



Haul-i-days

Celebrate the holidays with us! In 2004, Sanipac will be closed on the following days: Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. During the remainder of the week following each of these holidays, your trash and recycling will be picked up one day late—even Saturday, if Friday is your regular day.

Sanipac's master recyclers are sold on the benefits of comingling

Chances are, if you called Sanipac recently to talk about the comingling program, you talked with Diane Warnock, Joshua Welch or Craig Nielsen. These master recyclers are fielding calls through February 1 to help customers transition to the new method of recycling that makes sorting virtually obsolete. After the 1st, customers can call Sanipac at 736-3600 for assistance.

"The calls have been very positive," said Nielsen. "I've talked with many customers who said they love the new cart." Warnock, too, has spoken with people who



Joshua Welch, Craig Nielsen and Diane Warnock are carried away with recycling!

said the cart makes recycling much easier. "Big families think it's great because they can throw so much into the cart," she said. Gone are the days of overflowing blue boxes. Other consumers like the convenience of taking the cart to the curb once or twice a month, instead of weekly.

Nielsen said some customers, such as those with small garages, are unsure about where to put the cart. "I tell people it's OK to store it outside, since the lid keeps everything dry. And, I try to explain that the benefits of increased recycling, coupled with

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Sanipac Recycling Basics

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Please keep and post these instructions.

GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS - Clean the containers. Use a different paper bag for each color (green, brown or clear). Place bags in your blue box.

MOTOR OIL - Put oil in a non-glass container with a lid and clearly label it.

EVERYTHING ELSE - Go ahead! Throw tin, aluminum, plastics (except #6, which can't be recycled), and all paper products

(including junk mail, newspapers, magazines, cardboard, paper bags, non-foil wrapping paper, cereal boxes, egg cartons) together in your new recycling roll cart.

GENERAL RECYCLING INSTRUCTIONS - Please make sure your blue box and recycling cart are out by 7 a.m. on pickup day, and place them at least 4 feet away from your garbage cart.

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Comingling: Easier recycling means more materials are recovered

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fewer trucks on the road and less emissions, outweigh any inconveniences." Then, Nielsen makes a final point that is difficult to ignore: "Imagine a landfill and how ugly that is with garbage everywhere. Finding an out-of-the-way spot for a recycling cart is much better than finding new space for garbage."

Welch noted that a few customers have expressed concerns about "contamination," which can occur when glass inadvertently mixes with cardboard, or tin slips through with paper. He acknowledged that the contamination rate does go up

slightly when recyclables are comingled, but said that consumers must keep the "big picture" in mind. "This is a tremendous improvement in the way recycling is done in communities," said Welch. "Studies have shown that if recycling is made even easier for people, more will participate." In fact, some cities report a 15 percent to 35 percent increase in the tons of recyclable material recovered.

If you want to take a few extra steps to ensure that even more items are recycled and the redemption value remains high, the master

recyclers have some suggestions. First, by removing labels from cans, both the paper and tin will be recycled. And, to guarantee that lids don't slip into the paper stream, they suggest three easy remedies: leave them attached, if your can opener allows for this; bend lids at a 90-degree angle; or put the lid back into the clean can and crimp the top. Finally, be sure to continue to use your blue box for clean jars and bottles.

For more information about Sanipac's comingling program, please call 736-3600, or visit www.sanipac.com.



When the weather outside is frightful

We always make every effort to adhere to our regular schedule because we know how important recycling and garbage collection is to you. In addition, our trained drivers take great care when driving through your neighborhood.

However, extreme weather conditions could make it difficult, if not impossible, for our trucks to be on the road. The large vehicles we use

are very heavy, and loss of control on icy streets could endanger you or our employees.

Stay informed during inclement weather by tuning your radio to KUGN (590 AM) or KPNW (1120 AM). Sanipac has contracted with both stations to broadcast revised scheduling information.

Our drivers and staff thank you for your patience and understanding.

Waste Not, Want Not

Winter just wouldn't be the same without a crackling fire. But, when it comes time to clean your fireplace or wood stove, don't throw away the residue – recycle it! Wood ash can be useful in home gardens, your compost pile or as a pest repellent, according to the Oregon State University Extension Service.

Wood ash can be a valuable source of calcium, lime, potassium and trace elements. One-half to one pound of ash per year is

recommended for each rose bush and shrub (except acid-loving plants such as blueberries, rhododendrons and azaleas). Lawns needing a pick-me-up also can benefit from wood ash.

For more information about safety precautions when applying wood ash, or application guidelines, visit:

http://extension.oregonstate.edu/news/story.php?S_No=34&storyType

Small but important steps

Sanipac is pleased to announce that your newsletter is now being printed on paper supplied by the Living Tree Paper Company in Eugene. The company specializes in supplying high-quality printing and writing papers made from nonwood fibers such as flax straw and post-consumer waste. Although we have always used recycled and recyclable paper, we believe you'll appreciate our commitment to this sustainable product. Even small changes add up.



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