



AGENDA & Notice of Joint Meeting of the Newport City Council and The Lincoln County Commissioners

The City Council of the City of Newport and the Lincoln County Commissioners will hold a joint meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, starting at 6:00 P.M. The meeting will be held in Conference Room A at the Newport City Hall, located at 169 SW Coast Highway, Newport, Oregon 97365. A copy of the agenda follows.

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired, or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities, should be made at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to Peggy Hawker, City Recorder 541.574.0613.

The City Council and County Commissioners reserve the right to add or delete items as needed, change the order of the agenda, and discuss any other business deemed necessary at the time of the meeting.

JOINT MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL AND LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**Wednesday, January 15, 2014
6:00 P.M.
Conference Room A**

- I. Public Comment**
- II. Composting Discussion**
- III. Workforce Housing Issues**
- IV. Urban Growth Boundary Amendment - City Reservoir Area**
- V. Warming Center for Homeless - Fairgrounds or Other Site**
- VI. Airport**
- VII. Emergency Planning and Preparedness**
- VIII. EMS Transport**

- IX. Roads
- X. Property
- XI. Adjournment

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Considering Compostables



Thompson's Sanitary Service started discussions this summer with members of the Newport City Council and Lincoln County Commissioners about bringing a residential compost pickup service to Newport.

Pacific Region Compost Manager Jordan Trimmer estimates that food waste makes up about 30-40 percent of all solid waste going from Lincoln County to the Coffin Butte Landfill.

"Lincoln County has been looking at a way to increase their recovery (less material going to the landfill) for some time," states Trimmer. "Currently, this program would be the single biggest step towards satisfying that goal." The proposed compostable program would allow customers to have curbside compost service. Customers would be able to dispose of the following items in their cart:

- **All Food Waste** (fruits, veggies, meat, poultry, seafood, shellfish, bones, rice, beans, pasta, bread, cheese, and eggshells)
- **Food-Soiled Paper** (napkins, paper towels, paper plates, paper milk cartons, tea bags, coffee grounds/filters, wooden crates, sawdust)
- **Woody Waste** (floral trimmings, tree trimmings, leaves, grass, brush, weeds)

This additional service would increase rates by \$6.59 for the curbside service. TSS worked with a solid waste consultant that specializes in composting to determine the proposed fee.

Rob Thompson, President of Thompson's Sanitary, explains that all

customers could offset the additional cost by recycling their food waste and downsizing their regular garbage container. For example, a common family weekly service for a 65 gallon cart could switch to a 35 gallon cart weekly service and save as much as \$13. If you are a customer who occasionally gets charged for extra trash at the curb, you could potentially eliminate that fee by using the food recycling and woody waste service.

Republic (who owns Coffin Butte) says the landfill has another 40 years of life at current usage rates. Putting this type of program in effect would increase the life of the landfill, thus conserving our environmental impact.

Lincoln County Solid Waste District Program Manager, Mark Saelens says, "From the perspective of both cost effectiveness and environmental responsibility, the opportunity to implement a program like this does not get any better."

To learn more about this program, please go to our website for the Compostables Q & A and video about curbside composting.



In the Know

Compostable Video

Walks you through the compostable process

Check out this video on YouTube: www.youtube.com/watch?v=1c--DOYDxHo or go to Thompson's Sanitary website, www.thompsonsanitary.com and look under our News & Info tab where you'll find videos. It's the first one and called *Compostable Process*. This video was produced by the company who owns the composting facility where Thompson's Sanitary Service would haul Newport's compostable recycling.

Disaster Preparedness

Our company would add additional equipment and man power, along with adding thousands of carts.

Another benefit to adding a compostables recycling service is not one you might think of: disaster preparedness. Our company would purchase an additional truck, employ 3 new employees, and add thousands of carts that would be able to haul even larger amounts in the event of a disaster. It would also establish a working relationship with the company who takes all of this material; thus putting us as a priority in front of other areas.

Public Forum/Meeting

February 18th @ 7:00pm

Join us for a Public Forum/Meeting February 18th, 2014 @ 7:00pm in the Newport City Council Chambers.



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Compostables

Why should I participate in the proposed compostables recycling program?

