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Give your child's old car seat a new life

Have an outgrown car seat you'd like to pass along to a family in need? Looking for a place to recycle your expired or damaged car seat? Bring your unwanted children's car seats to the Sustainable Ballard Festival on Sunday, September 28 (11-6) and we'll make sure they are either safely reused or recycled. A \$5 voluntary donation is requested to offset the cost of recycling.

This year, reuse and recycling is a dominant theme at the Sustainable Ballard Festival, with car seat recycling, trash fashion, a kid's bike and pet parade, a local coffee cup campaign and more. Car seats will be collected in the AmericanWest Bank parking lot near Joann Fabrics.

What: Car Seat Recycling at Sustainable Ballard Festival

When: Sunday, Sept. 28, 11 am – 6 pm

Where: AmericanWest Bank (formerly Viking Bank)
2237 N.W. 57th Street (between 22nd Ave NW & 24th Ave NW)
Seattle, WA 98107

To enter: If driving, please enter from 56th Street
If walking, please enter from 57th Street

Donation: A \$5 donation per seat is requested
(Up to 10 seats per person maximum; call 206-441-1790 if you have larger quantities)

Zero Waste Washington and CoolMom are partnering on this one-day event with WestSide Baby and Total Reclaim. Car seats that have not expired and have not been in an accident will go to WestSide Baby. Those that are safe to reuse will be provided to agencies for delivery to low income families who need them.

Car seats that can't be reused will be sent to Total Reclaim for disassembly and recycling. Each car seat contains about 15 pounds of rigid plastic and metal that can be made into something new. That means fewer valuable materials in the landfill and fewer greenhouse gases!

Zero Waste Washington and CoolMom are delighted to work with our partners to make this event possible. However, ongoing drop-off opportunities and sustainable financing will be needed to make car seat recycling viable for the long-term. We're continuing to work toward that goal and toward having a pilot car seat recycling program available in Seattle and King County by mid-2015. Look for the launch of our new website about car seat reuse and recycling soon.

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Join us on Wednesday for a Board Happy Hour

Interested in gaining valuable leadership experience? How about partnering with a fun and vibrant group of people committed to a zero waste future? Come on down to Zero Waste Washington's Board Happy Hour this Wednesday, September 10 from 5:30-7 pm at Impact Hub in Pioneer Square to learn more about serving on our Board of Directors. Mingle with our current board and staff and enjoy drinks and snacks while learning more about our organization and board service! This is an informal event, please arrive whenever you can make it. There will be a brief presentation at 6.

Contact Board Chair Nanda Guajardo with questions or if you can't make the event but want to learn more about joining the board. Hope to see you there!



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Volunteers needed for our sharing project in south King County

What can prevent waste, save money, AND help build connections with our neighbors? Community sharing projects!

We are all very familiar with book lending libraries (aka public libraries). What if we had libraries that loaned things besides books? What if we had lending libraries that share things like tools, kid's toys, outdoor gear, durable party supplies, or sporting goods? We could all have more access to things without everyone buying them individually. And with less stuff bought, that's less stuff that will ultimately end up in the landfill. Waste prevention meets community connection!

This concept of community sharing has inspired Zero Waste Washington to work on a neighborhood sharing project in south King County. We have two main goals with this project: 1) connect with people in south King County to support their leadership on zero waste and 2) create a lending library of things that people want to be able to borrow! We are out there talking to people in neighborhoods in south King County about this project and about zero waste.

We need a community effort for this community project! **Do you want to get involved in the community sharing project? Join us October 11th from noon to 4 pm for volunteer outreach days.** If you want to help out, RSVP to eva@zerowastewashington.org or (206) 441-1790.

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Thank you for giving BIG!

GiveBIG was in May and we came to you with an exciting proposition--make a donation to Zero Waste Washington and have your gift doubled through a wonderfully generous match by a longtime supporter, Linda Park. And did you ever rise to the challenge! Your incredible support keeps the people's voice for zero waste heard loud and clear. **We are honored by all of your generosity, and we welcome our newest members with open arms. Thank you!**

We'd like to extend our gratitude once again to Linda for providing such generous matching funds. Thank you, Linda!

Make your voice heard

"We can transition to a society where waste is viewed as inefficient, and where most wastes and toxic substances have been eliminated. This will contribute to economic, social and environmental vitality."

