



## Musings and News Things

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### Recycling Hazardous Material

#### Quick Links

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**"What Do I Keep?"**

Remember the "Bad Old Days" when you would just pour old motor oil and paint down the nearest storm drain? When being kind meant sinking your beer can in the lake instead of just dropping it over the side? Like Kermit says, "It's not easy being Green", so here is a list of resources for you. Our goal at Organizers NW is to help you save time and money. So here you go!

#### Electronics Recycling

For those who didn't get the memo, as of January 1st, computers, monitors and tv's are no longer allowed in the trash, and with good reason: they contain a lot of nasty stuff like lead and mercury. There are several options for recycling them, but here are a couple to get you started.

[www.greencenturyonline.net](http://www.greencenturyonline.net)  
[www.farwestfibers.com](http://www.farwestfibers.com)



#### Paint Cans & Motor Oil

Don't put off cleaning out your garage just because you don't know what to do with all that old paint. Take it to Metro and know that you did the right thing.

<http://oregonmetro.gov/index.cfm/go/by.web/id=571>





## Hot Tip

Don't leave your notebook in your car for extended periods on hot days or overnight on cold nights. Extreme high & low temperatures can cause rapid degradation of your laptop computer battery.



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## Battery Recycling

You might be surprised to learn that UNITED BATTERY buys most automotive, commercial, industrial, and many other types of batteries. Over 70% of the lead used to manufacture new batteries comes from recycling. [www.unitedbattery.net](http://www.unitedbattery.net)



## Don't let that old dead refrigerator squat in your garage, taking up valuable space!

Have it recycled by Appliance Recyclers! They offer curbside pick-up for all types of appliances and even old exercise equipment at your home or business. They collect old washers, dryers, stoves, microwaves, hot water heaters and bicycles to name a few. Check out the link for a more extensive list.  
[www.appliancesrecyclers.com](http://www.appliancesrecyclers.com)

Another option is to call Energy Trust of Oregon. If your appliance qualifies, you could earn an easy \$30.  
<http://energytrust.org/Residential/Incentives/Appliances/RefrigeratorAndFreezerRecycling>

## Recycle Your Old Carpet

According to their website, ECR (Environmentally Conscious Recycling) sorts, cleans and processes more dry waste on site than any other recycler in the area. They even recycle carpet.  
[www.ecrrecycling.com](http://www.ecrrecycling.com)



## Styrofoam - What to do with it?

A lot of cool new things we buy unfortunately come packed in that block styrofoam, which should not go in curbside recycling. The nice folks at Suttle Road Recovery Facility will take it, however. And here's a bonus: it's FREE!  
[www.plcrecycling.com](http://www.plcrecycling.com)



## Where to Recycle Fluorescent Light Bulbs

Because of the mercury they contain, used CFLs are considered hazardous household waste. You can drop them off at Ikea or Home Depot stores. Pretty sweet!

**Don't keep this news to yourself, be a hero and spread the joy of organization. Feel free to forward this on to anyone who could use a little organizing expertise. Check us out on the web at [www.organizersnw.com](http://www.organizersnw.com).**

Happy Organizing,



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