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Plastic roundup planned

The second annual Josephine County Plastic Round-up is set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 14 in Grants Pass.

The roundup is an opportunity to recycle many normally non-recyclable plastics. Josephine County residents may bring soft, hard, and nursery plastics to two locations in Grants Pass: the Southern Oregon Sanitation depot, 1381 Redwood Ave., and SPARC Enterprises, 1990 Washington Blvd. There is a $5 fee per car.

Soft plastics accepted are dry cleaning bags, grocery bags, bubble wrap, freezer bags, Ziplock 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, election signs (no stakes).

Hard plastic accepted include all plastics with numbers, 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, PVC, and election signs.

Nursery plastics accepted are potting trays and flats, as well as nursery pots of all sizes. Please do not bring dirty plastic, Mylar, baling twine, Styrofoam (blocks, peanuts, trays, or egg cartons), compostable plastic, 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.

All material will be handled by SPARC Enterprises. The event is sponsored by the Josephine County Master Recyclers and RCC, SPARC Enterprises, the Solid Waste Agency (the City of Grants Pass, the City of Cave Junction, and Josephine County governments), Southern Oregon Sanitation, and Allied Waste Services.

For more information contact Katrina Kober, RCC recycling coordinator, at 541-956-7185 or kkobor@roguecc.edu.

Or visit http://learn.roguecc.edu/recycle/newsandevents.htm.

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