



Lewis County Solid Waste News

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Free Recycling Events Offered

Earth Day 2016 is almost upon us! Earth Day, first recognized in 1970, is a day to focus on preserving our natural resources. The Lewis County Solid Waste Utility has free recycling options to help your earth-saving efforts.

- **Sensitive Document Shredding:** Free shredding of up to three grocery bags of documents from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 17, Home & Garden Show, NW Sports Hub, 701 Allen Ave., Centralia.
- **Styrofoam Recycling:** Free Styrofoam recycling at the **Celebrate Earth Day** event at **Centralia College, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Friday, April 22; and again Saturday, April 23, 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., at the Central Transfer Station, 1411 S. Tower Ave., Centralia.** Before dropping off Styrofoam at either event, look for the #6 Recycling Symbol or EPS inside the symbol on your Styrofoam. The following Styrofoam, which must be free of all tape and labels, will be accepted: clean and dry Styrofoam sheets, shipping coolers and take-out containers. Please no peanuts – re-use opportunities for Styrofoam peanuts may be found at local shipping businesses.
- **Tire Recycling:** Two free tire recycling opportunities are being offered by the Utility, Lewis Co. Code Enforcement and the Dept. of Ecology for residents. April 21, 22 & 23, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the old Mossyrock Solid Waste Drop Box, 515 Larsen Rd., Mossyrock; and May 12, 13 & 14, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the parking lot at the south end of the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds, 2555 N. National Ave., Chehalis. Passenger & light truck tires on or off the rim accepted for free. Please note that we are unable to accept tires from business customers or semi-truck and heavy equipment tires.

For more information about the above events, call 360-740-1452 or 1-800-749-5980.

Fun and informational activities planned for Celebrate Earth Day: The public is invited to Earth Day activities at Centralia College's Walton Science Center lobby and outside on the Esplanade. Event sponsors are Centralia College, Lewis County Solid Waste, Fox Theatre and LeMay Enterprises. Some of the activities are: "Just Eat It," a documentary on food waste; singing by Recycleman; kids' activities, such as Fin, The Giant Salmon; a display of T-shirts; a 10,000-pound of used clothes to illustrate how much ends up in the landfill; and car battery recycling. You may also get an Earth Day Tote in exchange for ten plastic bags.



Central Transfer Station
1411 S. Tower Avenue
Centralia WA
360-740-1481
Hours: Monday-Saturday,
7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Hazo Hut
Located at Central
Transfer Station
Hours: Every Wednesday,
9 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and first
and third Saturdays each
month, 9 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

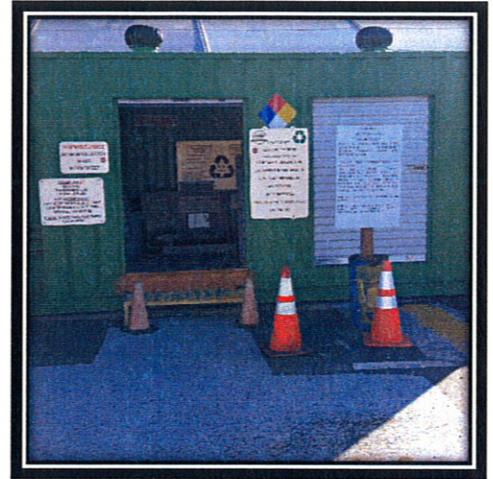
East Lewis County
Transfer Station
6745 U.S. Hwy 12
Morton WA
360-496-5095
Hours: Monday-Saturday,
8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

New Waste Oil Collection Prevents Contamination

A new system to prevent contamination of waste oil collected at the Central Transfer Station, Centralia; the East Lewis County Transfer Station, Morton; the Lewis County Fire District No. 1 station, 244 Carlisle St., Onalaska; and 1100 Second St., Pe Ell, is now in use.

The new system, which aids in preventing polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) or other solvents from entering the oil, uses two 280-gallon, double-walled oil tanks. The tanks are housed in 20-foot retrofitted shipping containers for additional security. Only one tank is available for public use while a full tank is locked to make it possible for a sample to be collected and tested. If test results show no contaminants, the oil is pumped by the waste oil recycler. If the test results are positive for contaminants, the oil is handled and disposed of as hazardous waste; and the tank is cleaned and decontaminated before used again.

Solid Waste Utility employees developed the new system to comply with Washington State House Bill 6501 enacted in 2014 requiring local governments to have best management practices to prevent and manage PCBs and other solvent contamination in waste oil collection. For more information, call 360-740-1221.



New waste oil container at Central Transfer Station

Free Residential Debris Disposal Vouchers Coming

Getting your spring cleaning done will become easier when Lewis County begins offering free residential debris disposal vouchers beginning May 2. This program is for Lewis County households and allows one voucher for free disposal of up to 1,000 pounds of refuse in one trip. The offer will last through the end of the October 1st business day. A voucher is good for 30 days from the date issued, so we advise residents to get a voucher only when they're ready to use it. A voucher issued in September will expire at the end of the October 1st business day. **This offer is not available to businesses. Owners of multiple properties may get one voucher only.**

Owners of a single-unit residence or a mobile home in Lewis County may print a voucher by going to this Internet site: www.voucher.lewiscountywa.gov or from a link found on the home page of the Lewis County website: www.lewiscountywa.gov. Property owners may also fill out paper applications that will be available at either the Solid Waste office or Central Transfer Station, located at 1411 S. Tower Ave., Centralia; or the East Lewis County Transfer Station, Morton. Applications will be processed in the Solid Waste office. Renters may get a voucher by completing a paper application and providing a copy of a recent utility or curbside garbage bill to prove residency.

The following items cannot be disposed of with a free residential debris disposal voucher: tires, major appliances, televisions, computers, computer monitors or household hazardous waste (such as fluorescent light bulbs or any mercury-containing light; paint, except dried, latex paint; garden chemicals and automotive fluids.)