

EMAC BUDGET

\$2500 BUDGET 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR

\$500 SIGNS FOR NO MOW MAY

\$300 SR. CENTER FOR ARBOR DAY

\$261.70 TREES FOR 18TH ST. POCKET PARK

TOTAL of \$1061.70 left for fiscal year

POSSIBLE OTHER PURCHASE ITEMS:

\$50 FOR BOOK OF 5 \$10 FLOCAL GIFT CARDS FOR DRAWING FOR FOOD WASTE CHALLENGE

PLANTS FOR POLLINATOR GARDEN AT 18TH ST. POCKET PARK

NEWSPAPER AD *SN* IS \$22.23 PER COLUMN INCH; 25% OFF IF RUNS A SECOND TIME

RADIO AD

GET SMART: TAKE THE CHALLENGE

KEEP GOOD FOOD FROM GOING TO WASTE

Why take the food waste challenge? Wasted food is a problem in this country, and Florence is no exception. A recent garbage audit of homes (not restaurants, but homes) in **Florence** showed that **25%** of the garbage in this city was wasted food, much of it still edible. By decreasing food waste, Florence households can save money at the grocery store and also save money by reducing the amount of garbage collected. Research shows that nearly everyone wastes more food than they think they do. The food waste challenge asks you to take a close look at what is actually going to waste in your own household. By making small shifts in how you shop, prepare, and store food, you can save time, money, and keep valuable resources from being squandered. Take the challenge and see if you can make a difference.

What do you need? To begin the challenge, you only need a few basic tools which include 1) a pen or pencil, 2) paper or printed worksheet, 3) small garbage bags, and 4) a small scale (optional).

Get smart: See how much food and money you are really throwing away. To start the challenge, line a paper bag or 5-gallon bucket with a plastic garbage bag. Over the course of the week, place all your preventable food waste in the bag. Preventable food waste is both food you bought to eat but has since spoiled and food that was prepared but not eaten. Make note of, but do not collect liquid waste such as soups. At the end of each week measure either the weight or volume of food waste in the bag and record it on the worksheet. Dispose of the bag in the garbage or by composting. Try to make note of what is being thrown out and how you can cut down on the wasted food. For example, are you buying too much produce? Are your portions too large? Are you eating leftovers? The ways to cut down will probably be different for each family.

Repeat the process every week for four weeks. Each week try to analyze what is being wasted and why. Try to implement small changes that might cut down on the wasted food (and save you money). See how much food waste has decreased from week 1 to week 4. Many families have reduced their wasted food by 25% or more.

After the Challenge. Once you've completed the challenge, share your successes and lessons learned with other individuals or on social media.

If you send your completed challenge worksheet to Beighton.allen@ci.florence.or.us or mail it to Food Challenge, Florence City Hall 250 Highway 101, Florence, OR 97439 , you will be entered in a raffle for a prize.

Other resources:

Advice on food waste prevention from Lane County

https://www.lanecounty.org/government/county_departments/public_works/waste_management/waste_prevention__education/wasted_food_prevention

From Field to Bin report from EPA

https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2023-10/part2_wf-pathways_report_formatted_no-appendices_508-compliant.pdf

EPA Food Waste Management Pathways

https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2023-10/part2_wf-pathways_report_formatted_no-appendices_508-compliant.pdf

ReFed insights engine for food waste

https://insights-engine.refed.org/food-waste-monitor?break_by=food_type&indicator=tons-surplus&view=detail&year=2021

Interesting graphic about food waste in the landfill.

[The other greenhouse gas \(reuters.com\)](https://www.reuters.com)

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RECORDING WORKSHEET

WEEK 1

Start Date: _____ Day of Week: _____
_____ Bag Volume _____ Weight
_____ # of days collected

NOTES (WHAT GOES TO WASTE AND WHY)

WEEK 2

Start Date: _____ Day of Week: _____
_____ Bag Volume _____ Weight
_____ # of days collected

NOTES (WHAT GOES TO WASTE AND WHY)

Totals – Weeks 1 and 2

_____ Bag Volume _____ Weight

Averages – Weeks 1 and 2

Total Volume ÷ 2 = _____ Total Weight ÷ 2 = _____

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WEEK 3

Start Date: _____ Day of Week: _____
_____ Bag Volume _____ Weight
_____ # of days collected

NOTES (WHAT WORKS, WHAT DOESN'T)

WEEK 4

Start Date: _____ Day of Week: _____
_____ Bag Volume _____ Weight
_____ # of days collected

NOTES (WHAT WORKS, WHAT DOESN'T)

NAME: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION: _____

WHEN COMPLETE, PLEASE SEND THE CHALLENGE WORKSHEET TO

Peighton.allen@ci.florence.or.us AT OR MAIL TO FOOD WASTE CHALLENGE, Florence City Hall, 250 Highway 101, Florence, OR 97439

TO BE ENTERED IN A DRAWING FOR A PRIZE

Leave the Labels

We heard great news from Nicole Janssen, president of Denton Plastics, during the recent Master Recycler & Plastics Collector Appreciation event. Nicole shared that, except for prescription bottles, labels and remnants of plastic and foil safety seals do not need to be removed from plastics 2-4-5. Email plasticcollection@lanecountyor.gov to be matched with the closest plastics collector or to become your neighborhood's collector.

