



BRING Home & Garden Tour

Big Ideas in Small Footprints

Thinking small to save big is the theme of the fourth annual BRING Home and Garden Tour, set for Sunday, September 16. From TINY houses on wheels to cozy remodels and additions that make the most of their city lots, tour goers will get a firsthand view of living on an efficient scale.

This year's tour will meander along south Eugene, from east to west (or west to east if you prefer), with several sites around university neighborhoods, plus some great gardens in the College Hill/Friendly

issues of comfort, and differences among rating systems.

A few blocks away, Eugene's first certified Passive House, featured while under construction on the 2010 Tour, is ready for its close-up. The house includes photovoltaics, solar water heating, heavy insulation, heat recovery, extensive



Eugene's first Passive House has it all-from solar energy and salvaged materials, to organic gardens and chickens-on a surprisingly small footprint. It's one house you won't want to miss.

Street area. Twelve sites will be featured, including two that were under construction in previous years. The Tour is again co-hosted by the City of Eugene and EWEB.

The "Art of Sustainable Living" is interpreted in many ways at this year's sites. A down-to-the-studs remodel in the East University neighborhood is a testing ground for sustainable building



Designed by owner/builder Will Dixon, this cozy West Eugene studio balances form, function, sustainability,

salvage and re-use of materials, organic gardens, chickens, and a guest house all on a slim city lot.

In the South University neighborhood, the homeowner has designed a 1480square-foot home with an attached Secondary Dwelling Unit (SDU). Both are built beyond Earth Advantage certification standards, and designed specifically for aging in place, with ADA accessible features.

Delightful Gardens

BRING's Garden of Earthly Delights—a masterpiece of creative re-use—will be showcased, along with one or two TINY houses that will be on site for the week leading up to the Tour. The garden's mix of edible, perennial, and native plants is sure to inspire.

Two lovely College Hill gardens meander from curbside to back alley, chock full of fresh ideas for combining edible and landscape plants, attracting beneficial insects, composting kitchen waste, and nurturing native species. And in the Friendly Neighborhood, tour goers will no doubt expand their ideas of edible landscapes at a creative, intensive garden designed by Heiko Koester. As always, several sites will feature workshops that delve into the details of energy-efficient design and sustainable landscapes. Tour goers will also get the chance to talk with designers and builders at several of the sites.

The Tour is sponsored by Bulk Handling Systems, Lane Transit District (LTD), Lane Forest Products, and Eugene Weekly. Tickets go on sale in early August online and at local outlets (see sidebar, page 4). Watch our website for details, and save the date— September 16.

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In this Earth Advantage new home, the living room was cantilevered out to save the tree in the photo. From inside, four stacked windows frame the trunk. A great example of infill, the existing home will become the secondary dwelling unit for extended family. Look for the rooftop garden.

Product Stewardship: We're All Part of the Solution

hen you're ready to toss that old computer, who should pay to dispose of it properly? The government? Tax payers? Your garbage hauler? You, the consumer? Or what about the retailer who sold it to you, or the manufacturer who made it?

Liability for waste falls mostly to local and state governments. In Oregon, government has done a great job of creating rules and standards for collecting, processing, and recycling many of our discards. However, the increasing volume, complexity, and changing composition of waste products puts an unfair burden on public agencies, and on us—the tax payers and rate payers who fund the system. The manufacturer and the seller are generally not part of the picture.

Here's where product stewardship comes in. Product stewardship is a waste

and sunlight. Built in the side yard of an existing home, it is packed with sustainable features.

in practice. The homeowner designed his remodel with the goal of pursuing as many green building rating systems as possible, including LEED, Passive House, and Earth Advantage, to discover the difficulties of real world application,

> Please read, reuse and recycle this newsletter.

management tool that seeks to share responsibility among producers, retailers, and users. It recognizes that environmental and health impacts don't happen just when we discard an item—producing, marketing, and selling the item often contribute the lion's share of negative effects. Product stewardship efforts, whether voluntary or mandatory, try to influence improvements in design; reduce negative health and environmental impacts; shift responsibility for handling products away from government and ratepayers; and increase recycling options.

The key is shared responsibility. Oregon's Bottle Bill is a successful example. The consumer pays a deposit, which serves as motivation to return certain beverage containers to the retailer or a redemption center (a new provision of the bottle bill). The retailer takes responsibility for assessing the deposit and collecting the empty containers. The beverage distributors pick them up from the retailer and manage the recycling process. The manufacturer ensures their labels comply with Oregon law and state the deposit amount.

What does this mean to us, as consumers? In Oregon, electronics and paint are covered by mandatory product stewardship programs, while rechargeable and Ni-cad batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, and mercury thermostats are managed under voluntary programs (see sidebar on page 3).

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Mission:

Helping people understand how the stuff we use shapes the planet we share.

What We Do:

EDUCATION: BRING provides workshops, activities and presentations to groups of all ages throughout the county. Each year, the education program reaches well over 15,000 individuals with the reduce, reuse, recycle message.

RE:THINK: RE:think Business provides free, hands-on services for small to medium-sized businesses in Lane County. We offer independent, confidential advice on cost efficient ways to reduce waste, recycle more, and use less electricity, water and materials. Businesses that meet conservation benchmarks are eligible to receive the RE:think Recognition Award and publicity for their efforts.

