

First United Methodist Church of Corvallis

Waste Management Guidelines

As a Church our goal with these guidelines is to help organizations using our facility learn and grow in confidence in their ability to care for the environment and ensure a better future for all who live on this planet.

Reduce

The best practice for waste management, as for energy management, is first to reduce. Reduce the amount of disposable items. Even items which can be recycled or composted might be better managed by using durable items instead. Plan ahead for your event with this in mind.

Recycle

If you are using items which can be recycled, make sure they are placed in a recycling receptacle. These collection sites are placed in several locations in the church. The church has large tan recycling carts outside. This is for items which can be comingled for Corvallis pick-up, including but not limited to: office paper, newspaper, cardboard, metal cans, aluminum, plastic tubs and bottles. Informative hand-outs are available at our church library information counter.

Compost

Food products and low-grade paper like napkins and paper towels can be composted. Greasy pizza boxes which are not suitable for recycling can be composted. All food scraps can be composted. Plates without plastic coating can be composted. Compostable flatware and cups can be used if preapproved by a kitchen steward or master recycler (see below). Compost containers are available in church kitchens and coffee preparation centers. Large gray yard debris carts outside the building receive the composted items. A comprehensive hand-out on composting is available at our church library information counter.

Plastics and other items

Some items may be able to be recycled or reused. Plastic film may be collected and taken to the Republic Services depot off Walnut Ave by anyone who desires to do this. Otherwise it must be sent to the landfill, as it cannot be placed in the co-mingled recycling cart. At this time, there is no recycling opportunity for hard plastics which are not recyclable in the co-mingled cart. Hand-outs on Co-mingled Recycling, Unusual Recyclables and a Reuse Directory are available at the church information desk.

Trash

Very few items can be considered true trash. We encourage you not to use disposable serving ware or Styrofoam products. Compostable serving ware may be considered, under guidance of kitchen stewards. The church has limited capacity to receive landfill-bound trash. Any large amounts of trash that are brought into the facility and generated by an event (in excess of one standard sized garbage bag) must be removed by the party generating it.

Resources

Hand-outs on various topics on recycling, composting, and reuse are available. Congregational contacts include Master Recyclers:

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