

ReUse Center Offers Option to Disposal

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The Lewis County Central Transfer Station now offers another option to disposal: The Lewis County ReUse Center.

The ReUse Center is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the transfer station's Recycling Area. Customers may drop off re-usable building materials and other household items in good condition that others may take for free. An attendant must approve of materials being dropped off, and may refuse materials deemed unsuitable for the program. No electronic equipment or clothing can be accepted as part of the program.

"The ReUse Center is one of a number of alternatives to just throwing good, reusable items in the garbage," explained Melanie Case, recycling program coordinator for the Lewis County Department of Public Works Solid Waste Utility, which operates the transfer stations.

"We encourage customers to consider all options before they come to the transfer station to throw things away. We'd like them to take their good re-usable materials to one of the other businesses in Lewis County for re-use before coming here. But, the Re-Use Center will offer that alternative for people who don't have time to make several stops."

In the Centralia-Chehalis area, people can drop off good re-usable materials to Visiting Nurses, Goodwill and Growing Places Second Harvest Thrift Shop. Re-usable building materials can be diverted to the Northwest Tub Company, which targets pre-1975 materials, and New Life Home Supply, which is looking for a variety of newer building materials, such as cabinets, doors, hardware, tile, tools, window blinds, unbroken bricks, sinks and vanities.

In addition to the local re-use businesses, Case offered other suggestions for re-use, such as garage sales, classified ads in the newspaper and listing items on re-use websites such as 2good2toss.com and Craiglist.org or local radio re-use services, such as KELA's Best Buys program, which runs weekdays around 12:35 p.m.

The ReUse Center is a pilot project that will run through the end of June. At that time, staff will review participation levels to see if the ReUse Center was well-used and determine if Lewis County Solid Waste will be able to offer this service permanently.

For any questions or more information the ReUse Center or re-use options in Lewis County, please call 740-1452 or 1-800-749-5980.