REUSE BUILDING MATERIALS: The BRING retail outlet, located at 4446 Franklin Blvd. in Glenwood, sells used building materials, bicycles, lawn mowers, canning jars, windows, doors, sinks, plumbing fixtures and much, much more. We offer disposal of unwanted—yet still reusable—material from remodels, construction projects, garage clean outs, etc.

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Product Stewardship: Making the Most of Our Purchases

Smart Shopping Saves Money and Resources

More than 10,000 vehicles a year pass through our donations drop-off area—an average of four an hour depositing more than a million pounds of

depositing more than a million pounds of materials. On cold, wet days the stream slows down; in nice weather we can unload 50 or 60 vehicles a day. It's a never-ending river of "stuff." While much of that stuff is interesting and reusable, a depressing portion is not. Too often, consumer goods are poorly designed and constructed, and made from cheap materials that deteriorate quickly, forcing buyers to replace them in just a few years. Particular offenders in our world include lawn furniture, bicycles, barbecues, and power tools, especially drills, weed whackers, and lawnmowers. It's been

estimated that at least 80 percent of consumer goods are essentially one-use products—meaning they cannot be repaired once they break.

Imagine how different shopping would be if product stewardship was required for all durable goods. What if every bike or barbecue had to carry at least a 20-year warranty or be replaced for free? What if companies were responsible for the products they manufactured, not only during their useful life, but once they wore out or broke? The initial purchase price might go up, but overall, the cost of living could go down, because we wouldn't have to keep replacing substandard things. Product stewardship, as it is now practiced, is not a perfect solution, but the idea that

producers and retailers, as well as buyers, are responsible for the things they make, sell, and buy, has an appealing logic to it.

Regular *UsedNews* readers are well aware that the real price of an item is not just the cost at the cash register. There's a huge hidden environmental price tag paid during its production, when the raw materials it is made from are extracted, transported, refined, and manufactured. It's disturbing to think of the hidden price we pay for goods of dubious value. Many of those items end up at BRING, and are painstakingly dismantled by hand to recover at

least a portion of the resources used to make them. If you're in the market for a purchase this summer, try

going through this step by step process:

Do I really need this item, or could I spend the money on a fun experience instead?

Could I borrow, rent, or share it rather than buy my own? Could I find a decent one used?

If I have to buy new, can it be repaired if it breaks? Good hunting!

— Julie Daniel, Executive Director

Can Your Company Help the Environment?

Threats to our natural world are growing, as are demands on the lands, water, food, energy and other resources people and wildlife need to thrive. As green as Oregon is, it's simply not enough. We need more people and businesses supporting the environmental movement. EarthShare Oregon is working with BRING to make that happen.

EarthShare, of which BRING is a member, engages people at their workplaces to garner new support for environmental endeavors throughout your local community, across Oregon, and around the world.

BRING's membership in EarthShare Oregon enables us to reach out to a broad cross-section of the state that might not otherwise learn about our work. This boosts our financial support and helps us build bridges to new volunteers and supporters. EarthShare Oregon's workplace and online giving options are easy ways for you to share responsibility for stewarding Oregon's environmental legacy.

First, check the list of EarthShare's Business Partners online to see what companies in your industry offer EarthShare.

Then, if you don't have an EarthShare campaign, get the facts about how easy it is to start one. Jan Wilson, EarthShare Oregon's Executive Director, can meet with you, and provide all the information you need to start up your campaign.

To learn more about bringing EarthShare to your workplace, call Jan at 503-223-9015 or email her at jan@earthshare-oregon.org.

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Will we see more products managed by product stewardship programs in the future? Perhaps. The Oregon DEQ, Northwest Product Stewardship Council, and Product Stewardship Institute continue to work with industry, stakeholders, and government agencies to get stewardship programs in place, with an emphasis on products that have the most impact—fire retardants, mattresses, pharmaceuticals, carpet, and gas cylinders, to name a few. It's a complex approach that's easier in theory than in practice, but it's a system that makes intuitive sense. After all, we're all responsible. As BRING's mission states, "The stuff we use shapes the planet we share."

Product Stewardship in Oregon

BRING receives thousands of phone calls every year asking what to do with unwanted products. Three of the most mentioned products fall under product stewardship programs in Oregon.

Paint – Visit paintcare.org to help you with your painting needs. Use the paint calculator to buy the right amount of paint. Learn storage tips to make sure your paint lasts. Follow suggestions on where to donate used paint—to a neighbor, church, or community organization, for example. Type in your zip code for a listing of local companies that accept used paint for recycling. BRING doesn't accept used paint. If you're in the Eugene/Springfield area take used paint to:

- Forrest Paint Retail Store
- Tommy's Paint Pot
- Jerry's Home
 Improvement Center
- Sherwin Williams Eugene
- Square Deal Lumber
- · Lane County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center

Electronics – Oregon E-Cycles program provides free recycling of computers, monitors, and TVs. A new law will include computer peripherals, but you have to wait for next year. You can take your covered electronics to any of these Eugene/ Springfield locations for free:

Beverage containers, electronics, and paint are

covered under mandatory product stewardship

mercury thermostats, rechargeable batteries,

compact fluorescents, and carpet.

legislation in Oregon. Voluntary programs include

- Glenwood Central Receiving Station
- Goodwill
- Best Buy
- NextStep Recycling
- Garten Services

If you live outside the area, call 888-532-9253 to find drop off sites near you.

