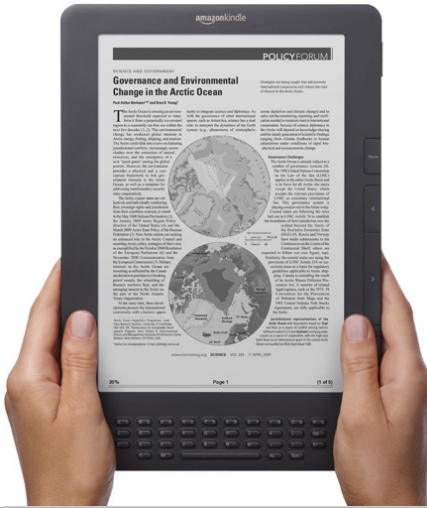




# Closing the Loop

News and views to keep you connected...

## October/November 2011



### New raffle item for paperless billing sign up

In the last year we have raffled off three lovely gift baskets from the Nelscott Wine Shop to promote our paperless billing option. In the interest of keeping things fresh, our next raffle will be for an Amazon Kindle. Customers who sign up for our "EasyPay" service and electronic billing are eligible to win.

To enter, simply bring the form below into the office or call us at 541-994-5555, and our lovely office staff will help you sign up. You must opt for full online billing to be entered.

## Help North Lincoln County residents "Can Cancer"

This year North Lincoln Sanitary, along with the other Lincoln County waste haulers, will be joining a campaign to help with costs beyond basic medical care for those battling cancer. The campaign, which started in Bend, is called Can Cancer. During this billing cycle only, a lavender colored envelope is in with your bill. Please give what you can and return the envelope to the address provided. Please do not add donations to your NLSS payment.



100% of the money contributed will be put into a fund with the local hospital foundation, so that all funds raised will be used directly to benefit local families. This fund will help pay for living expenses such as fuel, travel, and food costs not covered by insurance or other programs. These funds fill a void where other programs and insurers fall short. For more information or to donate online, visit <http://www.cancancerlincoln.org/>

**25%**  
of those  
diagnosed  
with cancer  
**lose their  
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## Recycling Educators Corner



I was asked a pretty good question the other day from a customer about how much of the material that gets put into the recycling carts makes it through the whole process and is actually recycled.

While answering that question I thought I would throw out a few other statistics to let you know how our customers are doing in general.

The current participation rate for our customer service area is 83%, which is very impressive considering that the last published recycling rate for Oregon (2009) was 48.4. The Oregon State recovery goal is currently 50%.

Once our recycling is sent to the Material Recovery Facility to be processed and sent to markets where it can be made into something usable, it is mixed with other materials from around the state. At that point, roughly 94% makes it to markets. The 6% difference is due to two factors; things that get put into the bin that are not recyclable, and plastic bags. Plastic bags not only make up a great deal of the "waste" category, but because they gum up the machinery so effectively, many materials get contaminated that should have made it to market.

So once again, I entreat you; keep those bags out of the roll cart! You can drop them off at most grocery stores or at our recycling center with other film plastics (see story on right).

Thank you, and keep up the good work!

Questions and comments can be sent to me at [gammerman@northlincolnsanitary.com](mailto:gammerman@northlincolnsanitary.com)

## Holiday Pickup Schedule

All residential routes will be on the regular pickup schedule.

The Schooner Creek Transfer Station will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. The Recycling Center will close at noon.



## Clean Out Your Jewellery Box for Food Share

A sparkling new fundraiser has recently appeared on the coast. "Be Jeweled" puts unused jewelry back in rotation, and uses the funds raised to help feed hungry families.



You can donate your unused baubles any time in the next few months for the annual sale event, held in February.

You can drop jewelry off here at our office, at the Lincoln City Cultural Center, or the Oregon Coast Bank.

For more information, please call Sue Wilson at 541-574-7898 or Nancy Smith, Food Share Director at 542-265-8578.

## Film Plastics Redux...

Since we started taking "other" film plastics in our grocery bag bin at the recycling center, I have been getting many questions about how to know if something actually is "film plastic." Here are some simple rules:

- Can you stretch it?  
*Assuming the strength of a normal individual, film plastics will stretch before they tear.*
- Is it all one piece?  
*Bags made from woven plastic fibers, commonly found in animal feed bags, are not film plastic.*
- Is it clear or translucent?  
*Some dyed plastics, like Safeway grocery bags are okay, but please only place plastics in the bin that allow light to pass through them.*

## Kindle Drawing

To enter the drawing, simply tear off this coupon and bring it into the office on Highway 101.  
**You must sign up for full online billing to be entered.**

Name

Phone Number