

# TRASH TALK

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## NEW: TSS Mobile App

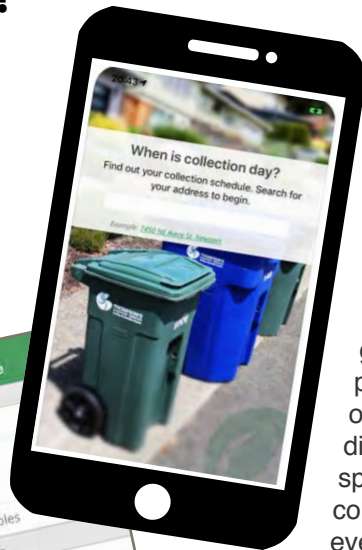
**What? Where? When?**  
**Be a Waste Wizard.**

Take the guesswork out of recycling and never miss a collection day with Thompson's Sanitary Service's new mobile app.

Download the TSS app on your IOS or Android smartphone or visit [thompsonsanitary.com](http://thompsonsanitary.com) to access the latest in local waste info.

The app includes an address-specific collection calendar, reminders and notifications of service, ability to schedule a bulky item pickup, user-defined service alerts in text message, phone call, and/or email, user-defined language (English, Spanish, or simplified Chinese), and the Waste Wizard - a search engine for all your waste questions.

As soon as a customer enters their service address, it will show their address-specific collection calendar and when holidays come around it will inform you of service changes. Another helpful feature is service alerts do to weather, equipment breakdown, etc. The app tool all of us at TSS are really excited about is the Waste Wizard search engine. Simply enter in the item



you're looking to dispose of and it will tell you what cart it goes in, possible options to disposal, special collection events, etc.

Aimee Thompson, TSS Recycling Coordinator is counting on it to help customers recycle right, "We're hoping the Waste Wizard will cut

down on a lot of confusion about what item goes into what cart; especially with when it comes to the latest

recycling rules."

This mobile app is available right now, so please download and take it for a spin. If you have questions or don't see what you're looking for, email us at [info@thompsonsanitary.com](mailto:info@thompsonsanitary.com).



## In the Know

### National Night Out

**Tues. August 6th, 5-8pm @ Newport Armory**

Come visit our booth and truck at the National Night Out hosted by the Newport Police Department @ the Oregon National Guard Newport Armory, 541 SW Coast Hwy. Join your neighbors at National Night Out featuring Public Safety and Information partners as well as community vendors. **Anyone who signs up for our MobileApp will receive a canvas shopping bag** (while supplies last). We'll also have waste info on hand and you can test your recycling knowledge with our sorting game!

### Community Shred Day

**Sat. September 7, 10am-1pm @ Lincoln County Sheriff's Office**

The Lincoln County Sheriff's office is hosting a Community Shred day Saturday, September 7, 10am-1pm. Bring your confidential documents, at no cost to you, and have them safely destroyed to avoid identity theft and misuse of personal information.

Documents are shredded onsite by iSecure, Thompson's Sanitary Service's document shredding partner. If you miss this event or would like to know about ongoing document destruction, contact our office to find out about personal and business shred service options.





## Employee Spotlight: **MICHELLE COLLINS**



Michelle Collins has been with Thompson's Sanitary for four and half months and moved to the area around the same time. She is a huge asset to our office staff; coming to us with years of customer service experience in the waste industry. Not only is Michelle knowledgeable, but is a very courteous listener and problem-solver. She thrives on being active and thoroughly enjoys all that the Oregon Coast has to offer. Outside of work she keeps herself busy with competing in obstacle course racing and loves to hike, beach-comb, and fossil hunt. When the weather doesn't cooperate for her outdoor activities, Michelle also delights in antique and thrift shopping. Her family is of huge priority in her life and she lives in Newport with her husband Jacob, six-year-old son Jayce, and has a large extended family here and in the Salem area. We are thrilled to have her join the Thompson's Sanitary Service family and look forward to her future with our company.



## **E-CYCLES** *celebrates 10 years in Oregon*



Oregon E-Cycles is an example of product stewardship. Product stewardship means that all parties involved in designing, manufacturing, selling, and using a product take responsibility for environmental

impacts at every stage of that product's life. Here's how the responsibilities are shared under Oregon E-Cycles:

### **Manufacturers**

- Recycle their share of returned product
- Pay for cost of system
- Assure convenient, free collection statewide
- Educate and provide outreach

### **Retailers**

- Provide printed information about Oregon E-Cycles at point of sale
- Ensure that the computers, monitors, and TVs sold are affixed with a permanent and visible brand label
- Only sell computers, monitors and TVs that are listed as "pending" or "compliant" on DEQ's manufacturer compliance list

### **State government**

- Register manufacturers
- Establish Environmental Management Practices and other guidelines
- Educate and provide outreach
- Enforce and provide oversight

### **Local governments**

- Educate and provide outreach

### **Consumers**

- Bring electronics to participating Oregon E-Cycles collection sites
- The Newport Recycling Center, operated by Thompson's Sanitary Service is an Oregon E-Cycles drop-off site. Anyone can drop off seven or fewer computers (desktops, laptops, & tablets), monitors, TVs, and printers at a time. Computer peripherals (keyboard & mice) are also accepted.

## **JULY 29** *Follow-the-Waste Tour*

**Hosted by Lincoln Co Solid Waste District & TSS; Newport City Councilors & City Manager follow Newport's waste**

Newport City Councilors CM Hall, Cynthia Jacobi, and Ryan Parker along with City Manager Spencer Nebel boarded a bus July 29th for a guided informational tour with Lincoln County Solid Waste Director Mark Saelens, and staff from Thompson's Sanitary and Dahl Disposal where they traveled to the Valley to follow the path of Newport's waste. First stop was a tour of Garten Materials Recovery Facility in Salem, guided by Garten's Gaelen McAllister, to observe how Mixed Recycling is handled and sorted for markets. In the afternoon, the group traveled to Coffin Butte Landfill north of Corvallis where Rachel Snyder of Republic Serves boarded the bus for guided tours of the Landfill and across Hwy 99 to Pacific Region Compost.



(l-r) Rob Thompson, Spencer Nebel, Cynthia Jacobi, Audrey Carkhuff, Chuck Lerwick, Aimee Thompson, Ken Riley, Mark Saelens, CM Hall, Ryan Parker, Jason Collard