Batteries – Sadly, nobody in the area recycles alkaline batteries. Rechargeable batteries of all types can be taken to several Eugene/Springfield locations:

- Glenwood Central Receiving Station
- RadioShack
- Batteries Plus
- Staples
- Best Buy
- Jims Tool ServiceHome Depot
- Lowes

If you live outside the area, try earth911.com.

Want to Know More?

The Northwest Product Stewardship Council

The NWPSC works with governments, businesses, and non-profit groups to bring product stewardship ideas to the Pacific Northwest. Check them out at productstewardship.net.



Once again, BRING has been voted one of the 100 Best Green Companies to work for. It's quite an honor to see our efforts recognized in this way. We wouldn't



be on the list without the work of every BRING employee, board member, and volunteer. Of course, without our customers, we wouldn't be here at all. Thank you. The 100 Best Green Companies were determined by an anonymous employee survey and an independent assessment of the employers' sustainability practices. There were 431 organizations and more than 20,000 employees participating in the project.



Cut the Waste

Summer is the time for family reunions, potlucks, and picnics. Go reusable and organize recycling for your next event.

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Product Stewardship Institute

The PSI works throughout the U.S., bringing manufacturers, retailers, consumers, and governments together to reduce the environmental and public health impacts of the products we use. There is a lot of information here. Go to productstewardship.us.

Are you really interested?

Dig into the future potential of product stewardship in Oregon with this excellent document from the Oregon DEQ: tinyurl.com/6qxhbtt

We Won!

Thanks to our many loyal fans, BRING won \$2,500 worth of design services from Ruby Porter Marketing + Design, as part of the Ruby Porter Gives Back

program. The hotly contested online competition pitted BRING against our good friends at NextStep Recycling. Because the voting was so close, Ruby Porter graciously awarded the prize to both organizations. We can't imagine a better solution!

We'll use our winnings to create a new brochure for BRING, something we've needed for a long time. Thanks to Ruby Porter and to all who voted and spread the word!



Reusable Dishware Program:

The Master Recyclers have a durable picnic set for 100, which can be borrowed at no charge. Four sets of 25 plates, bowls, silverware, cloth napkins, coffee cups, and tumblers are available.

Event Recycling Bins:

Lane County Waste Management, in partnership with the City of Eugene, provides blue recycle bins and green compost bins for events. By placing a recycling bin next to every garbage can, it's easy to capture valuable aluminum cans and plastic bottles. Call to reserve the bins-available first come, first served. Be sure to arrange for recycling with your event's garbage company; many will pick up recycling for no extra fee. For composting and other zero waste efforts, such as biodegradable tableware, phone consultation is available.

For recycling bins and dishware, contact: 541-682-2059. lanecounty.org/Departments/ PW/WMD/Recycle.



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Still under construction at press time, this extensive green remodel promises to be done for the tour. Owned by an associate professor of architecture, the project makes full use of the site and green building practices.

A rack made of motorcycle sprockets keeps pots and pans handy in this compact kitchen.



Preview the TINY smart house in BRING's Garden of Earthly Delights during the week leading up to the tour, or stop by on Tour day.

Wanted: Tour Volunteers

Get in on the fun, and help make the BRING Home and Garden Tour a success! Volunteers are needed for two-hour shifts on the day of the Tour, taking tickets, greeting tour goers, and providing information at one of the homes or gardens. You get a free ticket to the Tour plus a beautiful Tour T-shirt. Round up your friends, book club, or service organization to join you. Contact Shirley to learn more: tour@bringrecycling.org.

Tour Ticket Outlets

Tickets are \$10 each; two for \$18; or 15 for \$100. Tickets go on sale August 1 at:

Eugene Backyard Farmer

501 Washington St. Green Store

Garden of Earthly Delights Accredited by Tilth

BRING's Garden of Earthly Delights just got a little more earth-friendly, thanks to Oregon Tilth's new "Accredited Organic Land Care" program for commercial gardens, and Holde Fink, of Native and Urban Gardens.

Holde, who is a Tilth-accredited landscaper, says BRING's garden demonstrates many of the standards and principles Oregon Tilth is trying to encourage with its new Organic Land Care (OLC) accreditation.

According to the Oregon Tilth website, "The OLC program works to offer tools and market opportunities for landscape professionals to work under organic principles. The goals of the program include: Teaching sustainable landscaping practices that will reduce or eliminate the use of environmentally degrading substances and fossil fuels," among other things.

"BRING's garden demonstrates composting, rainwater harvesting and catchment, unusual edibles, natives, and it's managed without the use of herbicides or pesticides," Holde says.

By including the Garden of Earthly Delights on the BRING Home and Garden Tour this year, we're helping meet another of Oregon Tilth's goals for the program: Increasing public awareness of organic land care.



Size Matters

Small Homes Equal Big Environmental Benefits

Choosing a small or multi-family home is the most effective way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions over the 70-year average useful life of a home, according to a recent DEQ study. Small homes take less energy to heat and cool, use fewer materials for construction, and require fewer furnishings and supplies for upkeep. Energy use during the home's lifetime is the dominant contributor to most environmental impacts.

For more information: deq.state.or.us/lq/pubs/docs/sw/ResidentialBldgLCAExecSummary.pdf.

Cohousing Coming to River Road

Looking for a more sustainable lifestyle? Consider this alternative.

Oakleigh Meadow Cohousing is recruiting new members to build a cohousing community in the River Road neighborhood. Currently made up of a dozen intergenerational households, the group is committed to finding purpose and a sense of belonging in a neighborhood designed to make a small and beautiful footprint on the land.