--Vision for Beyond Waste, from the 1st Draft 2014 Washington State Solid & Hazardous Waste Plan (Beyond Waste) Update.

Do you have ideas about how to get to zero waste? Now's your chance to let Department of Ecology know what should be included in the 2014 update of the State's Solid and Hazardous Waste Plans. Ecology is accepting comments on the draft plan update until Sept. 17 at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/wasteplan/input.html>.

The Department of Ecology is required to develop and regularly update a Solid and Hazardous Waste Plan to guide the future management of waste and materials in the state. The 2014 draft plan update contains 52 goals and 165 accompanying actions that cover managing hazardous and solid waste and materials; reducing impacts of materials and products; measuring progress; and providing outreach and information.

Zero Waste Washington staff is busy reading, reviewing and preparing comments on the plan update. We provided initial comments during the first round of input and will continue to do so throughout this process. We take our mission to be "the public's voice for zero waste" seriously! Please check back to this page for a summary of our comments.

Your voice is important! We encourage you to weigh in on this plan update that will guide the pathway forward to zero waste over the next five years. Ecology intends to offer one additional round of input before the plan update is complete.

Reuse--even better than recycling!

Are you an educator or artist who could use fabric or carpet samples in your classroom or work? Since 2006, an innovative upcycling program has brought together the architecture and design communities with artists, crafters, arts educators, and families nationwide to divert over half a million pounds of reusable building and interiors material samples from landfills while providing local artists and designers with unique supplies.

Join in the fun on Saturday, October 4 from 9am to 6pm at Miller Community Center Gym in Capitol Hill, presented by International Interior Design Association Seattle City Center. Last year's Seattle event found new uses for 22,000 pounds of materials! You'll find high-quality unused carpet, fabric, tile, stone, glass, rubber, and more for your art and design projects. This is a free, family-friendly event and everyone is welcome. Don't forget to bring a bag or box for all your new supplies!

Zero Waste Washington became aware of this event through our work to increase carpet recycling throughout Washington. Over the past year, we've partnered with others to host a webinar sharing developments in carpet recycling, conduct an on-line survey, and interview key people involved with carpet recycling in Washington. This upcycling event helps find reuse options for unwanted carpet samples as well as other products. And reuse is even better than recycling!

Architects, builders, and designers can drop off materials on October 3 from 11am to 6pm. For questions about donating materials, email juliet.schwalbach@milliken.com or call 206-310-2410.



Nanda Guajardo is our new Board Chair

Stepping up to become Chair of the Zero Waste Washington Board of Directors is a big move, but for Nanda Guajardo, “it felt like the right time, both professionally and personally.” Nanda has been on the board since 2010 and in recent years she’s held the position of Secretary. She was elected as Chair in April. “I am honored to step into the role of Chair. I have a lot to learn but I am excited by the challenge, especially in such a supportive organization.”

Through Nanda’s leadership she aims to ensure the organization is being strategic with its projects in order to maintain an intentional path through the broad zero waste field. Nanda is excited to assume the role of Chair at a time when Zero Waste Washington is working at “the confluence of community-based work and legislative work, and to continue to move the organization in meaningful directions.” With the kick off of the Community-Powered Sharing Project, the organization has been able to complement its legislative work, which helps to create large-scale change at the state level, by catalyzing change at the neighborhood level through individual and community empowerment. Nanda thinks that we need this “both/and” approach to create sustainable change as the people’s voice for zero waste in Washington.

As a member of Zero Waste Washington, Nanda has been challenged as a consumer and a mom to rethink her relationship with “stuff.” “Living in an urban area, we are prompted with so many products and choices all the time. Being more mindful of these choices and the impact they have is something I’ve taken away from being a member of this organization.” Nanda’s commitment to “strive for zero waste” extends to her husband and young kids as well; at six and three years old respectively, Mathilde and Benny take it upon themselves to recycle and compost on a daily basis, and her family’s Fourth of July party was 97% waste free!



In her time as Chair Nanda hopes to help grow both the organization and the board. “Zero Waste Washington has always been recognized as a small organization with a big heart and big momentum for getting things done. Just imagine the impact we could have with more people in the organization, in its member base, and on its board of directors. We’re getting a lot done with a small group but we could do even more with more people, and there’s still a lot of work to do.” Welcome, Nanda!



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!