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SPRING SUSTAINABILITY FESTIVAL
Hosted by The Gathering Place

Making sustainability easy for your home and your family using local resources will be the theme of the **Spring Sustainability Festival** hosted by **The Gathering Place**.

Time and Place: Saturday May 14th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the
Unity Center, 20255 Willamette Drive, West Linn.

This free event will feature a native drumming ceremony, expert speakers, tips, and information from local, eco-friendly businesses and organizations. The following presentations are currently scheduled

- 1:30 Mama Hapas: Natalia will discuss current Trash Issues and Introduce **Zero Waste Solutions**. Ross will discuss what **solutions their shop has implemented**.
- 2:15 **Backyard Certification Program**: Bethany Wray will discuss how to transform your backyard into a sustainable area.
- 3:00 Jim Newcomer Sustainability today and **What is the Next Step**

Throughout the festival we will have a **Recycling Booth** being run by **The West Linn Sustainability Coalition**. They will be collecting pre-sorted, clean, and dry recyclables in the following categories:

Clear #1 PET plastics (these are typically berry clamshells, salad greens containers, egg cartons, and various others). They **MUST** have a #1 on them inside the recycling triangle and they must be clean. We cannot accept non-clear items, or other numbers. We will be sorting them as you bring them to the table and sending you home with anything that is not a clear #1 plastic.

Household batteries: Alkaline, hearing aid, rechargeable and small lithium ion batteries.

Oral Care + Deodorant: Empty, clean and dry oral care: toothbrushes, electric toothbrush heads, toothpaste tubes, mouthwash containers, floss containers + deodorant containers/lids. Please cut open and rinse out. We will also accept floss picks and floss string, but please keep these separate from the rest of the category.

Disposable Razors, replacement blades and their plastic packaging.

Writing instruments: pens, markers, watercolors paint sets, and glue sticks and their plastic packaging.

Biodegradable Plastics: Empty, clean, and dry biodegradable plastic. These will say biodegradable or compostable somewhere on them, and typically have a PLA #7 on the bottom.

Media: Records, 8 track tapes, CDs and DVDs, blu ray disks, floppy disks, memory sticks, external hard drives (No media players/devices will be accepted).

In addition to the recycling booth the following informational and vendor booths will be represented:

- West Linn Park Restoration Efforts hosted by Dave Kleinke
- Backyard Certification Program hosted by Bethany Wray
- Earth on the Edge hosted by Monte Harris
- Mama Hapas Shop hosted by Natalia & Ross
- Waste Not hosted by Emily Steen
- Null Refinery hosted by Antje Gillard
- World Hearts Fair Trade Store
- Margaret Joyce Arts hosted by Margaret Joyce

But that's not all: there will also be **kid friendly activities**. Please come join us for this family friendly event.

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