



Durham News Notes



Winter 2018

Recycling Market Disruption

Responding to the poor quality of recycled material shipped from the U.S. and Europe, China has severely restricted importation of post-consumer plastics and unsorted paper beginning in January 2018.

The new standards have created a major disruption in the recycling market. Currently, there is no excess capacity in the recycling markets to absorb the materials that China is rejecting. Recycling processors must slow down their sort lines to remove more contaminants in an attempt to meet new stringent standards. The slow down has resulted in materials backing up through the supply chain.

In Oregon, the flow of in-coming material is not slowing down, and there is not enough storage and processing capacity to stem the flow. The result could force some recycled materials to be sent to landfills in the short term. The Oregon DEQ is evaluating requests from collectors and processors to landfill recycled materials in the short term.

What can you do? If in doubt, throw it out!

Make sure that the items you put into curbside recycling are allowed. If in doubt, throw it out. Putting something in your recycle bin because "they'll figure it out" is part of the problem. Non-recyclable items lead to more contamination, which means slower sorting lines and fewer markets for these commodities.

Contaminants include both non-recyclable items and recyclable items that are dirty or unsuitable for a particular recycling stream.

Common contaminants include plastic bags, film plastics, liquids, food, soiled packaging, plastic clamshells, garden hoses, wire hangers, textiles, diapers, electronics, and batteries. Some of these materials can be recycled separately, but they cause significant problems

when mixed with other recyclables in curbside recycling carts. Remember that plastic grocery bags, plastic film and plastic "clamshells" are not accepted in your mixed recycling container. Go to the Pride Disposal website to get a current list of curbside recyclable materials.

Because of contamination problem, Pride Disposal may not pick up recycle bins if the driver can see they contain unacceptable material. Garbage trucks have cameras so the driver can see what goes in the truck. If the driver notes contamination after emptying your cart, you may be charged a fee to remove the contamination from the truck.

It may not go into the curbside bin, but it still may be recyclable. Go the extra mile to recycle it right.

Tips for Innovative Recycling:

- Always ask about recycling options when you buy. Take advantage of retail recycling opportunities for electronics, beds, batteries, etc.;
- Get serious about recycling. Set up a recycling station in your home to sort various wastes like batteries, clothes, etc. Take the extra step to reduce contaminating recycling;
- Take dry cleaning hangers back to your dry cleaner; take clean, used packing materials to a UPS store; offer items (i.e. moving boxes) on Craig's list for free;
- Compost pizza boxes; and
- Bring home bottles to recycle instead of throwing them in public recycle bins.

For easy options to recycle, donate or reuse household items, search the Recycle Directory on Metro's website or call 503-234-3000.

Recycle Tip:

Create an easy-to-use system to sort recycling. Labels the bins and display a list of acceptable materials printed from the Pride Disposal website.



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Recycle Old Holiday Lights



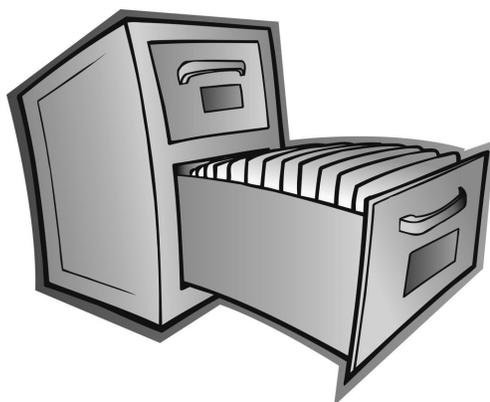
What can you do with strings of half working holiday lights? Recycle them, of course, but not in your curbside bin. Drop off old string lights for free at the Pride Disposal Depot. If they are the small bulb type, you can drop them off as is. If they are the larger bulb type, you will need to remove the bulbs first and recycle the strings only. Put the large bulbs in a paper bag in the garbage.

Pride Recycling Depot - 13910 SW Tualatin-Sherwood Road
Monday – Friday 8am - 4:30pm Information: 503-625-0725

Weather Emergencies: Getting your Financial House in Order

When it comes to preparing for a weather emergency, a flashlight with fully charged batteries is a must. Know what else can make life after a storm easier? If your financial documents are up-to-date, in one place, and portable. Ensuring that you can easily find a list of your deposit accounts, investments, loans and other assets or obligations will save time and avoid risks of unnecessary expenses.

Copy paper records that you may need such as wills, home titles, car titles, bonds, investment accounts, and certificates of deposit. Emergency managers suggest having copies in a fire-proof and waterproof file safe that could be put in your car at a moment's notice. But this safe can also be valuable to a criminal, so keep it in a secure place that only you and selected others have access to. Consider scanning important documents and send them to a secure cloud storage for easy access if that you cannot return home.



Here's a basic list of what to gather:

Identification: Copies or originals of your driver's licenses, medical insurance cards, Social Security cards, passports and birth and marriage certificates.

Medical records: update annually for everyone in the household.

Financial account information: account numbers and current statement

ATM, debit and credit cards: For access to cash — and to pay for whatever you might need — including food, gas, and lodging.

Emergency cash: It's a good idea to have some cash on hand if ATMs and credit card processors aren't working.

Checkbook: Even if you rarely write checks, include your checkbook. That way you can pay by check or authorize an important payment over the phone.

