



Closing the Loop

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The recycled paint program comes to Lincoln City



The Lincoln County Solid Waste District has been running a successful and highly popular latex paint recycling program for over a decade. However, all the paint was mixed and sold in Newport, meaning paint dropped off by Lincoln City residents was trucked down there; if they wanted to buy the paint, they had to make the drive as well.

North Lincoln Sanitary is now mixing the paint, so North County residents can purchase locally what they and their neighbors have been dropping off at our recycling center on Highway 101 or the Schooner Creek Transfer Station.

Available colors include white, off-white, brown, grey, blue, green and yellow. The paint is sold in 5 gallon buckets, for \$30 per bucket. A limited number of smaller sizes are available for some of the colors. Samples are available at the counter at the Highway 101 office.

Don't forget that we accept latex (as well as oil based) paint in cans **with a readable label** at no charge.

New service-

Non-refridgerated appliances now picked up for free!

Items that we will pick up at no charge include stove/ovens, washers, dryers, dishwashers, and hot water heaters. Non covered items (we will still pick up but there is a fee) include, refrigerators, freezers, ice machines, and air conditioning units.


There is still a \$5 per load fee for pickup of regular scrap metal. Please call 541-994-5555 to schedule a pickup of any of these items.



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Recycling Educators Corner



Of all the materials that we accept for recycling, plastic by far causes the most confusion. Take for example the fact that plastic manufacturers can put a “chasing arrows” symbol like this  on their product regardless of whether or not there is an opportunity for customers

to actually recycle it.

Then, add the SEVEN different classifications for plastics that those symbols represent. I’ve committed them to memory, but I think it’s a pretty fair bet most other people haven’t (and shouldn’t have to).

Originally, we put #1-7 as the plastics that we accept for recycling. However, that has turned out to be more confusing rather than less, especially when it comes to #6. The #6 means the item is made from polystyrene (you can see a tiny PS under the chasing arrow with the #6 in it), which is what Styrofoam is made from. Even if it doesn’t look like classic Styrofoam, everything marked #6 is made from a type of plastic that is not recyclable under our current system.

Look under the #7 and you will see “other.” This is for plastics that don’t fall under the first 6 categories (they are mostly junk). Bio-plastics, such as corn or other starch based “plastics” are marked #7, even though they absolutely must not be mixed with recyclable plastics, or entire loads can be ruined.

So if you start to notice that our educational materials now say “plastics #1-5” instead of “#1-7,” this is why. To be clear, this does NOT reflect a decrease in service; we are simply trying to ensure that what you put into your recycling roll cart, or drop off at our recycling center, actually gets recycled.

Questions or suggestions can be sent to me at gammerman@northlincolnsanitary.com

And we have a winner...

For both its environmental and financial benefits NLSS is joining many other companies encouraging the use of automatic, online based billing. To promote this “EasyPay” service, we raffled off a gift basket filled with a variety of things, including a North Lincoln Sanitary sweatshirt and gourmet food items from the Nelscott Wine Shop.

The contest was so successful, we are doing it again. To enter, simply fill out the form below and bring it into the office, and our lovely office staff will help you sign up for EasyPay. You must sign up for full online billing to be entered.



On the horizon.

Oregon’s “Bottle Bill” was the first law placing a deposit on a material meant to cover its end of life management. Today, other products besides beverage containers are handled with what is now called an “advance disposal fee.”

Electronics and paint are two examples of products with this fee. When you buy a computer, for example, you are basically paying up front for what happens when it is no longer operational. This is what enables you to drop off your computer for “free.”

This year, the Oregon State Legislature will be looking at revising the bottle bill to expand the list of covered containers as well as increasing the deposit. Grocery bags are also on the radar, with a proposal to outright ban the plastic ones and attach a \$.05 fee to the paper ones. Finally, CFL’s are being considered as the next product to get an advance disposal fee added to the price. Have an opinion to share or want more information? Tina French would like to hear from you; call her at 541-994-5555 or email tfrench@northlincolnsanitary.com.

Gift Basket Drawing

To enter the drawing, simply tear off this coupon and bring it into the office on Highway 101.

Name

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