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RECYCLING ADVOCATES



WHO ARE WE?

WE are a grassroots organization formed in 1987. We are dedicated to creating a sustainable future through local efforts to reduce, reuse and recycle. Recycling Advocates (RA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serving Oregon and SouthWest Washington.

WHAT DO WE DO?

WE advocate for environmentally sound policies by providing input to city, county, regional and state advisory committees, elected officials and their staff.

WE serve as a community resource for recycling and waste prevention issues. **WE** answer questions from members, students, reporters, and the general public.

WE teach Master Recycler classes, training volunteers for community education and outreach.

WE speak at community events, schools and businesses about the three "R's", alternatives to toxic household cleaners, recycling at events, product stewardship and more.

WE sponsor speakers at local and regional educational conferences.

WE assist national campaigns, such as one led by the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Coalition, aimed at increasing local recycling efforts.

WHAT HAVE WE ACCOMPLISHED?

WE helped to pass the updated Oregon Bottle Bill, expanding coverage to include water bottles and created a task force to recommend further changes (2007).

WE spearheaded passage of Oregon's E-Waste Recycling Bill, establishing manufacturer responsibility for the end-of-life handling of E-Waste.

WE co-founded the Master Recycler Program and continue to support it. RA offers all Master Recyclers a one-year free membership.

WE published "Recycling at Events: A Guide to Preventing Waste at Any Event," and worked with planners of events to implement waste prevention methods.

WE promoted "Ten Ways to Stop Junk Mail." **WE** worked with a Portland faith community to involve participants in an effort to reduce their unwanted mail.

WE helped influence the City of Portland and Metro's policy on key recycling issues, including:

- **WE** helped maintain the quality of curbside collectibles during the Metro region's transition to commingling.
- **WE** helped achieve weekly curbside recycling service with containers in the Metro region.
- **WE** helped persuade the City of Portland to set recycling rate goals, and begin yard debris and scrap paper collection.
- **WE** helped eliminate polystyrene foam food containers in Portland restaurants.

WHAT DO WE OFFER YOU?

WE host forums to discuss current environmental issues and opportunities to influence policy.

WE publish a monthly newsletter with articles about current recycling and sustainability issues; legislative reports; and reduce, reuse and recycle tips.

WE teach people about waste prevention and recycling at community events, schools and businesses.

WE e-mail Action Alerts to our members, informing them of upcoming policy votes in the Oregon legislative session.

WE offer members the best ways for involvement to help influence legislation or local resolutions.

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