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Fall 2015 News from Zero Waste Washington



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Giving old car seats a new life

Two years ago, Zero Waste Washington and CoolMom teamed up to make children's car seat recycling a reality in King County. The first – and biggest – hurdle was finding a recycler who would dismantle the car seats and separate the metal and plastics for market. Car seats are designed to withstand a collision, and this means that they are tough and labor intensive to take apart. The costs to process the seats can quickly outpace the value of the recovered materials.

We reached out to a number of potential businesses and Total Reclaim, a local recycler in south Seattle that focuses on electronics and fluorescent light recycling, responded. [continue reading](#) →

A place in Tacoma to borrow tools, learn skills, and build community!

By Sharayah Kinney,
Tacoma Tool Library
steering committee member

Have you ever wanted to build or fix something but didn't have the tools? Have you ever wanted to learn how to use tools? Do you have a skill that you would like to share? Tacoma Tool Library will be a place where local residents can borrow a wide variety of tools from chop saws to extension ladders and electric lawn mowers to help get their project done. The library will also offer workshops to teach residents DIY skills from sewing to woodworking or basic home repair projects. The goal of Tacoma Tool Library is to empower the Tacoma community by providing access to tools and workshops at little to no cost, with the hope of creating a place where people can become a part of a like-minded community.

Zero Waste Washington's efforts sparked this sharing project. [continue reading](#) →

Keeping mercury-containing lights out of the trash



In January, LightRecycle Washington launched its recycling program for lights that contain highly toxic mercury. This manufacturer-provided program has established 314 drop-off locations so it's convenient for residents throughout the state to recycle compact fluorescent lights (CFLs), fluorescent tubes and HIDs. To find a collection site near you, go to <http://www.lightrecycle.org/>.

Zero Waste Washington worked tenaciously with

our partners to pass state policy requiring a manufacturer-provided program for these toxic products. In its first 9 months of operation, LightRecycle Washington has collected over 703,000 lights for recycling. [continue reading](#) →

Paint recycling - let's make it happen this time!

Washington's 2016 legislative session is right around the corner. For the fifth year in a row, Zero Waste Washington will support legislation requiring manufacturers to set up a responsible and safe paint take-back program throughout the state. We need a convenient way to recycle leftover latex paint and to properly dispose of toxic oil-based paint!

Eight states including our neighbors to the south, Oregon and California, already have similar programs in place and it's time for Washington to join them.

Please make your voice heard! Call the legislative hotline at 1.800.562.6000 (8:00 am to Noon and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm) and ask your legislators to support the paint stewardship bill (House Bill 1571 and Senate Bill 5926). [continue reading](#) →

All Aboard!

Written by Rebecca Kinnestrand, new board member

It's been a very busy year for the Zero Waste Washington board. Last autumn, our small but tenacious board set out to recruit new board members and received an overwhelming response of talent. The board grew by seven new members in the matter of a few months. From business women and entrepreneurs to solid waste professionals and even a lawyer (who doesn't need one of those?), the board gained invaluable professional excellence for tackling pivotal strategic and tactical decisions in 2015. Here is a brief introduction to Zero Waste Washington's incredible new talent. [continue reading](#) →

Zero Waste Washington is leading the way in many discussions on reduction, and appropriate policy that speaks to the true definition of zero waste.

-Hannah Johnson, new board member

Holiday brunch and annual meeting

Saturday, Dec 12th in Tacoma

Please join us for good conversation and good food on December 12 from 11 am until 1 pm. We'd love to meet you! We're doing something a little different this year and hosting a Saturday brunch at the soon-to-open Tacoma Tool Library at 1314 MLK Jr Way, Tacoma, WA 98504. We'll share what our intrepid staff at Zero Waste Washington have been up to this year, including our collaborative work on the Tacoma Tool Library. We hope to see you there!

Board elections

It's time for Board elections. Zero Waste Washington members can vote for board members at the annual meeting or by going online at www.zerowastewashington.org. If you want to vote by mail, give us a call at 206/441-1790 and we'll send you a ballot. All ballots must be received by December 12. Nominees are Anisha Shankar, Marie Novak, and Rebecca Kinnestrand. [vote here](#) →

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