

Waste Management salutes FISH, Kiwanis and Boys Scout Troup 265 as recycling champions

Low prices for paper, cardboard and glass drive changes in local recycling efforts, beginning this fall and stretching into 2016

NEWBERG, Ore. - October 5, 2015 - Waste Management is saluting local volunteers from [FISH \(Friends in Service to Humanity\)](#), [Newberg Kiwanis](#) and Boy Scout Troop 265 as the company transitions all paper, cardboard and glass recycling from to non-profits to Waste Management personnel and facilities.

For years, FISH, Newberg Kiwanis and Boy Scout Troop 265 have helped build a strong and progressive recycling culture in Newberg and Dundee by promoting recycling and helping collect paper, cardboard and glass. With participation from the community and support from Waste Management and earlier from Newberg Garbage, these three organizations have solidified local recycling efforts and received significant funding from the sale of the recyclable materials.

In the last five years alone, revenue to the three groups from recycling partnerships with Waste Management has totaled more than \$63,000.

"These partnerships worked very well for decades when the markets for paper, cardboard and glass were stronger and more reliable," said Dave Huber, Waste Management's District Manager for Newberg and Dundee.

"In recent years, revenue streams have been unpredictable and disappointing due to low commodity pricing and high transportation costs," he said. "For these reasons as well as factors relating to liability and safety, we have made the difficult decision to transition all recycling collection from non-profits to company personnel and facilities.

"We have worked hard to hold off this change," Huber said. "The reality is we can't sustain the partnerships given what's happening with the markets for recyclables and in our business environment. It is time now to transition these services and salute our community recycling champions from FISH, Kiwanis and the Boy Scouts Troop 256."

What will change?

- More than 40 businesses that received cardboard recycling services from the FISH recycling team will be serviced by [Waste Management](#), effective the first week of November. No additional fees will be involved for current Waste Management customers.
- Collection containers managed by Kiwanis, Boy Scouts Troop 265 will be removed from various public locations, beginning this fall and continuing into 2016. After the boxes are removed, Newberg and Dundee residents are to add paper to their curbside carts. No additional fees will be involved for current Waste Management customers. The public may also recycle paper, cardboard and glass at no charge at the [WM Transfer Station](#) at 2904 NE Wynooski Road in Newberg. (Important: While the boxes are still in place, please continue to deliver old newspapers to benefit Kiwanis and Boy Scouts!)

Huber said Waste Management has committed to sustaining donations to the three non-profits through 2015 and 2016.

“We are working to honor the good work of these organizations in every way possible,” Huber said. “We know change can be difficult and that it takes time for non-profits to develop new funding sources. We want this transition to be as smooth as possible, for everyone involved.”

Huber also said Waste Management is inviting non-profits to think creatively about partnerships involving the [WM Stewardship Lands](#), 450 acres that WM is making available to benefit the community. As an example, Huber said Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts could consider using some of the property to plant and harvest Christmas trees for business experience and revenue.

In 2014-2015, Waste Management donated \$150,000 to non-profits in Yamhill County. The company's [Green4Growth program](#) was inspired by [Yamhill County's commitment to economic development](#) and funded by Waste Management, providing \$15,000 grants to nine cities in the county and additional donations to groups including [A Family Place](#), [Willamette Valley Cancer Foundation](#), [Yamhill Enrichment Society](#), and [GhanaHope Foundation](#).

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