

A message from Co-Sponsor, Tillamook County Solid Waste

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Spring is here! A time of re-
newal and growth across many
facets of life. A season filled with
spring cleaning, budding fruits
and veggies, and excitement for
the warmer months to come. At
this year’s home & garden show,
we hope to illuminate a new per-
spective on waste and recycling,
furthermore, welcoming a time
to plant seeds of sustainability for
the coming seasons.

Throughout the home & garden
show, the Tillamook County Mas-
ter Recyclers will be on hand to
help:

- advise how you can develop
at-home composting systems for
your garden needs,
- quiz you on your knowledge of
what can and cannot be recycled
at any of the facilities located
throughout the county,
- explain how plastic pollution
in the ocean turns into micro-
plastics on the beach, and how
you can help tackle this problem
before it poses a health risk to
beachgoers or an economic back-
lash to our local economy,
- create upcycled items to en-
hance and beautify your at home
garden ecosystem,
- learn about the forthcoming
revamped Tillamook County Mas-
ter Recyclers Class,
- help you with your next paint-
ing job with some locally recy-
cled latex paint, and
- inform you of upcoming
changes to the list of materials
the county can recycle.

It may interest you to learn that
the volume of materials recycled
here in Tillamook County has



increased nearly 64% since 2019
– yes, 64%, that’s not a misprint!
And we continue to say: you can
rest assured that every pound
of recyclable material we collect
in Tillamook County is truly re-
cycled. We verify the practices in
place at the locations to which
we market our recyclables, so
that we know the materials you
so fastidiously separate for re-
cycling are actually transformed
into new products. With every
truck load of materials we ship
directly to recycling facilities, we
know that:

- your cardboard is processed
into pulp and then new card-
board boxes,
- your tin cans are smelted and
made into rebar for the construc-

tion industry,

- your Styrofoam is compacted
and then extruded into coat
hangers or picture frames,
- your milk jugs are recycled into
pellets used to make new buck-
ets or composite lumber,
- your glass is melted and made
into new wine bottles, beer bot-
tles, or canning jars, and
- your computers and print-
ers are disassembled and sent
to smelters so that the valuable
metals can be reclaimed and
used in new electronics, and so
on.

Don’t leaf the earth a mess!
Be sure to come celebrate Earth
Day weekend, 2024, with the Til-
lamook County Solid Waste and
Recycling Team.