Cohousing combines the autonomy of private dwellings with the advantages of community living. Neighborhood design encourages sharing of skills and resources and reduces environmental impact through the efficient and economical use of resources



Cohousing reduces environmental impact, while restoring a sense of multi-generational community.

Resident architect, Will Dixon, will be on hand to talk about Oakleigh Meadow at the BRING Home and Garden Tour where you can also see a sample of Will's

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and building space.

OMC has 2.1 acres of open land on the Riverfront Park and Bike Path. The group envisions 16 to 24 individual units, as well as a large Common House, where they can eat, work, and play together. Valuing both privacy and connection, they aim to balance these needs in the site and unit designs. design work.

The community includes married couples with children, single parents, working singles, and retired folks. All ages are welcome. Learn more at oakleighmeadow.org, or call Pat at 541-485-5972. Cohousing isn't for everyone, but it could be for you.



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Tool Time: Maintenance

When you put your garden tools away last fall, you cleaned, sharpened, and oiled them for their long winter sleep—right? If so, you found them in excellent shape when you broke them out this spring. If you didn't, don't worry—there's still hope. Here are a few simple tips.

Caked-on dirt is the enemy of steel, wood, and your back. Steel rusts and pits if you don't keep it clean. Dried mud pulls oils out of wood. And there's no reason to make your shovel any heavier than it needs to be. Start by cleaning all foreign matter off of tools after every use.

Once you have them cleaned and dried, it's time to sharpen them. A good sharpening of a shovel's cutting edge goes a long way. Sharp tools, including loppers, pruners, and hoes, last longer due to less stress at the union between handle and tool. Sharp tools require less force and demand less from you.

After sharpening shovels and hoes, wax or oil the clean metal surfaces to help sticky mud and soil slide off.

Once you've taken care of the metal surfaces, sand and oil wooden handles to keep them from drying out and cracking

Finally, keep tools out of the sun and rain when not in use. Sun does more damage than you might think. You probably invested a lot of money in your tools. Investing a little time will make them last a lot longer.

Materials for garden tool care:

- New file with handle
- Sharpening stone for garden tools, found at hardware stores
- Boiled linseed oil, Watco, or other Danish type furniture finish (exterior type is best, but anything is better than nothing)
- Steel wool or Scotchbrite

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Jarl Berg of Yeti Social Marketing has tricked out his Pedal Powered Music bicycle with a lot of BRING stuff. From the classic chrome bike lamp, now housing an LED spotlight, to the speaker amplifier rack, modified from an old motorcycle rack, to the iPad holder that lets Jarl scratch out some tunes as he travels down the road, Jarl's bike can be seen and heard literally around town.





Stepping stones, cinder blocks, and a few timbers, all found at BRING, turned this less-than-useful sloped backyard into a terraced wonderland. Instead of building one big wall, two terraces break the yard into three zones, each with a separate use.



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BRING's Garden of Earthly Delights is designed to inspire creative reuse. This last spring, it did just that. After taking note of BRING's bed spring trellises, Bob Kaminski, principal of the Eugene Village School, incorporated bed springs into his school's new garden. Their new, great looking fence serves not only as a perimeter fence to define the space, but also as a trellis for peas, beans, and squash.

BRING Discount Days*

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RE:think Business

Burley, Built to Last

More and more business owners are seeking ways to make their company's operations more environmentally responsible. For the service-based business, environmental responsibility is easier to accomplish. Water conservation, waste prevention and reducing energy usage are strategies that cost nothing and have a big impact. For businesses that manufacture products, environmental responsibility means more than conservation practices, it requires making sure their product is durable, reusable and built to last.

Bike trailer designer/developer Burley is a newly RE:think Certified Business that is taking environmental responsibility seriously. Located in Eugene, the company's



headquarters are a model of efficiency. Originally built for a cabinet manufacturer, the warehouse was drastically over-lit for their needs. A visit from EWEB helped them identify energy reduction strategies that

eliminated unnecessary overhead lighting and improved efficiency in their heating and cooling units.

Other responsible practices include an Environmentally Preferred Purchasing (EPP) policy, employee incentives to reduce car travel, and regular cleaning and maintenance of storm drains (an often over-looked measure that protects waterways and wildlife). Beyond conservation, the company's mission is to develop a safe and durable quality product that lasts, a company value that's good for business and environmentally responsible.

Burley trailer owners may keep a child trailer for years. Once the kids have out grown it, the trailers are often snapped up on Craigslist and garage sales to be reused-even if they are worn. That's because replacement parts are readily available, including plastic connectors and chemical-free fabric covers. Burley strives to carry replacement parts for their products for at least five years and in some cases, they have parts for trailers manufactured as far back as 2004. The best news of all? In the event your Burley trailer completely wears out, the frame is made of aluminum and recyclable!



NEDCO (AKA the Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation) was already doing a lot to conserve resources but they stepped it up a notch to receive RE:think Certification! They switched out cleaning supplies for less toxic options and installed reminders throughout their offices for visitors and employees to use less energy, water and paper.

We sure do love So Delicious Dairy Free. Not only do they make great tasting products but they're RE:think Certified too! The company has completed numerous efficiency and resource saving projects including updating their lighting and reducing water use in the production process.



