

**CLARK COUNTY WASHINGTON** 

PUBLIC HEALTH SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING

# **Solid Waste Advisory Commission**

Solid Waste Articles and Press Releases August 2024 – September 2024

# Interesting Articles About the Industry

#### How the recycling symbol lost its meaning

It's Earth Day 1990, and Meryl Streep walks into a bar. She's distraught about the state of the environment. "It's crazy what we're doing. It's very, very, very bad," she says in ABC's prime-time Earth Day special, letting out heavy sighs and listing jumbled statistics about deforestation and the hole in the ozone layer. Read in Grist: <u>https://apple.news/A6CajixJ8QKu6oui48XjBFQ</u>

# When Is "Recyclable" Not Really Recyclable? When the Plastics Industry Gets to Define What the Word Means.

Companies whose futures depend on plastic production are trying to persuade the federal government to allow them to put the label "recyclable" on plastic shopping bags and other items virtually guaranteed to end up in landfills and incinerators.

Read in ProPublica: https://apple.news/ADUE5vAT8QCq8TOa2qgiCSw

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#### The Evolution and Impact of the Cart Tagging Program.

Educators have been lifting the lids of curbside carts for over a decade to set the community up for sustainability success

Read in The Columbian: Living in the Couve: columbian.com/wp-content

#### Clark County offers variety of free composting workshops this fall.

Read in The Columbian: <u>https://www.columbian.com/news/2024/sep/24/clark-county-offers-variety-of-free-composting-workshops-this-fall/</u>

#### County programs aim to reduce landfill food waste.

Read in The Reflector: <u>https://www.thereflector.com/stories/county-programs-aim-to-reduce-landfill-food-waste,363152</u>

#### Public Health Seeks Battery Recycling Sites.

Press Release: The Columbian: <u>https://www.columbian.com/news/2024/sep/06/public-health-seeks-battery-recycling-sites/</u>

#### Clark County residents encouraged to dispose of fallen leaves properly.

Read in Clark County Today: https://www.clarkcountytoday.com/news/clark-county-residents-encouraged-todispose-of-fallen-leaves-properly/

## **Clark County Website**

**Properly dispose of nicotine vaping devices to prevent battery fires.** Read at: <u>https://clark.wa.gov/public-health/properly-dispose-nicotine-vaping-devices-prevent-battery-fires</u>

Clark County Public Health campaign focuses on proper disposal of e-cigarettes, vaping devices. Read at: <u>https://www.columbian.com/news/2024/sep/04/clark-county-public-health-campaign-focuses-on-proper-disposal-of-e-cigarettes-vaping-devices/</u>

#### Clark County residents can get coupons for free leaf disposal.

Read at: <u>https://www.columbian.com/news/2024/oct/01/clark-county-residents-can-get-coupons-for-free-leaf-disposal/</u>

#### Properly dispose of nicotine vaping devices to prevent battery fires.

Read at: <u>https://clark.wa.gov/public-health/properly-dispose-nicotine-vaping-devices-prevent-battery-fires</u>

#### Retail, community sites wanted for free household battery disposal program.

Read at: <u>https://clark.wa.gov/public-health/retail-community-sites-wanted-free-household-battery-disposal-program</u>

#### Free in-person and online workshops promote composting and sustainable living.

Read at: <u>https://clark.wa.gov/public-health/free-person-and-online-workshops-promote-composting-and-sustainable-living-0</u>