

# Trash Talk

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*Time to*  
**REVIEW**  
**Mixed Compostables**



*Newport is diverting millions of pounds from the Landfill, but we need YOUR help to reduce contaminants (items that don't belong). Please take a few minutes to review what goes in the cart*

**WOW** - can you believe it's been two years since the Mixed Compostables service was implemented in Newport?!

Our customers have surpassed expectations and the amount of Mixed Compostables material we're diverting from the Landfill is astounding (in the millions of pounds!). Here's a high-five from us to you 🙌

The bummer part is we've seen an increasing number of contaminants in the material we've been collecting curbside. We need your help, our customers, to keep contaminants down so the composting facility can produce high-quality compost, which in turn sells to hardworking farmers and keeps collection rates down. The higher quality compost, the lower rate we pass onto you. Please take a few moments to review what goes and doesn't go in your cart - just remember...

*If it grows - its goes!*

## ALL FOOD

fruits, vegetables, meat, poultry, seafood, bones, grains, beans, pasta, bread, cheese, and eggshells



## FOOD-SOILED PAPER

napkins, paper towels, paper plates, tea bags, coffee grounds/filters, wooden crates, sawdust



## PLANTS

floral trimmings, tree trimmings, leaves, grass, brush, weeds



No **GLASS**, **PLASTIC BAGS**, grease, pet waste, or waxed cardboard

## In the Know

### Labor Day Service

**No change to collection routes Sept 5, but office will be closed.**

All Monday customers will be serviced on Monday, Labor Day, September 5, however our offices will be closed. The Transfer Station will be open during it's normal business hours that day, 9am-5pm.

### Glass Recycling

#### Put glass in it's place

Glass can be recycled at the following depot locations:



- Agate Beach Recycling Center
- South Beach @ Rogue Brewery
- Lot on SW 9th near Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital

Collect your glass at home in a convenient box and when it's full throw it in your car and take to your nearest glass depot.



glass depot



## Help us welcome Carol & Gene - the newest members of our team



### *Carol Walker*

Walking into the Thompson's Sanitary office, you'll immediately see Carol's smiling face welcoming you. She is our newest "happy voice" on the phone taking care of customer service since she started January 26th. Carol comes to us with 30 years of professional experience in the lending department of the banking industry. She and her husband Terry moved to Newport two years ago to enjoy the beach lifestyle and

together they have grown children, Jason, Daren and Laura. When she's not helping customers, she enjoys antique shopping, beach combing, and reading. The next time you call or stop by, give Carol your friendliest hello!

### *Gene Sanders*

With a 'can-do' attitude, this guy tackles his various jobs for the day, hauling drop boxes and water deliveries with ease, and always stays until the very last task is done. Gene started June 7th, right in the middle of our busiest time of year and hasn't missed a step!

A recent transplant from Tuscon, Arizona, Gene takes advantage of the Northwest lifestyle as he enjoys fishing, being outdoors, and relaxing. He and his wife Chris have four children, Jennifer, Eugene, Anthony and Joshua, and in Gene's words are "looking for a good church to attend". Give him a welcome wave as you see Gene driving to and fro!



## *Fruit Fly Fix*

Fruit Flies are a reality this time of year, especially if you have countertop compost in your kitchen. Here is *our* favorite remedy for fruit flies:

### **Apple Cider Vinegar Trap**

You will need:

- Mason Jar
- Apple Cider Vinegar, 1/2 cup
- A Funnel (you make yourself)
- A drop of dish soap
- An overripe piece of fruit

Directions: Heat up a 1/2 cup of apple cider vinegar and pour it into your jar - it just needs to be deep enough for the flies to drown - and add a drop or two of dish soap. The dish soap will break the surface tension of the liquid so the flies can't just sit on top and fly away when

they're done. Roll up a piece of paper and insert it into the mouth of the jar to form a makeshift funnel and tape it into place. The flies will go into the jar to get at the vinegar, but won't be able to figure out how to get out, and will drown. You

can also drop in a piece of ripe fruit and let it breakdown for an added measure.



## **We Haul Junk**

**No job too big or small - we send our professional waste haulers to you**



We specialize in getting unwanted items out of your house and yard; including furniture, lawnmowers,

tires---you name it!

Don't have the ability to get those bulky items out? No worries, we've got you covered. We'll send our professional waste haulers to your home to remove and haul away your unwanted items.

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