RE:think Certified Businesses

Autohaus Birth to Three

Jones & Roth Lane County Historical Presentation Design Group So Delicious Dairy Free

Get Involved

Thank You, Market of Choice

Executive Director Julie Daniel (right) and Development Director Sonja Snyder say thanks to Market of Choice store manager, Robert Brown for the company's support of BRING through the E-Scrip program. Market of Choice donates a percent of sales from E-Scrip-registered shoppers. Last year, BRING received more than \$1,800 from



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From left: Life Technologies emplovees Jason Kilgore, Cathy Erickson, Kirsten Dorier, Marv Wisegarver, and Bill Wisegarver celebrated Global Volunteer Day at BRING, creating wind chimes out of metal scrap. The wind chimes turned out great. You can visit them in BRING's Garden of Earthly Delights.



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1) Sign up for E-Scrip—it's the same trusted program schools have been using for years. Each time you use your registered debit or credit card at participating merchants, a percentage of your purchase goes to BRING. Our biggest local contributor is Market of Choice, who contributed \$1,838 last year from just 72 supporters. Just think what we'd make if all our newsletter readers signed up! Please help us double the amount this year, by signing up at escrip.com. Enter BRING as your preferred group, and securely register your cards. That's all you do!

2) Fill up your gas tank at SeQuential Biofuels, and ask to donate a portion to BRING. SeQuential has fuels for every car and a deli of great coffees and locally made goodies. Look for their new stations at 18th and Chambers or their flagship store on McVay Highway, just north of 30th Avenue and I-5.





RE:think Performance Trends for Quarter 3 Recycling Actions

Waste Prevention Actions **Operational/Efficiency Improvements Energy Conservation Actions** Water Conservation Measures Water Quality/Protection Actions

up 8% from 92% to 100% up 4% from 88% to 92% up 15% from 70% to 85% up 14% from 74% to 88% up 5% from 65% to 70% up 20% from 60% to 80%

Community Education

Community Events for the Whole Family

Summer brings with it some great activities for the whole family. We hope to see you at one of these events.

Fourth of July

Take your pick—celebrate this year at Alton Baker Park, with a kick-off to Art and the Vineyard; Day Island Park with Springfield's Light of Liberty Celebration; or at PK Park after the Emeralds take on the Aquasox. Fireworks at dusk.

Art and the Vineyard

Friday-Sunday, July 6-8. Alton Baker Park. Stop by BRING's booth at the Youth Art Arena for a chance to win some BRING goodies, build a mandala, and exercise your first amendment rights with a special "Post Cards for Art" project.

Oregon Country Fair

Friday-Sunday, July 13-15 in Veneta. Don't miss this one-of-a-kind celebration. As always, you'll find BRING there, running the cloth diaper service and recycling education booth in Energy Park.

MECCA's Eco Art Summer Day Camps

These four different reuse art camps will keep your children inspired and creative all summer long. Kids ages eight through twelve.

Sound/Movement/Art Camp	July 2-5 or July 30-Aug 3	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Earth Works Art Camp	July 9-13 or Aug 6-10	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Recycle Scouts Camp	July 16-20 or Aug 13-17 or Aug 27-31	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
DIY Camp	July 23-27 or Aug 20-24	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Eugene Celebration

Friday-Sunday, August 24-26. Join BRING for three days of fun, music, and a celebration of our community. Be sure to stop by Sustainability Village for a chance to win some great BRING merchandise.

Compost Demonstration Workshop

Saturday, September 15, 10:00 a.m. – noon. Improve your composting skills with this hands-on workshop. River House Compost Education site, 301 N. Adams, Eugene

BRING Home and Garden Tour: the Art of Sustainable Living

Sunday, September 16, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. We're thinking "small" this year. From a TINY house on wheels to cozy remodels and additions that make the most of their city lots, tour goers will get a first-hand view of living on an efficient scale. Tickets go on sale August 1. See page 4 for more information.



Students from Northland College in Wisconsin visited BRING's Planet Improvement Center in May, as part of a two-week tour to study sustainable business and community development. Students from University of Texas, Arlington visited earlier in the month. Designed to educate, inspire, and demonstrate sustainable living, the Center is a popular destination for students of all ages.

School Compost Programs

One of the best ways to teach kids about composting is by having them set up a program in their own school. This last school year, BRING worked with Latham Elementary School and London Elementary School to set up school-wide composting programs. The kids learned while they worked. Both schools now divert their compostable kitchen and lunchroom food scraps into the school gardens. Way to go! By participating in setting up waste reduction programs, students gain a sense of program ownership, which they take with them as they advance through the grades. That way, they help instill the waste reduction message throughout the entire district. It's not too soon to start thinking about the next school year. If you're interested in setting up a school composting program, give us a call. For more information, check out EPA's web site at: epa.gov/epaoswer/education/toolkit.htm.

Dear Goddess of Garbage

The Goddess of Garbage is ready to answer your questions about all things wasteful. Let's talk trash!

Send your questions to info@bringrecycling.org

Dear Goddess,

My partner likes to buy these big packs of AA batteries. He says rechargeable batteries don't hold their charge very long, wear out too fast, and are too expensive.

> Signed, Batteries in the Trash Every Round

Dear BITTER,

I'm going to make a guess. Your partner is in his 40s, right? You see, when the first rechargeable batteries came out, they had all the problems you just mentioned and more. They shorted out, suffered from "memory problems," i.e. they would stop taking a full charge, and were indeed quite expensive. Today's rechargeables are a vast improvement



over those old dinosaurs. Like most things, technology keeps making improvements. Tell your partner to stop living in the past and, for goodness sake, stop creating so much garbage.