- **Rulemaking #2**

- The **third Recycling 2024 Advisory Committee session** for Rulemaking #2 was held via Zoom on **November 1, 2023**. Rule concept documents, presentation slides, and meeting notes are available on the DEQ RMA website at <https://www.oregon.gov/deq/rulemaking/Pages/recycling2024.aspx>.
- **Rule Concept: Commingled Recycling Processing Facility (CRPF) Permit Program**
 - Commingled Recycling Processing Facility (CRPF), also known as Material Recovery Facility (MRF).
 - Establish performance standards for capture rates and outbound contamination.
 - How well the CRPF sorts recyclable materials into marketable commodities and ships them to responsible end markets.
 - Processors must establish a plan for reporting outbound contamination levels.
 - Ensure materials go to responsible end markets. Joint responsibility between PROs and CRPFs. E.g., Glass to a bottle maker, metal to a re-smelter, plastic to the maker of the next product. Performance standards and documentation required.
- **Rule Concept: Living Wage and Supportive Benefits**
 - Updated living wage information.
 - Benefits such as health, disability, and life insurance; paid time off; training and career development opportunities.
- The **fourth session** of the Recycling 2024 Advisory Committee for Rulemaking #2 is scheduled on **January 21, 2024**, via Zoom. Sign up on the DEQ RMA website at <https://www.oregon.gov/deq/rulemaking/Pages/recycling2024.aspx>. Topics for discussion include:
 - Two fees producer responsibility organizations (PROs) will pay to commingled recycling processors,
 - Clarifying the definition of “covered product” (including exemptions),
 - Clarifying producer definitions and
 - PRO reporting requirements.
- **The DEQ seeks research and examples of successful recycling stream contamination strategies.**
- Each meeting allows time for public comment. In addition, the DEQ seems receptive to receiving email input at recycling.2024@deq.oregon.gov.

TENTATIVE TIMELINE FOR EMAC 1/24-9/24

JANUARY 2024

1. Continue to post reminders about leftovers
2. Add “foodwaste” as subheading to EMAC website
3. Begin postings and publicity about food waste being a problem in Florence—run up to food waste challenge
 - a. Post on EMAC website
 - b. Post on social media
4. City application for TreePlotter software
5. ? City reapply for Tree City designation
6. Food waste challenge
 - a. Review plans and budget
 - b. Purchase \$50 in FLOCAL gift certificates for prizes for drawing after food waste challenge
 - c. Continue to publicize food waste as a problem people should care about
 - d. Post foodwaste challenge worksheet on EMAC webpage and city Facebook page and begin food waste challenge
 - e. Post Anika’s weekly reminders about food waste
7. Begin publicity about TreePlotter and start spreadsheet with potential volunteers
8. EMAC meeting 1/10/24

FEBRUARY

1. Work on noxious weed update and make trifold to hand out
2. Finalize poster for Arbor Day schedule and events
 - a. Review programming
 - b. Review plans for publicity
 - c. Ask Mayor for Arbor Day Proclamation
 - d. Review budget
3. ? Report to City Council
4. ? EMAC meeting February 14

MARCH

1. March 1—EMAC Adopt-A-Street
2. End of food waste challenge and drawing for prizes
 - a. Announce prize winners
 - b. Final wrap up of food waste challenge
 - c. Post monthly tips for decreasing food waste in city newsletter
3. Review plans for No Mow May
 - a. Review programming
 - b. Review publicity
 - c. Review budget

- d. Ask Mayor for No Mow May Proclamation/amnesty for people who participate
4. Plan spring planting of pollinator garden 18th Street Pocket Park
5. EMAC meeting March 13
6. Continue publicity, asking for volunteers for TreePlotter
7. Have noxious week trifold ready to hand out at Arbor Day

APRIL

1. Begin publicity for Arbor Day early in month
2. Planting of pollinator garden 18th Street Pocket Park
3. Arbor Day April 27 at the Sr. Center
 - a. Coordinate with Master Recyclers
 - b. Confirm with speakers
 - c. Set up tables with information
 - d. Native plant quiz
4. Hand out “Dirty Dozen” trifold at Arbor Day
5. Hand out information about No Mo May at Arbor Day
6. EMAC meeting April 10

MAY

1. No Mow May
2. Begin education for TreePlotter
 - a. Make sure we have equipment for TreePlotter
 - b. Contact people on volunteer spreadsheet
 - c. Schedule education for volunteers
3. Update EMAC website compost information (last updated 2021)
 - a. Update website
 - b. Add information on compost study
 - c. Encourage composting throughout summer
4. Begin TreePlotter Inventory
5. EMAC meeting May 8

JUNE

1. EMAC Adopt-A-Street Friday June 7
2. Continue with TreePlotter inventory
3. EMAC meeting June 12
1. Continue to improve EMAC website—under “recycling” as a subheading on EMAC webpage (not updated since 2018)
 - a. Include links to Lane County Waste Management, transfer station, etc.
 - b. Include information about Black and White event under “recycling”
 - c. Publicize changes to recycling expected with RMA
4. Recycling Modernization Act should have rules finalized
 - a. Consult with hauler/Lane County Waste Management as to how this will impact Florence
 - b. Consider ways and begin education regarding new recycling rules

5. Encourage composting throughout summer
6. EMAC meeting June 12

JULY

2. Make plans for fall planting
3. Consider planting on Rhododendron Dr. and/or Estuary Trail
4. Planning for Black and White event
 - a. Volunteers
 - b. Coordinate with Master Recyclers
 - c. Coordinate with Florence Transfer Station, CTR
 - d. Publicity/posters
5. Finish up TreePlotter, publicize findings
6. Encourage composting throughout summer
7. Encourage Lane County Waste Management to schedule another Hazardous Waste takeback in Florence
8. EMAC meeting July 10

AUGUST

1. Black and White Event August 17
2. EMAC meeting August 14

SEPTEMBER

1. Adopt-A-Street Fri/, Sept 5
2. EMAC meeting Sept. 11
3. Consider ways to coordinate with schools/include young people in projects
4. Continue to update EMAC website
 - a. Add "Native vegetation and Noxious Weeds" subheadings to EMAC website
 - b. