

TRASH TALK

February 2022



DON'T MISS YOUR PICK- UP!



*3 Separate Trucks
service your carts*



Our staff wants to give you the best service possible...these tips will ensure that!

We have three different trucks (*that all look similar*) servicing your **Garbage, Recycling, and Mixed Compostable** carts. That converts to three trucks traveling down your street at different times on your service day to empty carts.

The time of day your cart is serviced can vary widely week-to-week for these reasons:

1. Businesses, snowbirds, and vacation rentals reduce and add service seasonally reducing or increasing our stops per day.
2. Traffic during winter is much less than summer, full of additional vehicles due to the tourist season, which affects our travel time.
3. Substitute route drivers can come at different times due to illness, vacation schedules, and making up for weather events.

Put carts out by 6AM on your service day to avoid being missed!

These guidelines will ensure safe service and prevent interruption:

- Have your cart out by 6:00AM on your service day so you're not missed. If carts aren't out when we come by, there's a fee for us to return.
- Please put four (4) feet of spacing between your carts so our automated arms can access your carts.
- Download our app to receive service alerts regarding break-downs, weather events, etc.
- Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for service info and helpful service tips.



In the Know

Waste Tips

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for helpful service tips and ways to reduce your waste

WasteWizard
Wednesday

Deodorant Tubes



Cardboard deodorant tubes **CAN** be recycled. Please remove deodorant before placing in Comingle Recycling (blue cart)



Plastic deodorant tubes **CANNOT** be recycled. Please put in Landfill/Trash cart



Get the most of our service and learn ways you can reduce your waste, one helpful tip at a time. Check out our Waste Wizard Wednesday's featuring items weekly.

Follow us:  

Annual Earth Day Compost Give-away

Set for Saturday, April 23 pending compost availability

In celebration of Earth Day, Thompson's is hosting its annual compost giveaway, scheduled for Saturday, April 23rd, at our office. Continue to check our website and social media for information.

Last year we filled 86 trucks and trailers with a load of compost! Limit to one load per household, while supplies last.



BEAR CARTS *available soon*

Over the past year, black bears have recently been hitting garbage carts in the Newport area. After working with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the City of Newport, Thompson's Sanitary will soon have bear-resistant garbage cans at a special rate available in 64 and 96 gallon sizes.

Fed bears can become a significant human safety issue, so we need everyone's help to prevent providing a "bear buffet" in your yard. When bears know there's a food source, they will return over and over and become more aggressive about finding food.

Bear-resistant carts are meant to be a "temporary fix" during bear season and these measures are most effective:

- Keep all garbage inside your house, closed garage, or shed and only place it outside the morning of your service day.
- If bears have previously ransacked garbage cans, clean carts with hot water and bleach or ammonia to remove odors.
- Do not feed your pets outside. Keep all pet food and livestock feed inside the house or garage. Remove all food attractants. Don't leave food unattended. Bears are creatures of habit and will return to spots where they have previously found food.
- Clean up barbecue grills and store them inside your garage or enclosure.
- Use three strands of low-cost electric fencing as an easy way to deter bears from chicken coops, compost piles, fruit trees, beehives and garbage cans.
- Use a hand held air-horn to safely scare off bears.

These carts will be available later in the month, so if the above methods are not working or you do not have a secure enclosure, please contact our office to inquire about this service, info@thompsonsanitary.com or 541-265-7249.

Did you know the average American produces 4.5 pounds of waste per day?

Think about how you can reduce your waste like refilling a reusable water bottle, packing your own lunch in reusable containers, buying items in less packaging, or buying less - ask yourself if you'll use the item more than 30 times.



Yogi testing out our new bear carts



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: *Joe Jaracz*



Joe Jaracz joined our team as a route driver December 2020 and has been a stellar (see star reference below) addition to our crew. Starting a new job in the middle of a pandemic wasn't easy, at first commuting

from Corvallis for the first 8 1/2 months of his job, until he was able to move to Newport.

Joe is a seasoned driver with 25+ years of waste-specific experience

including driving the old rear-loaders and working as a shagger. Shagging cans isn't for the faint of heart and earns you some serious "street cred" in the industry. A shagger rides and jumps from the back of the truck while carrying a heavy metal can over their shoulder to transport and dump garbage in the back of the truck.

With a strong moral compass and known to go above and beyond to help not only his customers, he also likes to be a handyman for elderly neighbors. Joe helps them with home projects because he doesn't like to see them "taken advantage of". It's been rumored he works for pie.

Joe is a proud father of daughter Gabriella (26 yrs) a student at Oregon State University and son Greyson (24 yrs) a firefighter for the United States Forest Service. An outdoorsman who loves to "do anything outdoors really" enjoys fishing, camping, and metal detecting. Since moving to the coast, he has now added crabbing and ocean fishing to that list, but photography is his first love including astral photography going hand-in-hand with his other hobby - stargazing.

Thompson's Sanitary is proud to employ people like Joe, someone of strong character and pride in their work.



Joe's two children, Gabriella and Greyson, fighting forest fires together this past Summer.