



Tillamook County Solid Waste

For more information about recycling or hazardous waste disposal:

Call (503) 815-3975 or email us at recycle@co.tillamook.or.us

or visit our website at www.co.tillamook.or.us/solid-waste

Once in a Generation

They say that some things only happen once in a decade, or once in a generation, or maybe even once in a lifetime. It appears as though we have arrived at one of those junctions in Tillamook County's recycling world, though I'm not sure whether it's a "generation" or "lifetime" event.

For several years we've been preparing for some significant upgrades to all three of our transfer stations, but this opportunity comes from outside.

You may recall the changes that were made in recycling systems back in 2017, following China's Green Fence initiative – which resulted in the near collapse of many recycling programs. We weathered through that relatively well, but the same can't be said for many other places. The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) started convening lots of meetings involving lots of folks, and one result was the 2021 passage of the Recycling Modernization Act (RMA). This act envisions a more equitable and consistent recycling system

throughout the state, and introduces a hybrid Extended Product Responsibility (EPR) system in Oregon. All this goes into effect July 1, 2025, but our opportunity to leap forward is NOW.

As part of this process, each city and county has the opportunity to request infrastructural support, through DEQ, from the Producer Responsibility Organization(s), who will be responsible for rolling out these new statewide systematic improvements in 2025. Because our cities are small, and so much of our population lives in

unincorporated areas, we are organizing a coordination meeting on February 14th – see adjacent ad. At this meeting, we hope that all cities, as well as individuals and interest group representatives from throughout Tillamook County, will come together and share their visions, desires, and needs, so that we can respond to this request in a collaborative, cohesive manner – for the benefit of ALL Tillamook County residents, wherever they may reside or work.

I've been in this business for 29 years, and I've never seen an

opportunity like this. This is our opportunity. Let's not miss this shot. Join us on the late afternoon of Valentine's Day, and share the Holi-

day of Love with your vision for recycling.

*David McCall
Solid Waste
Program Manager*



Are you interested in the future of recycling? What's your vision for a convenient recycling system?

Join us for a Community Discussion in preparation of our DEQ Needs Assessment.



February 14, 2023 2:30 pm
PRI Building Rooms 105/107
(4506 Third Street, Tillamook)



Household Hazardous Waste collection dates in 2023

PLEASE separate Hazardous Waste from other items in your vehicle prior to arriving at the event.

Convenient collection for the **SAFE AND PROPER DISPOSAL** of common household hazardous items. (See our website for a list of items.)

at the Tillamook Transfer Station
1315 Ekloff Road, Tillamook
9:00am to 1:00pm

This facility **DOES NOT ACCEPT** Ammunition, Explosives, or Medical waste

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Jan.—none
Feb. 4th
March 4th*
Apr.—none
May 6th
June 10th*
July 15th
Aug. 5th
Sept. 16th
Oct. 7th*
Nov.—none
Dec. 2nd

*CEG/Business event prior day. Registration Required





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True Value 34995 River Ave Pacific City (503) 965-6295	Tillamook County HHW 1315 Ekloff Rd Tillamook (503) 815-3975 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. on this date: Saturday, February 4, 2023 https://www.co.tillamook.or.us/solid-waste
Manzanita Transfer Station 34995 Necarney City Rd Manzanita (503) 368-7764	

All PaintCare sites accept up to 5 gallons per visit (some take more). Please call ahead to confirm business hours and ask if they can accept the type and amount of paint you would like to recycle. PaintCare sites do not accept aerosols (spray paint), leaking, unlabeled, or empty containers.

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