

Don't Throw Away—Re-use!

Keep in mind the old adage, “one’s man’s trash is another man’s treasure,” when doing your spring cleaning this year! Before throwing something re-usable away, consider donating it to one of the following businesses:

- New Life Home Supply, 203 W. Reynolds Ave., Centralia, accepts tax-deductible donations of newer building materials in good condition and household items.
- Northwest Tub Company, 113 N. Tower, Centralia, accepts older materials from 1975 and earlier, such as tubs, sinks, and single-pane windows.
- Visiting Nurses Thrift Shops in Centralia and Chehalis; Centralia Goodwill Store and Growing Places Second Harvest Thrift Shop, both in Centralia; and the OverAbundance Shoppe in Chehalis, all accept gently used household items and clothing in good condition.
- The Visiting Nurses Thrift Shops and Goodwill Stores also accept computer monitors, CPUs and televisions for free under a state recycling program.

If you are in a hurry or unable to connect with one of the above businesses, Lewis County Solid Waste is now offering a Re-Use Center until the end of June in the Recycling Area at the Central Transfer Station in Centralia. The Re-Use Center is a pilot project in which re-usable building supplies and gently used household items, which must pass inspection by the Re-Use Coordinator, may be dropped off 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Items dropped off are displayed in the Re-Use Center and offered to others for free.

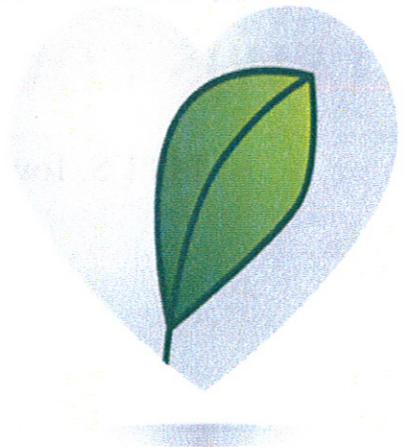
Electronic equipment and clothing are not accepted.

The East Lewis County Transfer Station in Morton is also offering a re-use program on a smaller scale.

Garage sales, classified ads in local newspapers, 2good2toss.com, Craigslist.org, or Lewis County KELA’s Best Buys (broadcast 12:35 p.m., Monday-Friday) are other options for re-usable items. Contact our recycling specialist on 360-740-1452 if you know of any other secondhand stores or other re-use options

Free Composting Classes Available April—September

WSU Lewis County Master Recycler Composter (MRC) volunteers are again sharing their knowledge about home composting the first Saturday of the month, April-September. The free sessions begin at 10 a.m. at the MRC compost demonstration site at the Central Transfer Station, 1411 S. Tower Avenue, Centralia, on the following Saturdays: **April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, and September 7.** No pre-registration is required and sessions will last as long as needed.



Check out our web page:

www.lewiscountywa.gov/publicworks/publicworks-solid-waste-services

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Special Recycling Events Coming Soon

Lewis County Solid Waste will offer free disposal of hazardous materials this spring to residential and small business customers at four spring collection events. Up to 25 passenger or light truck tires with or without rims will also be accepted at no charge **from residential customers only** at these spring events.

The spring collection events are all taking place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on these days and locations:

- Saturday, April 27, at the Packwood Senior Center, 12931 US Hwy. 12, Packwood
- Saturday, May 25, at the East Lewis County Transfer Station, 6745 US Hwy. 12, Morton
- Saturday, June 22, at Pe Ell Town Hall, 111 S. Main St., Pe Ell

- Saturday, June 29, behind Toledo City Hall, 130 N. 2nd St., Toledo
Free tire collection will be on a first come-first served basis because the number of tires accepted will be limited. Once our truck is full, customers will be turned away. **No semi-truck or heavy equipment tires will be accepted and no tires from businesses. Customers with tires must be residents of Lewis County to participate in the program. Identification will be checked.** Customers must also be prepared to unload their own tires, Melanie Case, Lewis County Recycling Coordinator notes. Anyone with questions about the free tire collection offers may call 360-740-1452, or 1-800-749-5980.

The hazardous waste mobile

collection team will collect the following items at the special events: used anti-freeze; unused latex and oil-based paint and thinners; toxic yard chemicals, i.e., pesticides, herbicides, mildewcides, fungicides, wood preservatives; household cleaners, i.e., bleach, bathroom, drain, window, carpet, and floor cleaners; pool chemicals, i.e., muriatic acid and chlorine tablets; and fertilizers, i.e., Weed n' Feed, Moss Out, Turf Builder, and Miracle Grow. Anyone with questions about the free hazardous materials collection offers, please call 360-740-1221 or 1-800-749-5980.



Earth Day Specials Offer Styrofoam Recycling & More

Lewis County Solid Waste will once again celebrate Earth Day in April by offering the following events:

- **Free Earth Day Carnival**—Children will learn how to make fun items out of recycled materials on Saturday, April 20, 10:30 to noon, at the Chehalis Timberland Library.
- **Free Styrofoam, computer, and TV Recycling**—This event will take place Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m.-noon, at the Central Transfer Station, 1411 S. Tower Avenue, Centralia. Block Styrofoam and clean, rinsed Styrofoam food containers will be accepted, but please separate before bringing in. **Styrofoam peanuts will not be accepted. We suggest that Styrofoam peanuts be shared with local mailing businesses.**
- **Earth Day activities offered at the Central Transfer Station on Saturday, April 27, are:**
 - An open house at the compost demonstration site will be from 9 a.m. to noon, with WSU Lewis County Master Recycler Composter volunteers on hand to talk about composting and to show off their demonstration site. Tours of the transfer station's recycling center will be available at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.
 - Free sensitive document shredding will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Customers may bring up to three grocery bags or boxes of sensitive materials to be shredded and recycled.

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