone who would like to learn more about JSJ should



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Rosemary Alden

attend this informative presentation.

For more information, find Alden and Jin Shin Jyutsu on Facebook.

YYFAP to host 'Little Sweethearts Dance' Feb. 11

Bring your little sweetheart to the fifth-annual Yachats Youth & Family Activities Program (YYFAP) Family Valentine Dance.

The dance will be held Saturday, Feb. 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Yachats Commons. mother and son, father and daughter, or any couple combination of friends and family

young and old.

There is no age limit.

Each adult will receive a flower to give their special little date and there will be refreshments and couples photos, too.

Music will be provided by DJ-JD.

Cost is \$15 per couple or \$25 per family.

Kiwanis Club selling See's Valentines candy at Sears

The Florence Kiwanis Club is selling See's Candy for Valentine's Day. The Kiwanis has set up its candy display in the Florence Sears Showroom at Sixth Street and Highway 101.

They will be selling candy Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., or

Sunday from noon to 3 p.m. until the candy is sold out.

The See's Candy sale is a fundraiser for the Florence Kiwanis Club and all the proceeds from the sale support programs for children and youth in the community.

For more information call 541 997-3455.




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FloTones seeks singers for spring jazz concert

The FloTones are searching for a few good singers.

Florence's premier vocal jazz ensemble is currently working on FloTones' Songs of Faith for this spring as well as maintaining a repertoire of jazz and pop classics.

If you have seen and

heard the FloTones on stage at their last September's Latin Rhythms show or saw them in December's Holly Jolly Follies you know the FloTones enjoy singing, performing and presenting a great musical experience.

For more information call John Culp at 541-590-0210.

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