

ASK A MASTER RECYCLER

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 For the Siuslaw News

wildlife; improving human health; and reducing the costs to process recycling at recovery facilities due to foam contamination — expanded polystyrene foam is not recyclable.

More than 100 cities across the United States have prohibited foam take-out food and beverage containers in favor of biodegradable alternatives.

The survey closes Aug. 15. Visit www.ci.florence.or.us/boardsandcommissions/foam-food-and-beverage-container-survey for more information about expanded polystyrene foam, including images of different types of containers.

Q. Where can a business recycle old electronics?

A. You're in luck! NextStep Recycling is coming to Florence on Thursday, July 13. They will accept donations of unwanted electronics from city, school and government administrations, and any businesses that call in advance to make a collection reservation.

NextStep will arrange a pick up on the 13th if the business will gather its

unwanted electronics in one place. For details on what they accept, visit www.NextStepRecycling.org.

To request a pick up, or for more information, call Nancy Retzman at 541-686-2366 or email her at Nancy.Retzman@nextsteprecycling.org.

The Florence Transfer Station also accepts electronics for free recycling year round.

Visit www.lanecounty.org/recycle for details.

Items must be intact, and no more than seven items are allowed per visit. Broken items must have all parts contained in a box or bag. They accept: office and home electronics, printers, fax and phone machines, VCRs, DVD players and stereos.

They do not accept: Items that weight over 50 lbs., copy machines that are larger than desk-top size or commercial use electronics.

Call 541-682-4120 for details.

Q. I love to garden, but don't want to bother with a compost pile. What can I do with plant clippings? Is it okay to put them in the trash?

A. Please don't. Rather than send this easily recyclable material to the landfill, consider taking advantage of the City of Florence monthly yard debris disposal program, or take your debris to the Florence Transfer Station anytime. This will lessen the

amount of waste going to our Short Mountain landfill, save you money and help reduce global warming.

Plant debris that ends up in landfills contributes to production of methane gas, a harmful "greenhouse" gas.

Yard debris dropped at the city site is shredded and composted with Class A biosolids, to create the FloGro soil amendment — which you can then put back onto your garden! Plant debris, including leaves, weeds, grass and tree clippings, is accepted at the Kingwood Street entrance of the airport, at Kingwood and 27th streets, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month, May through October.

Disposal costs start at \$10 for a standard pickup truck load. Visit www.ci.florence.or.us/public-works/2017-yard-debris-disposal-days for additional information.

Upcoming 2017 dates for yard debris disposal are July 15 and Aug. 19.

The Florence Transfer Station accepts grass clippings, tree limbs, brush and leaves. Disposal costs start at \$8 for up to one cubic yard. Visit www.lanecounty.org/cms/one.aspx?portalId=3585881&pageId=4243964 for details.

Modern landfills are highly spe-

cialized facilities, and very expensive to construct. The Short Mountain landfill, near Eugene, went into service in 1976 and is currently expected to accept waste through at least 2088. It is a fascinating and educational place to tour; contact 541-682-4120 to request a tour.

The more waste we can divert from entering the landfill, the longer it will be in service before we have to build a new landfill.

For more information on the Short Mountain landfill, visit www.deq.state.or.us/lq/ECSI/ecsidetail.asp?seqnbr=848.

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 or 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. Where do I find the survey about styrofoam-to-go boxes?

A. This City of Florence survey is available here: goo.gl/forms/U6qwHBYr5VwPDrix1.

The City of Florence's Environmental Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) is asking residents and businesses in Florence about their use and opinions of expanded polystyrene foam food and beverage containers.

Survey responses will help EMAC assess the city's policies related to foam containers. The survey includes just five questions.

EMAC is considering the potential benefits, both locally and globally, of using biodegradable alternatives to foam take-out containers. Its primary motivation is to reduce foam litter in and around the Florence area, especially in local lakes, creeks and on the ocean beaches. Other potential benefits include reducing harm to

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Pianist Colaiannia to perform at next House Concert Series

Kathy Parsons' House Concert Series continues with a return visit from pianist/composer Louis Colaiannia on Thursday, July 13, at 7 p.m.

When he was here in 2015, Colaiannia stayed at Driftwood Shores and composed most of the music for his 2016 album, "Four Days in My Life," while there.

Colaiannia (coal-ee-AH-nah) is a native of Denver, Colo. He has pursued music his entire life with the simple goal of sharing his gift with the world. Colaiannia is a master of classical piano as well as an accomplished songwriter,



COURTESY PHOTO

Louis Colaiannia

arranger and performer.

His music has inspired the

lives of thousands of people in performances that have been referred to as "stunning in their power and beauty." Colaiannia is a nationally touring musician, performing solo concerts as well as sharing the stage with other artists.

He has released nine albums to date and has recorded the last couple at Imaginary Road with Will Ackerman (founder of Windham Hill Music).

"There's a certain muscularity to Louis Colaiannia's piano playing," said Ackerman. "While he's quite capable of introspection, the

power and energy that Louis brings to the instrument is palpable."

Reservations are required and the address and directions to the concert in Florence (Sandpines West) will be furnished when reservations are made.

There is a suggested donation of \$15 at the door.

CDs will be available and may be autographed at the concert.

All donations go to the artist.

Call Kathy Parsons at 541-999-9720 or email her at kathy.piano@gmail.com to reserve seats.

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