The Goddess

Dear Goddess,

Why doesn't BRING sell burn barrels?

Signed X

Dear CROSSED,

Wow! BRING works to divert materials, which have value, from the landfill. However, turning your trash into air pollution completely misses the point. It's also illegal to burn your garbage. Enough said.

The Goddess

Seeing That "Flash"

A great thing about being a teacher is seeing that "flash" of understanding on a child's face. A classroom teacher might have the opportunity to reach 150 kids in a school year. BRING's educator talks to thousands. With that many kids, you don't always get to see the "flash," but you do get quite a few thank you letters and drawings.

Brett –

Great presentation today! The parents ALL had positive comments, including one who said she loved that you weren't offering to solve the world's problems with recycling (e.g. rainforest comment/slide that it's "complicated" – no easy answers), although it's a great place to start. The kids took away from the discussion that thankfully there are things that even kids can do so they are not adding to the problem. We talked about making "cleaner" choices as stewards/caretakers of this amazing planet and being aware that everything we do has consequences (good or bad). Your presentation provided a good platform for further thought AND discussion!

THANK YOU :):

The Four Rules of Waste Reduction:

- Reduce Purchase, consume, and throw away less. Source reduction prevents the generation of waste in the first place, making it the most preferred method of waste management.
- Reuse Reuse items by repairing, donating, or selling them. Reuse is better than recycling, because items don't have to be reprocessed before they can be used again.
- Recycle Collect recyclable materials that otherwise would be considered garbage. Recyclables are sorted and processed into raw materials, such as fibers, and manufactured into new products. Recycling prevents the need to harvest new raw materials from the Earth.
- Buy Recycled Encourage manufacturers to use recycled content materials in their products through your purchasing decisions. If every dollar spent is a vote, make sure you vote for the best products.



Reuse and Recycling in Lane County

Save money. Save resources. How? By taking advantage of all the opportunities to reuse and recycle in Lane County. A lot of stuff can be taken to one of the 16 County Transfer sites (see map below). Most recycling is not just free, it can

save you \$1 on garbage fees when you bring at least 10 lbs. of separated recyclables. Curbside haulers usually offer discounts for recycling, too. **Remember:** Reusing is even better than recycling.

PAPER PRODUCTS

Corrugated Cardboard and Brown Paper Bags ALL Flatten; only 3-ply; no waxed, no food contamination

Greeting Cards and Gift Wrap AL

Recyclable (if non-metallic) or reusable MECCA, 541-302-1810

High-Grade Office Pack SOME

Computer/copy machine paper, fax paper, envelopes, light-colored office and school paper, etc.; staples, windows, adhesives OK.

Low-Grade Mixed Paper ALL

Magazines, junk mail, catalogs, egg cartons, gift wrap, cereal and 6-pack boxes, and all high-grade paper.

Junk Mail ALL cyclable curbside; remove any samples. Prevent it-call BRING, 541-746-3023.

Milk, Soy and Juice Cartons ALL

Rinse and let air-dry; remove plastic parts/straws. Newsprint ALL or place in brown paper bag.

The Mission, 541-344-3251 Phone Books ALL

Cancel the ones you do not use. Ask your hauler if recyclable curbside.

Shredded (not cross-cut) ALL Curbside O.K. Place in paper bag, staple once and label "shredded paper." Commercial quantities: International Paper, 541-744-4100

Tyvek (see Plastic) Magazines ALL

Remove plastic packaging to recycle; donate to social service agency waiting rooms. St. Vincent de Paul, 541-345-0595

METALS

Aluminum (cans, foil, trays) ALL Rinse clean of any food/contamination, Wad foil into a baseballsized ball.

Tin Cans AL

Rinse clean of any food/contamination. Labels and lids OK. Aerosol Spray Cans ALL If EMPTY, recycle in County scrap metal bin-remove caps, do

not flatten or puncture. If NOT empty, take to County Hazardous Waste, by appointment, 541-682-3111

Scrap (75% or more metal) ALL Barrels, toasters, bed frames, bikes, etc. containers must be visibly punctured from all sides. BRING, 541-746-3023 Schnitzer Steel, 541-686-0515

Propane Tanks \$ ALL St. Vincent de Paul, 541-345-0595

Hot Water Heaters ALL See Electronics and Appliances

VEHICLE-RELATED

Antifreeze, Oil Filters ALL Highly toxic but free to recycle at all county sites!

Auto Batteries **§** ALL Illegal to throw away as garbage under Oregon law. Battery X-Change, 541-689-9134

Child Car Seats Rigid plastic part only-remove all fabric, straps and foam. International Paper, 541-744-4100

Motorcycles (wrecked, broken, or unwanted) Cyclepsycho Motorcycle Recycling, 541-461-9279

Motor Oil 🛇 ALL Illegal to throw away as garbage under Oregon law.

Some curbside recyclers accept motor oil in labeled,

ELECTRONICS, APPLIANCES, COMPUTERS & TV'S ⊗ \$ It is illegal to throw away large appliances, computers and TVs as

garbage under Oregon law.

Air Conditioners \$ ALL St. Vincent de Paul, 541-687-5820

CDs, DVDs and Cases GLENWOOD

NextStep Recycling, 541-686-2366

Cell Phones and PDAs GLENWOOD NextStep Recycling, 541-686-2366 County Electronic Recycling, 541-682-3111; drop boxes at REI, UO Bookstore, ASUO office, UO Telecom office, and Kennedy Middle School.

