‘RCC Recycles’ helps organize plastics roundup

Start now collecting discarded plastics for the first Josephine County Plastic Round-up, scheduled in September at two locations in Grants Pass.

The free event is an opportunity for Josephine County residents to recycle many plastics that are normally non-recyclable, according to Britta Beckstead, RCC Recycles and Master Recycler program coordinator.

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 25, soft, hard and nursery plastics can be taken to the Southern Oregon Sanitation depot, 1381 Redwood Ave., or to SPARC Enterprises recycling center, 1900 NW Washington Blvd. There is no charge per carload.

Acceptable plastics include dry cleaning bags, grocery bags, bubble wrap, freezer bags, Ziplock bags, Mylar bags, cereal liners, six-pack rings, potato chip bags, tarps (with grommets removed), greenhouse film, fertilizer and seed bags, drip tape, visquene, woven landscape fabric, hairnets, polypropylene, elastic, and election signs (no stakes).

Acceptable hard plastic include all plastics with numbers, baling twine, plastic strapping (no metal), buckets, clam shells and to-go containers, bottle caps and drink lids, DVDs, CDs and their cases (separate), VHS and 8-track cassettes (bag separately), straws, lawn and patio furniture, toys, pet igloos, laundry baskets, synthetic wine corks, drip irrigation components (no PVC), and election signs. Nursery plastics accepted are potting trays and flats as well as nursery pots of all sizes. All material will be handled by SPARC Enterprises.

Do not bring dirty plastic, Styrofoam (blocks, peanuts, trays, or egg cartons), compostable plastic, PVC pipe, vinyl, above ground swimming pools/liners, food-contaminated plastic, foam or rubber, small toys with metal in them, plastic with metal or electronics, spray bottle nozzles and lotion pumps with metal springs, or containers with any chemical residue.

The event is sponsored by the Josephine County Master Recyclers program at Rogue Community College, SPARC Enterprises, and the Solid Waste Agency (the City of Grants Pass, the City of Cave Junction, and Josephine County). It has the support of Southern Oregon Sanitation and Allied Waste Services.

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