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It's easy to be green no matter what holiday it is.

Here are some tips you can use all year long!

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WASTE REDUCTION

- Eliminate using disposable plates, cups, napkins and silverware. If you do buy disposable products, look for ones with recycled content.
- Send holiday e-cards instead of paper greeting cards, or make sure the ones you buy have recycled content and are recyclable (keep it simple—don’t buy cards with all the bells and whistles).
- Cook and serve holiday meals in pans/dishes that are reusable.
- Buy food items from the grocery store’s bulk section when hosting holiday parties. Don’t forget your reusable bags!
- Instead of buying new items for one-time-use, consider borrowing or renting.
- Shop at thrift stores for unique gift items and holiday decorations.
- Buy gifts that will not end up in the landfill. Avoid single-use or disposable gifts.
- Compost your food scraps in your home compost system.
- Wrap gifts in reusable bags or use old maps, posters, sheet music, fabric scraps or paper bags in place of purchasing wrapping paper.
- When shipping, reuse packaging materials.

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ENERGY CONSERVATION

- Make sure to turn off or unplug holiday lights when they are not in use. Add a timer to automatically adjust lights throughout the day.
- Be sure holiday decorations are not placed on or obstructing air vents.
- Use LED holiday lights. They use over 70 percent less energy and have longer lifespans than traditional holiday bulbs.
- If buying electronic gifts, purchase products that are energy star certified, or have equivalent low energy use.
- When baking for a large meal, plan baking times to avoid continuously reheating the oven.
- While cooking big meals, think ahead and keep the thermostat lower than usual. The heat from cooking will heat your house!
- Portion hot, leftover food into small, shallow containers before placing them into the refrigerator. This will help it cool faster, using less energy.
- Organize and clean your refrigerator. A neat, full refrigerator will run more efficiently than one that is packed with food.
- Shop locally to reduce the amount of energy used in shipping products, especially for food that requires refrigeration during transport.
Throw Less Away on Turkey Day

Thanksgiving is about family, giving thanks, and perhaps most of all...food! But when you're sitting around the table this Turkey Day, it's important to keep in mind what will happen to your feast after the celebration has ended. Did you know? In the United States, 46% of the food we produce is wasted. That's a staggering number, especially on...

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Green Business Spotlight: New Seasons Market

Did you know that Vancouver, WA has the world's first Certified B Corporation grocery store? New Seasons Market, a west-coast based grocery chain from Portland, OR gained B Corporation Certification in 2013. B Corps is an international certification for businesses that meet thorough standards of social and environmental performance, transparency a...

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Resilient Recycler: What "Wood" You Do?

It might seem intuitive that wood should be included with your mixed recyclables along with paper and cardboard because – well – they all derive from trees. However, putting wood in BigBelly with your mixed recycling harms the entire recycling system and here is why: the raw materials we include in our recycling carts have been manufactured...

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Got Meds? Take Them Back!

It's time again for Clark County's bi-annual medication take-back event! On Saturday, October 27, take your unused and unwanted medications (including prescriptions, over-the-counter medications, pets, liquids and infusions) to any of our collection locations, and have them properly disposed of for free. Doing so does more than keep your medicine c...

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Hello Jill Krulak! We’re moving from canned pumpkins to pumpkin pie! What’s going on all around Clark County in November? Sign up for the 2019 NCOS training, plant a tree or learn to sew! There are still lots of events and many ways to get involved! And don’t forget you can still get your FREE leaf disposal coupon!

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**GREEN NEWS**

**Become a Master Composter Recycler**
The Master Composter Recycler program is now accepting applications for a no-cost 10-week training program that begins in January. Master Composter Recyclers educate the community about easy ways to reduce waste and recycle right. Program volunteers host backyard composting workshops, share their knowledge at community events, and operate composting demonstration sites.

Those who are interested in becoming a Master Composter Recycler can register for the 10-week training program. Classes will be held 6-8:30 pm every Wednesday, Jan 23 through March 27.

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**FEATURED EVENT**

**Author Talk: Arctic Solitaire**
Saturday, 10 November 2018 02:00pm - 04:00pm
Join us as we welcome award-winning nature photographer Paul Souders to Vintage Books in support of his new memoir from Mountainaire Books, “Arctic Solitaire: A Boat, A Bay, and the Quest for the Perfect Bear.” Paul gives a highly entertaining presentation loaded with stunning images of the Arctic. He will answer questions and sign books afterward. This event is free and open to the public. www.arcticsolitaire.com
OUTREACH

Waste no food

Much of the 28 billion pounds of edible food thrown away each year is wasted during the holiday season.

Food
1. buy it with thought
2. serve just enough
3. use what is left
4. compost food scraps

don’t waste it

Recycle Right

NO BAGS! NO GLASS! GLASS GOES HERE!
THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING!
TREES DISPOSAL

Each Year
Trees purchased:
50 million

Sent to landfill:
30 million
How to Recycle Your Christmas Tree

Drop-Off Locations
- Central Transfer Recycling, 111034 NE 117th Ave.
- City Bark, 12419 NE Andersen Rd.
- H&H Wood Recyclers, 18401 NE 117th Ave.
- McFarlane's Bark, 38806 NE 117th Ave.
- Triangle Resources, 5612 SE Union St., Camas
- West Van Materials Ctr., 16601 NW Old Lower River Rd.

Fees may apply.

Yard Debris Customers:
- Small trees in yard debris cart (free)
- Single tree in sections of 5 ft or less next to an empty yard debris cart (free)
- Single tree in sections of 5 ft or less next to a full yard debris cart (extra fee)

Non-Yard Debris Customers:
- Single tree in sections of 5 ft or less next to garbage cart for an extra fee (trees will be sent to landfill)
- Recycle trees for $5 or less at one of the tree drop-off locations.

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Recycling Questions?

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