

WasteWise holiday tips for recycling some of those holiday items

Before we know it, the winter holidays will be over and it will be time to pack up the reusable items and pack out the recyclable ones. The Lane County Master Recycler Program has collected some handy tips to help you take care of the most common items generated during the holidays.

For a list of additional holiday recycling tips go to www.lanecounty.org/waste-freeholidays.

• Electronics recycling: Recycling and reusing electronics saves the energy used in mining and processing of raw materials,

conserves natural resources and reduces environmental degradation, pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), for every 1 million cell phones we recycle, 35,000 pounds of copper, 772 pounds of silver, 75 pounds of gold and 33 pounds of palladium can be recovered.

Donating unwanted electronics not only helps to protect the environment, it can also provide technical job skills and ensure access to contemporary technological tools for others, regardless of income.

Locally, residents can recycle electronics at NextStep Recycling in Eugene — and residential drop-off is free! NextStep staff and trainees will refurbish it and safely remove your data and personal information before giving it to people who otherwise wouldn't have access to technology. If they can't fix it, they will recycle it for you by working with Oregon Department of Environmental Quality approved processors.

NextStep's Donation and Training Center is located at 245 Jackson Street in Eugene. Donations are accepted Monday through Satur-

day from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Local businesses can call to schedule free pick up of unwanted computers and other workplace electronics.

To find out more about the items NextStep accepts, visit www.nextsteprecycling.org/residential-recycling.html or call 541-686-2366.

The EPA also provides a list of companies that offer electronic recycling options. The list can be viewed at www.epa.gov/recycle/electronics-donation-and-recycling.

• Christmas Lights
NextStep Recycling accepts functioning and non-functioning Christmas lights for recycling.

Proceeds from the recycled lights go to a charity of NextStep's choosing.

• Packaging: Recycle Block Styrofoam

St. Vincent de Paul is Lane County's source for recycling white block #6 polystyrene (commonly known by the brand name Styrofoam) and Styrofoam packing peanuts.

It shreds block Styrofoam and compresses it into logs, making it more cost-effective to transport it to recyclers. Styrofoam peanuts are used at Aurora Glass or resold in thrift stores.

• Reuse Packaging Materials
Many area businesses re-

use clean packing peanuts and bubble wrap, but especially the pack-and-ship outlets.

Check with a business you usually frequent to find out if they want your excess, clean packing materials.

Sign up online to receive WasteWise tips year-round.

WasteWise Lane County offers education, tools and resources that residents, schools, and businesses can use to reduce waste, conserve resources and live more sustainably.

To find out what can be reused or recycled, visit www.lanecountyor.gov/garbageguru.

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Take extra care during holiday traveling

Motorists should be extra careful on Oregon highways over the holidays with a forecast calling for windy, cold temperatures throughout the Willamette Valley and a chance of snow at higher elevations.

Here are some travel tips to keep in mind:

• Even in the best road conditions, we are enter-

ing one of the busiest travel times of the year now through Jan. 3. Expect delays, plan ahead, allow extra travel time and know before you go.

• Watch the forecast along your route both for the holiday trip out and the trip home.

• Use caution if going over the mountain passes. Check the TripCheck.com cameras for conditions on your route. Many of the camera displays include temperature, elevation and other helpful details about

conditions.

• Pay attention to the roadside variable message signs. They contain critical information about real-time conditions.

• Perhaps most important, make sure there's a sober, focused and alert operator behind the wheel to help you arrive safely to your family functions and to get you safely home after.

No matter where you travel in Oregon over this holiday, be prepared for changing conditions.

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