Environmentally speaking; it's the right thing to do. If everyone in our area participated, we would be diverting at least 30% of our waste stream from the landfill into something that is 100% recyclable, as well as cut down on the methane gas that the food waste creates when it's landfilled. Another compelling reason is that it's possible to downsize your current service level (size of cart) because you'll be able to put at least 30% of your household waste into your compostables recycling cart. It would also aid in our local disaster preparedness. Because Thompson's will be investing in an additional truck, personnel, and curbside carts, we're able to pick up a higher volume of material in a shorter amount of time.

Why should I give you my compost?

What the customer is placing out is not yet compost; it is food waste and yard debris, which we (TSS) are paying to deliver to Pacific Region Compost (PRC) who in turn is investing large amounts of resources (\$\$\$) into creating compost. There is a considerable difference between a backyard composter and a two (2) football field windrow* that is cooked at 150 degrees. The composter at home can't replicate the process of PRC, and therefore can't handle meat, bones, eggshells, shellfish because the composter can't break it down in a safe way. We, of course, still encourage the backyard composter, but this service can be used in addition for yard debris and that hard-to-break-down food waste.

How did we come up with the \$6.59 charge?

TSS worked with a solid waste consultant that specializes in composting to determine the proposed fee. This consultant has been working with mid-Willamette Valley haulers to develop their rates for this same type of service for the last several years. TSS has historically charged for recycling services. In 1993 when we started curbside recycling we charged an additional \$3.50 for that service and it wasn't higher because we sold the recycling and used the revenue to help offset some of the collection costs and keep rates low. It will be the same for the proposed compostables recycling, with the exception that it doesn't have value, in fact it costs TSS to deliver the material to the facility that creates the compost.

Why \$6.59 for all customers?

The City and County customers pay the rate for the services. It is universal whether you live the farthest from our office or across the street. There is no savings or additional cost if the customers choose to use recycling or not.

Will the compost have a strong smell?

No. The Newport and Lincoln County officials who made the trip to the facility where it's converted into compost commented how there was little, if any, smell.

Why are we hauling compostables (material picked up at curb) outside Lincoln County?

We are relatively as close as you can get to the largest composting facility between Seattle and San Francisco – composting is similar to co-mingle in that it requires large volumes and expensive

Republic Services Publication Example of what's acceptable:

REPUBLIC SERVICES FOOD SCRAP RECYCLING

ALL FOOD

fruits, vegetables, meat, poultry, seafood, bones, grains, beans, pasta, bread, cheese and eggshells

TODA COMIDA

frutas, verduras, carnes, mariscos, pescados, huesos, granos, frijoles, pastas, pan, quesos, cáscaras de huevo

FOOD-SOILED PAPER

napkins, paper towels, paper plates, tea bags, coffee grounds/filters, wooden crates, sawdust

PAPEL MANCHADO POR COMIDA

servilletas, platos y toallas de papel, filtros y residuos de café, bolsas de té, cajas de madera, aserrín

PLANTS

floral trimmings, tree trimmings, leaves, grass, brush, weeds

PLANTAS

ecortes de flores y árboles, hojas, césped cortado, malezas, hierbas

NO!

- plastic bags/wrap/straws
- Styrofoam®
- bottles and cans
- aluminum foil
- liquids
- hazardous waste
- paper products from restrooms

¡NO!

- bolsas de plástico
- espuma de poliestireno
- botellas y latas
- papel de aluminio
- líquidos
- desechos peligrosos
- productos de papel de baño

When in doubt, throw it out!

Questions?

en caso de duda, tirelo a la basura

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infrastructure and equipment. We don't have the volume to sustain a stand-alone facility and make it financially viable in Lincoln County.

Will the monthly customers get composting service weekly?

YES, monthly garbage customers will get weekly compost. We've reviewed other programs and believe that weekly service of this material is best.

Why are you not selling the compost locally?

We will be hauling food and yard waste to the facility that creates the compost. That finished compost material is available for purchase and we haven't decided if buying that product and hauling it to Newport to make available for sale to the public is part of our business. If you are in need of compost, other businesses in Newport have it for sale.

* **Windrow** - a uniform pile of material to maintain temperature and moisture.

Compostables Recycling:
If it GROWS, it GOES!