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**Sort, Clean and Dry – Another EcoGeneration Recycling Take Back Event Scheduled for Florence on August 1**

Another EcoGeneration Recycling Take Back plastic event is scheduled for Sunday August 1, 2021 at the Siuslaw Middle School pavillion. The event starts at 11 am with the first hour being designated for the elderly and disabled. The general public is encouraged to bring their recyclables between noon and 2 pm. Over 300 people attended the May event with nearly 2,000 pounds of plastics being recycled, so please come prepared to wait in line and make sure your recyclables are sorted, clean and dry.

The 2021 EcoGeneration Recycling Take Back Events (another one will be held on Sunday October 3) provide an opportunity for Florence residents and businesses to bring a variety of plastic recyclables for collection and as with all other past collections, all items must be clean, dry, label free and sorted by number and type. The EcoGeneration website ([www.ecogeneration.org](http://www.ecogeneration.org/)) has all of the specific information regarding how to prepare your recyclables and what products are accepted. There will be a limited number of special Fast Passes for quicker processing at the event which can be purchased for $35. You will need to sign up for a designated time by going to the website and reserving a drop off time.

If you have any additional questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Master Recycler Nancy Rhodes at [florence@ecogeneration.org](mailto:florence@ecogeneration.org). Volunteers are needed for the event so please sign up at [www.ecogeneration.org](http://www.ecogeneration.org/) by clicking on the Florence Recycling Take Back Events Tab and Sign Up Genius link. Since this is a volunteer driven event, your patience and support is always appreciated. Thank you for your cash donations and /or collected plastic number 1 drink bottles.

Keeping the event safe is important for the community, so masks and social distancing are strongly encouraged if you have not been fully vaccinated.

EcoGeneration, a non-profit organization, was founded two years ago by David Gardiepy, a Master Recycler from Cottage Grove. The mission of the organization is to safeguard and improve the ecosystems that humans coexist with. Their focus is on protecting biodiversity in and around the Pacific Northwest. More information can be found at [www.ecogeneration.org](http://www.ecogeneration.org/). Funding for these 2021 events is provided in part by Western Lane Community Foundation and other community members.

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