

# America Recycles Day – November 15

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## WASTE PREVENTION – LESS IS BEST

Changing habits is key to preventing waste – Many find a better quality of life is the result of sharing and repairing and knowing that small habit changes can make a big difference.

Finding ways to reduce waste when you shop, work and play may be easier than you think, and many directly save you money--or give other benefits.

Our consumer choices have direct impacts on global environmental issues that directly impact the life support systems we all depend on, not just the size of our local landfill. Producing new products requires mining and logging, often removing earth's air filters. The processing and manufacturing of those resources into products adds pollution to air and water, threatening human health.

Here's a short list of how you can start reducing waste, saving money, and being good to the Earth at the same time.

- Use a spray bottle and cloth rag instead of expensive cleaning wipes.
- Use real plates/utensils for picnics.
- Choose products that have no package over those that do.
- Bring your own bag to the store for groceries/veggies.
- Use reusable water bottle, coffee mug, etc.
- Visit Reducing Waste Matters to see the big picture of why watching our waste is so important.

Check out this short infographic video of the impacts of buying your water in bottles rather than getting it from the tap. You pay up to \$10 per gallon for the bottled water. The environmental benefits of recycling that bottle are clearly better than trashing it – recycling reduces emission of greenhouse gases (GHG) by 16%. But the environmental benefits of not buying the bottle and instead saving your money are much better – this reduces GHG emissions by 79%.

The Oregon DEQ published a life cycle assessment study comparing 48 different water-delivery scenarios; from purchase of bottled, to drinking from tap, and office delivery systems. The results: "all tap water options studied have



less impact than any of the bottled water options currently available."



**The holidays are the best example of improving one's experience while saving money and the earth.**

This Waste Free Holidays Guide offers lots of ideas on how to make your holidays more about family, fun and joy, and less about things, finances and excess waste.

Studies have shown that over 40% of the global green house gasses are caused by the production and transport of consumer goods. Slowing down our purchase of new products or disposable products not only helps protect the environment for future generations, it can greatly improve your personal finances today.

**Shop first at local thrift stores**  
Whether you are looking for a specific thing, or just need to freshen up your wardrobe, get your shopping fix at a local resale shop. Find one that is a charity for local community services and you are helping yourself and others at the same time.

### Environmental Management Advisory Committee (EMAC)

The Environmental Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) serves to inform the public and the City Council on issues concerning solid waste management, fees, and service provider licensing. EMAC also strives to improve public knowledge on conserving energy and material resources, promoting resource recovery (i.e. yard debris), and protecting the health of the environment through public disposal events and programs, including biosolids.

EMAC consists of nine members, of which the majority must be residents of the City. Members serve for a term of three years with a term expiration on January 31st.

EMAC meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month but less frequently in the summer. For more information about the committee and its meeting times please contact Wendy Farley Campbell: wendy.farleycampbell@ci.florence.or.us or call 541-997-8237.



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  - [lanecounty.org/lessisbest](http://lanecounty.org/lessisbest)
  - [lanecounty.org/commingledrecycling](http://lanecounty.org/commingledrecycling)
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(after you read it of course)

1. USE AS UMBRELLA WHEN CAUGHT IN RAIN.
2. PROTECT CAR SEATS FROM MUDDY OR WET CLOTHING.
3. SPREAD OVER OUTDOOR BENCHES TO PROTECT CLOTHING.
4. PUT INTO LOOSE SHOES TO TIGHTEN.
5. STUFF IN LEATHER SHOES TO PRESERVE SHAPE.
6. STUFF IN WET SHOES OVERNIGHT TO DRY AND DEODORIZE.
7. CRUMPLE AND PLACE IN SUITCASE FOR COUPLE OF WEEKS TO REMOVE STALE ODORS.
8. USE AS MAT WHEN POLISHING SHOES.
9. STUFF HATS TO KEEP THEIR SHAPE.
10. STUFF LEATHER HANDBAGS IN STORAGE.
11. WRAP AROUND CANDLE BOTTOMS SO THEY'LL FIT HOLDERS TIGHTER.
12. STORE RECORDS BETWEEN SHEETS.
13. USE AS PADDING UNDER A TABLE CLOTH.
14. COVER STORE WINDOWS WHEN REMODELING.
15. COVER FURNITURE WHEN AWAY ON VACATION.
16. COVER FURNITURE WHEN SANDING OR PAINTING.
17. SPREAD ON FLOOR UNDERNEATH RUG WHEN SHAMPOOING.
18. DAMPEN AND SPREAD OVER WINDOW-PANES BEFORE PAINTING.
19. USE TO DRY AND POLISH WINDOW AFTER WASHING.
20. DAMPEN A BIT AND USE TO CLEAN TYPEWRITER KEYS.
21. MAKE A HAT WHEN PAINTING.
22. FOLD TO MAKE A SHEATH FOR A KNIFE.
23. PLACE IN CLOSED WINDOWS TO ELIMINATE WIND RATTLE.
24. STUFF UNDER DOORS AND IN CRACKS TO STOP COLD WIND FROM COMING IN.
25. USE AS A BOUNCE REFLECTOR WHEN TAKING FLASH PHOTOGRAPHS OR USE TO REFLECT SUNLIGHT INTO SHADOW AREAS.
26. PLACE A SHEET IN JAR TOPS TO TIGHTEN LOOSE LIDS.
27. MAKE UNUSUAL LAMP SHADES.
28. MAKE DRESS PATTERNS.
29. PROTECT TABLE WHEN CHILDREN ARE PAINTING OR GLUING.
30. USE AS WALLPAPER FOR A DOLL HOUSE.
31. MAKE PAPER CHAINS.
32. MAKE PAPER DOLLS.
33. MAKE PAPER MACHE HANDICRAFTS.
34. MAKE KITES.
35. MAKE PARTY HATS.
36. OCCUPY CHILDREN BY LETTING THEM COLOR AND PAINT THE CARTOONS.
37. MAKE A CHILD'S PLAY TENT.
38. USE TO RAISE HEIGHT OF CHILD AT TABLE.
39. USE AS A STEPSTOOL.
40. CUT OUT ARTICLES AND MAKE A SCRAP BOOK ON A SPECIFIC SUBJECT OF INTEREST TO YOU.
41. EMERGENCY POT HOLDER.
42. USE TO REMOVE HEAVY GREASE FROM OVEN.
43. EMERGENCY DUST PAN.
44. ROLL, SECURE IN MIDDLE WITH ELASTIC AND FRINGE ONE END TO USE TO GET RID OF COBWEBS.
45. START FIRES.
46. USE AS A FAN TO MAKE FIRES BURN BETTER.
47. SHARPEN PENCILS BY RUBBING THE POINT ON NEWSPAPER.
48. MUFFLE A LOUD ALARM CLOCK.
49. MUFFLE THE SOUND OF A TYPEWRITER BY USING AS A MAT UNDERNEATH.
50. PLACE UNDER HEAVY OBJECTS ON WOODEN TABLES.

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