

Lane County to host free plastics round-up; early access for community collectors

Lane County Waste Management is hosting a plastics roundup for clean #2, #4 and #5 (polyethylene and polypropylene) at the Glenwood Transfer Station in April and offering early access to businesses, churches, individuals and neighborhood groups who sign up as "community collectors."

In an effort to limit carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions, Lane County is seeking community collectors to gather plastics from employees, neighbors and friends. Registered community

collectors can begin collecting materials in January and February, then will be able to make an appointment to drop off plastics in March and April.

Lane County will provide registered community collectors with signage, collection sacks, promotion (if desired), training and instructions on correct material preparation.

To register as a community collector, visit www.lanecounty.wufoo.com/forms/community-collector-sign-up/ or call 541-682-6536.

Our partner, plastics processor Denton Plastics, accepts #2, #4 and #5 tubs, jugs, bottles, lids and 6-pack handles that are clean and free of debris (labels removed).

Materials must be sorted in the following material categories: #2 bottles & jugs; #2 tubs and lids; #2 6-pack handles; #4 bottles, tubs and lids; #5 bottles, tubs and lids.

Depending on what materials you collect, this could represent up to (5) five separate categories.

Residents who are not able to find a community

collector are encouraged to come to the Plastics Round-up on Sunday, April 7, at the Glenwood Transfer Station from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Unsorted, dirty or incorrect plastic materials will not be accepted.

Last September, Lane County staff and Master Recycler volunteers teamed up with Denton Plastics, a Portland processor, to collect 2.76 tons of plastic delivered by 963 customer vehicles.

This event was in response to the growing needs of Lane County residents who want a

solution for plastics recycling during the disruption to international recycling markets.

Lane County has the highest recycling rate in Oregon — and it's thanks to dedicated community members. Recycling has many benefits and one of the biggest is the environmental benefit of reducing the amount of raw materials and energy needed to make products from scratch.

The resin from recycled plastics is used to make products such as park bench-

es and decking, flower pots, electronic component parts, and much more.

Additional information and a new waste reduction newsletter can be found at lanecounty.org/plastics-roundup.

Residents can also email questions to plasticsroundup@co.lane.or.us.

For information about what is recyclable in Lane County, ask the Garbage Guru.

Canine tracking class begins Jan. 12 at LCC-Cottage Grove Campus

Lane Community College in Cottage Grove will offer a Foundations of Canine Tracking class winter term on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon, from Jan. 12 through March 30.

The class will be taught by Jason Coutts, who owns a local canine academy and is a

Certified Master Instructor with 19 years of experience.

Participants will train with their dog to conduct search and rescue. Various aspects of tracking will be covered including tracking by scent, how to support a search operation, and ways to care for a dog in various terrains and

conditions.

This is the first of a two-course series and is required for entry into the advanced tracking class spring term. Successful completion of both courses prepares participants to take a certification test.

Senior Master Instruc-

tor Tracey Lenhardt of the American Society of Canine Trainers will administer the test to interested participants.

Canine tracking teams provide a vital community service and are used by a variety of organizations for search and rescue oper-

ations involving lost individuals and recovery efforts after a natural disaster.

To register, go to www.bit.ly/2CDS1lx.

For more information, contact LCC-Cottage Grove Center at 541-463-4202 or emailcg@lanecounty.edu.

Saturation patrol results released by from Lane County Sheriffs

During the Christmas/New Year's holiday, Lane County Sheriff's Office deputies conducted overtime saturation patrols focused on reducing impaired driving and related vehicle crashes and injuries.

These patrols were funded by grant money provided through the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association and the Oregon Department of

Transportation.

During this two week saturation period, deputies on grant funded overtime made a total of 5 DUII arrests.

There were an additional 10 DUII arrests in this 2 week period by deputies on straight time (not funded by the grant).

In addition to the DUII arrests, deputies on grant funded overtime contacted

community members and gave 72 warnings (in lieu of citations), made 7 arrests, and issued the following citations:

- 8 — Driving While Suspended
- 1 — Speeding
- 1 Distracted Driving
- 14 — Other Citations

During the same time period last year, there were 15 DUII arrests. There were 36

hours of grant funded overtime worked by deputies this year as compared to 30 hours last year.

Grant funding will provide additional overtime for DUII Saturation Patrols throughout the year for holidays and Lane County special events.

Lane County seeks help for annual homeless count

Volunteers are needed to make this year's annual Point-in-Time Unsheltered Street Count as comprehensive as possible. Volunteer duties include collecting electronic surveys using the Survey 123 app, and canvassing an assigned geographic area for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

This year's Count will take place across Lane County between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 31. A short training is

provided prior to the count to help prepare volunteers for the count.

For more information and to sign up to volunteer, visit www.LaneCounty.org/HomelessCount.

The information gathered during the Point-in-Time Count is used year-round by planning boards, nonprofits, community organizations, and policy makers on local, state and federal levels to inform their work on this issue.

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