Insurance information: This includes policy numbers for your life, home, car, and flood insurance, as well as contact information for your insurance companies and agents.

Contact information for your financial service providers: Make a list of the local and toll-free numbers for your bank, credit card companies, mortgage lender, brokerage firms, and insurance companies.

Digital information: Include usernames and passwords, and digital versions of your relevant personal, financial, and legal files on an electronic storage device.

If you're missing important documents, now is the time to replace them. An easy-to-grab emergency financial kit will make sure you have access to important documents in case the unexpected happens to you.

Summary of Recent Activities

- The City Council received annual updates from Bill Steele, Tualatin Police Chief and Mike Duyck, TVF&R Fire Chief
- The City Council received an annual update from Metro Councilor Craig Dirksen.
- The City Council renewed an intergovernmental agreement with Tualatin for Building Services.
- The City Council is negotiating a new agreement for drinking water with Tigard.
- The City approved a lot line adjustment on Peters Road.
- The Parks Committee is drafting a Park Plan.
- The City has initiated an update to the Comprehensive Plan.

Monthly Meetings
City Council—4th Tuesday of the Month

Planning Commission—1st Tuesday of the Month

Both meetings start at 7:30pm at Durham City Hall.

2018 Garbage Rate Increase

The Durham City Council approved a 2.1% garbage rate increase effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. The rate increase is a result of increased operational costs as well as changes in the global recycling markets. The Durham City Council considers garbage rate increases on an annual basis.



2018 Garbage Schedule

Pride Disposal will pick up garbage and yard debris in Durham every Tuesday in 2018.

Recycling will be picked up every other Tuesday starting January 3. Glass will be picked up the 2nd Tuesday of each month starting January 10th.

Washington County has a printable calendar that keeps track of garbage and recycling pick-up days. You can also download your garbage schedule to your phone calendar.

Go to WashingtonCountyRecycles.com to download your schedule.

Take 5 to Survive

Getting prepared for an emergency can be an overwhelming task. Break down tasks into easy, quick and effective steps. Here are a few suggestions for things to purchase and activities to do in the next couple of months:

January

Purchase

Water - At least 1 gallon per person and pet per day for 3 weeks.

Hand operated can opener.

Storage container - plastic box or garbage can on wheels

Two Flashlights with extra batteries.

Activities

Inventory disaster supplies already on hand, especially camping gear.

Establish an out of state contact to call in case of emergency
 Make Your Family Disaster Plan.

Check with your child's school to find out their plan.

February

Purchase

Canned meats, stews, and any foods for special dietary needs. Avoid meals that require H2O.

Family sized first aid kit.

Minimum 2 rolls of toilet paper per person.

Crescent wrench or shut off tool.

Activities

Locate gas and hot water heater shut off points, attach wrench or shut off tool near them.

Film your home and contents for insurance purposes.

Store inventory and important documents in the Cloud or send to someone out of state.

Map Your Neighborhood Update

The Map Your Neighborhood organizers are still looking for someone to host a MYN cluster for houses on Upper Boones Ferry Rd south of Ellman Lane. If you are willing to host please contact Barbara Bracken at dbrac2@aol.com. Any residents who were unable to attend their cluster's meeting can attend a free MYN Makeup Meeting scheduled for **February 15, 2018 from 6:45 to 8:45pm at the Tualatin Library**. Please RSVP at lindahobbs4242@gmail.com.



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Trips & Travel with the Juanita Pohl Center

Love to travel near and far? The Juanita Pohl Center offers dozens of one-day and lunchtime trips throughout the year, from indoor skydiving and covered bridge tours to boat cruises in the Gorge. Bring along a friend or make a new one! Participants are a friendly group that always welcomes a new traveler. Check out upcoming events on the Juanita Pohl Center website.

Oregon Culinary Institute Lunch

This is a favorite lunch spot in Portland. Fee includes a three-course lunch, gratuity, escort and transportation.

Wednesday, February 7 - 11:00am to 2:00pm - \$22

The Juanita Pohl Center is an Active Aging Center where adults of all ages can socialize and meet new friends, improve their health and wellness through a range of movement and exercise classes, participate in stimulating life-long learning opportunities, enjoy lunchtime meals, cultivate interests in the arts and humanities, contribute through volunteer activities and pursue adventurous outings on local day trips. There are numerous free and low-cost events throughout the year. Durham residents are considered residents for all Juanita Pohl activities and events.

Get All Your Technology Questions Answered!

Having trouble with your new (or old) laptop, smartphone, or Kindle? Trying to upload some pictures or download an eBook and getting stuck? The Tualatin Public Library offers one-on-one tech tutoring by appointment.

Help is available with topics such as Mac & PC basics, Using the Internet, Microsoft Windows & Office, Linux E-readers & smartphones, Digital cameras, Facebook, Twitter, Skype, Instagram, Tumblr, YouTube, Windows Movie Maker, Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, and basic computer maintenance.

Their knowledgeable volunteers are available most days of the week to help answer your questions. Visit the Information Desk or call 503-691-3072 to schedule an appointment.

AARP Tax Help Program

Get free tax assistance from tax service experts at the Juanita Pohl Center. Appointment required. Registration begins January 1, 2018. Call 503.691.3061 to schedule an appointment.

Thursdays, 2/1 to 4/12 9:00am to 3:30pm Pohl Center