Christmas Lights \$ NextStep Recycling, 541-686-2366

Computers and Peripherals GLENWOOD

Illegal to throw computers & monitors in garbage under Oregon law. NextStep Recycling, 541-686-2366 County Electronic Recycling, 541-682-3111 Garten Industries, 541-868-1550 Goodwill, 541-345-0769

Dishwashers, Clothes Washers and Dryers ALL Can go in Scrap Metal for free.

Schnitzer Steel, 541-686-0515 St. Vincent de Paul, 541-687-5820

Hot Water Heaters ALL Recycle as scrap metal at County Transfer Sites. Schnitzer Steel, 541-686-0515

Microwave Ovens \$ ALL NextStep Recycling, 541-686-2366

Phones and Phone Equipment SOME NextStep Recycling, 541-686-2366 County Electronic Recycling, 541-682-3111

Printer, Inkjet, Fax and Other Cartridges NextStep Recycling, 541-686-2366 Rapid Refill, 541-334-4465

Redundant Cartridge, 541-302-1444 **Refrigerators and Freezers \$ ALL** St. Vincent de Paul, 541-687-5820

Small Appliances (toasters, irons, blenders) Thrift stores (see KEY above)

Stereos, Radios, etc. GLENWOOD NextStep Recycling, 541-686-2366 County Electronic Recycling, 541-682-3111

Stoves ALL BRING, 541-746-3023

Televisions SOME

Illegal to throw away as garbage under Oregon law. NextStep Recycling, 541-686-2366 County Electronic Recycling, 541-682-3111

VCRs and DVD Players GLENWOOD NextStep Recycling, 541-686-2366 County Electronic Recycling, 541-682-3111

Video Cassette Tapes and Cases St. Vincent de Paul, 541-345-0595

PLASTIC

Bottles, Tubs, and Jars ALL Rinse, discard lids, no #6 plastic (#6 = most takeout containers and foam)

Plastic Bags ALL Clean and drv only International Paper, 541-744-4100

Plastic film, Pallet Wrap and Lumber Wrap ALL International Paper, 541-744-4100

6-Pack Rings ALL Recyclable as bags/film (see above).

Plastic Plant Pots and Travs GLENWOOD

Styrofoam[™] (Block Foam) No food containers or cups

St. Vincent de Paul. 541-687-5820 For reuse: The UPS store in Springfield, 541-741-0411 The Bear Factory, 541-746-4842

Tyvek Envelopes Tyvek Recycling Hotline, 866-338-9835

"Other" (rigid plastic mix, e.g., lawn chairs, buckets, Rubbermaid® containers, play structures, toys, etc.) International Paper, 541-744-4100

GLASS

Bottles, Jars and Jugs ALL

For recycling: rinse clean, remove lids. Labels OK. For reuse: BRING, 541-746-3023 (only canning jars, vases, antiques)

Vases, Drinking Glasses, Reusable BRING, 541-746-3023; Thrift stores (see KEY above).

Windows Call BRING for details, 541-746-3023

Shower Doors Call BRING for details, 541-746-3023

WOOD AND YARD-RELATED

Brush, Yard Debris \$ SOME Grass, leaves, weeds, branches 20" diameter and less; compost/mulch at home. Lane Forest Products, 541-345-9085 Rexius Forest Products, 541-342-1835

Grass Clippings and Leaves SOME (See Brush, Yard Debris) Pallets

Pacific Pallet, 541-688-2887 Eugene Pallet Services, 541-485-0549

Wood, Dimensional Lumber and Plywood, Reusable Dimensional lumber 4' or longer. Plywood sheets, nails OK. BRING, 541-746-3023

Wood, Not Reusable (some restrictions apply) \$ SOME Rotten wood, pegboard; NO railroad ties.

Rexius Forest Products, 541-342-1835; no railroad ties or pressure treated wood. Lead-free painted wood OK. Lane Forest Products, 541-345-9085; no railroad ties, pressure treated and painted OK.

CHEMICALS AND HAZARDOUS WASTE

Common household hazardous waste is taken free of charge by Lane County Hazardous Waste, Call 541-682-3111 to make an appointment.

Batteries ALL

Most batteries (car, watch, rechargeable, NiCad, mercury, lithium, lead-acid) free to recycle.

Alkaline batteries less than 10 years old are considered safe in the garbage.

Fire Extinguishers (any size) \$ GLENWOOD

National Firefighter, 1574 W. 6th, Eugene, 541-485-3566, or by appointment at Glenwood, 541-682-3111.

Fluorescent Light Tubes and Bulbs \$ GLENWOOD

Most lighting and hardware stores will take those under 4 ft, long, NextStep Recycling, 541-686-2366 County Hazardous Waste, by appointment, 541-682-3111

Paint GLENWOOD

paintcare.org Enter in your zip code for a listing of drop off sites County Hazardous Waste, by appointment, 541-682-3111

Pesticides and Fertilizers GLENWOOD

KEY

Prescription Drugs

541-744-4177

(like a detergent bottle).

Books GLENWOOD

541-744-4100

Furniture GLENWOOD

BRING. 541-746-3023.

Carpet THRIFT STORES

list in "freebie" postings.

Clothing GLENWOOD

Ceiling Tiles

Only if clean and dry

Tile. Broken

Tile. Reusable

OTHER

MECCA, 541-302-1810

BRING, 541-746-3023

Building Materials

BRING, 541-746-3023

Habitat Restore, 541-344-4809

Hearing Aids and Eyeglasses

Thrift stores (see KEY above)

Candles, Wax, and Crayons

BRING

DO NOT flush down the toilet.

