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Fall 2016 News from Zero Waste Washington

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NEWSLETTER FALL 2016

NOTE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friend,

I am thrilled to be writing to you for the first time as Executive Director of Zero Waste Washington. Along with outgoing Program Director Suellen Mele, you built an incredible legacy of producer responsibility and waste mitigation in our state. By accepting this position, I accepted the challenge to live up to your high standards and our shared vision for a zero waste future. With your continued support, we will make Washington the premier state in the country for zero waste innovation... [continue reading](#) →

OPTIMIZING COMMINGLED CURBSIDE RECYCLING

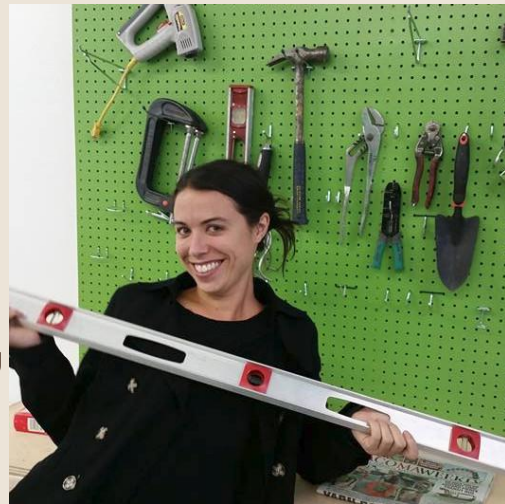
Have you ever wondered about mixing your residential recyclables together at the curb? A few years ago, Department of Ecology convened a workgroup to look at how commingled residential collection systems for recyclables were working in seven counties in northwest Washington. Zero Waste Washington was at the table and now Ecology has published a

report, Optimizing the Commingled Residential Curbside Recycling Systems in Northwest Washington, with some interesting findings... [continue reading](#) →

BUILDING A SHARING COMMUNITY

You are at the store and see a large canning pot or a canopy. In your mind, you debate buying it. Will you really use it enough times to justify the purchase? Do you have room to store it?

At Zero Waste Washington, we are building on recent successes of tool libraries around the region, including the new Tacoma Tool Library we helped incubate last year, and now we are piloting a new idea: community sharing networks... [continue reading](#) →



TAKE BACK YOUR MEDS

For over 10 years Zero Waste Washington has been a leader in the effort to make it easy and free for people to take their unused and expired medicines back to the pharmacy or police station for safe disposal. This year, along with many partners and leadership from local public health boards, we have been working to help create local ordinances that require pharmaceutical manufacturers to provide and pay for takeback programs.

In 2013, Public Health-Seattle & King County passed the first ordinance in Washington, and the second in the country after Alameda County in California. And now, the King County medicine take-back program will launch in January 2017. Snohomish County's program will launch later in 2017 and hopefully, Kitsap and Pierce will follow soon after. [continue reading](#) →



SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL MEETING/HOLIDAY PARTY DEC 2

Zero Waste Washington members are heartily invited to our annual meeting and holiday party on Friday, December 2, 2016, 6-8:30 pm. This year, the location is the home of new Executive Director Heather Trim (Queen Anne neighborhood of Seattle) and will feature fun “waste” themed games. Please come and enjoy good food, meeting other members of our community, and a super brief program. Address and details will arrive in your mailboxes soon or please email Heather at heather@zerowastewashington.org for more information.

HELP SUSTAIN THE VISION!

Your generous support is paving the way for a zero waste future in Washington. Please consider intensifying your impact by [donating today](#). Thank you!

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Zero Waste Washington is the public’s voice for zero waste. Our members are at the heart of all we do. Your tax-deductible contribution directly supports our tenacious, effective advocacy both for big-picture change and on the ground in our community. **Thank you!**

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