

TRASH TALK

May 2021



SOLVE SPRING CLEANUP

over 1 ton collected locally!

Local groups cleaned up South Beach, Nye Beach, Beverly Beach, & Yaquina Bay

Oregonians demonstrated that a clean and healthy environment is a top priority during SOLVE's Earth Day volunteer event, the Oregon Spring Cleanup.

On Saturday April 17, a reported 2,471 volunteers statewide took to the outdoors, improving the environment through litter cleanups, beach cleanups, invasive plant species removal events and native tree and shrub plantings. The first Spring Oregon Beach Cleanup was held in 1986, and the first SOLVE IT for Earth Day event was held in 1990. This year, the momentum continued, and these two legacy events were combined into one for the first time, debuting as the Oregon Spring Cleanup.

This was truly an Oregon effort, with volunteer projects happening from Astoria to Bandon and Medford to

Pendleton. In one day, more than 22,256 pounds of trash were collected and 8,810 square feet of invasive species were removed by SOLVE volunteers.

Locally, our cleanups were organized by **Surfrider, Hatfield Marine Science Center**

Green Team, and Oregon Coast Aquarium Green Team in conjunction with SOLVE. All disposal was donated by **Thompson's Sanitary Service**, continuing their 35-year



relationship of donating disposal for SOLVE's Oregon Beach Cleanups. Our local groups did an amazing job rounding up volunteers and collected an astounding amount of debris - **over 2,000 pounds, which included 21 tires (from Yaquina Bay)**. This is the largest amount in recent memory.

At the Yaquina Bay cleanup, Cait Goodwin, Special Projects Coordinator at Oregon Sea Grant, coordinated an effort to sort out yellow rope fragments for a 4th grade Sam Case Elementary class to count and analyze (17 pounds of yellow rope collected). Goodwin is encouraging students in **grades 6-12** to attend the **'Yellow Rope webinar'** that Oregon Sea Grant is offering on May 13. This

webinar will be a great way to learn more about where these rope fragments may be coming from, and how industry is trying to reduce this particular type of marine debris. **To register, go to <https://tinyurl.com/YR-May13>.**



In the Know

Newport Farmers Market

Shop local, shop sustainable



Newport Farmers Market offers a diverse, high-quality, seasonal & locally grown produce, meat, eggs, and honey. Meet local farmers, eat some delicious

prepared food, buy one-of-a-kind handcrafted items, chat with Master Gardeners, listen to local musicians, drink some lemonade to support a good cause, and catch up with friends and neighbors while stocking up on fresh produce. Experience the local coastal flavor all while supporting your local farmers and artisans. Newport Farmers Market summer location is at the corner of Highway 101 and Angle Street and our hours are 9:00 to 1:00 Saturdays. Follow them on Facebook and Instagram for updates on the market.

Be a Follower

Thompson's Sanitary is on Facebook & Instagram

facebook



Instagram

We pride ourselves on posting the latest local waste information out to customers including service tips and events, as well as recycling and sustainability information. Follow us on FB & Insta for the latest!

Household Hazardous Waste Event

JULY 31, 9AM-2PM



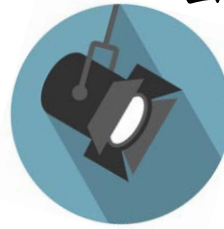
Once a year, Lincoln County residents can properly dispose of household hazardous waste for free, sponsored by the Lincoln County Haulers and the Lincoln County Solid Waste District. This event rotates between Lincoln City, Newport, Toledo, and Waldport with this year's event being held at North Lincoln Sanitary. Last year, 100+ citizens properly disposed of their HHW.

The goal is to get these hazardous materials out of the home and our environment to keep all living things safe and chemical free. Take advantage of this free disposal by using this as an excuse to encourage yourself and others to clean out that space you've been meaning to get to. At the event, household hazardous materials accepted include: Poisons: pesticides, herbicides, fungicides & other poisons, Heavy metals: mercury & products containing elemental mercury, Corrosives: acids, bases, & reactives.

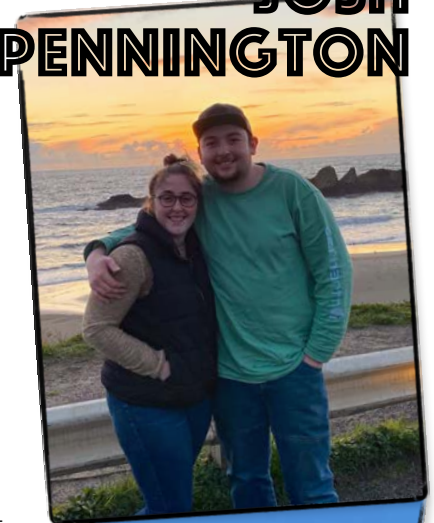


Employee Spotlight:

JOSH PENNINGTON



Josh joined the TSS team over a year ago as a residential route driver. He's been eager to learn and during his time with us has studied and obtained his Class A Commercial Driver's License. He's willing to help wherever needed and two weeks ago put in overtime to pickup the debris collected at the local beach clean-ups. Josh moved here from Idaho 2+ years ago, loves country music, and has been a volunteer firefighter. Outside of work Josh is an outdoorsman keeping himself busy hunting, fishing, and enjoys target practice. He's also interested in mechanics and races motor-cross. Next time you see Josh servicing your residential recycling, give him a wave!



Top photo: Josh with his girlfriend Jamey, enjoying an Oregon Coast sunset. Bottom photo: Josh in a motocross race.

Toxic. Free. Home.

Household Hazardous Waste Event
When: Saturday July 31st, 2021, 9am-2pm
Where: North Lincoln Sanitary Recycling Center
1726 SE Hwy 101, Lincoln City
Please call your local hauler for more info.

Lincoln County residents are encouraged to bring **lithium ion batteries** and the most highly-hazardous household waste to dispose of for free during this annual event. This includes:

- **Poisons:** pesticides, herbicides, fungicides & other poisons
- **Heavy Metals:** mercury & products containing elemental mercury
- **Corrosives:** acids, bases & reactives



Event sponsored by Lincoln County Solid Waste District, North Lincoln Sanitary, Thompson's Sanitary Service, & Dahl Disposal

Drop it off for safe disposal!