Monday-Friday, 541-682-4150

Fees may apply. Call for information.

Solution № 100 Not the state of the stat

GLENWOOD = Glenwood Central Receiving Station (see map below).

SOME/ALL indicates that some or all County Transfer & Recycling sites accept this item, always at the discretion of staff. For details. call the County at 541-682-4120 or BRING at 541-746-3023.

THRIFT STORES Goodwill 541-345-1801 The Salvation Army 541-343-3341 St. Vincent de Paul 541-345-0595

HIGHLIGHTED items are generally recyclable curbside-call your hauler for details

Lane County Sheriff's Office lobby, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.,

Springfield Justice Center lobby, available 24/7,

Florence Justice Center, 900 Greenwood Street,

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AND "SOFT GOODS"

Textbooks, hard/paperback, computer manuals; NOT wet or moldy.

St. Vincent de Paul, 541-345-0595; International Paper,

For recycling, must be 100% wood and hardware no bigger

than a thumb. For reusable non-upholstered furniture, call

Thrift stores ONLY if new and stain-free. If older and/or stained, use

Goodwill Industries, 541-345-1801; MECCA, 541-302-1810

Armstrong World Industries, 1-888-CEILING

Luggage, backpacks, totes THRIFT STORES

Mattresses and Box Springs \$ GLENWOOD

St. Vincent de Paul, 541-345-0595

Shoes (all brands) THRIFT STORES

Asphalt and Concrete \$ GLENWOOD

Delta Sand & Gravel, 541-688-2233

AAA offices in Eugene or Springfield will donate these to

(Athletic shoes only) Recycle at NIKE Store, 541-686-3141

Lumber, bricks, doors, windows, cabinets, flowerpots,

garage doors, hardware, plumbing, and more,

Key Bank, 725 A Street, Springfield, or Oregon Lions Sight

a foster care program, 541-484-0661 or 541-741-8200

to smother weeds, protect garage floor, soundproof rooms, or

Florence, available 24/7, 541-997-3515

Sharps (medical needles, scalpels, etc.) ALL

Place in a red, rigid container with a screw-top lid

-breakable containers with a screw-top lid.

Illegal to throw away as garbage under Oregon law. Big B Tires, 541-746-4193, many Les Schwab locations Remove all dirt

Packing Peanuts Try craigslist. Accepted by NextStep Recycling, UPS Stores and other mailing services.

County Hazardous Waste, by appointment, 541-682-3111

Pesticide Containers (empty) Try Oregon Agriculture Assoc., 503-370-7024 Corks

No plastic, composite, or metal closures, BRING, 541-746-3023

& Hearing Foundation, 800-635-4667

Wine Bottle Foil BRING, 541-746-3023

QUESTIONS? CONFUSION? CALL BRING AT 541-746-3023.

We're your recycling hotline! You can also refer to the Brown Pages in the front of your Dex phone book, or call the County at 541-682-4120.

Lane County Transfer and Recycling Sites



Hours and Days subject to change without notice. S = Summer hrs. May-Sept. W = Winter hrs. Oct.-April

Cottage Grove:

78760 Sears Road 541-942-8986 Wed. through Sat., 8-6 All year

34293 Cloverdale Road, 541-895-3274 Wed. through Sat., 8-6 All year

Florence 2820 N. Rhododendron Drive, 541-997-6243 Mon. through Sat., 8-6 All year

GLENWOOD Central Receiving Station

3100 East 17th Ave., 541-682-4120 Oct.-Mar. Mon. through Sat: 8am-6pm Apr.-Sept.: Mon. through Sat. 8am-6pm; Sun.: 8am-5pm

London: 73111 London Road, 541-942-0120 Sat. only, S 8-6, W 9-5

or other Lane County Solid Waste Department issues and services, call 541-682-4120.

For information on rural disposal and recycling sites, hazardous waste and paint disposal,

Low Pass: 22377 Highway 36, Cheshire, 541-998-8215 Fri. & Sat., **S** 8-6, **W** 9-5

Mapleton: 13570 Highway 126 541-953-0217 Sat. only, S 8-6, W 9-5

Marcola: 38935 Shotgun Creek Road, 541-933-2823 Wed. through Sat., S 8-6, W 9-5

McKenzie Bridge: 55805 McKenzie Hwy, Blue River, 541-822-3748 S Sat. 8-6. Mon. & Thu. 1-6 W Sat., 9-5, Mon. & Thu., 1-5

Oakridge: 48977 Kitson Springs Road, 541-782-3923 Wed. through Sat., 8-6 All year

82572 Rattlesnake Road, Dexter, 541-937-3403 Wed. through Sat., S 8-6, W 9-5

Sharps Creek:

74540 Sharps Creek Road, 541-946-1029 Culp Creek, Sat. only, **S** 8-6, **W** 9-5

Swiss Home:

13711 Highway 36, 541-268-4841 S Fri. & Sat., 8-6 W Sat. only, 9-5

Veneta: 24444 Bolton Hill Road, 541-935-1297 Mon. through Sat., 8-6 All year

Vida

44041 Canal Lane, Leaburg, 541-896-3643 Wed. through Sat., **S** 8-6, **W** 9-5

Walton:

18585 Transformer Road, 541-935-5348 Sat. only, S 8-6, W 9-5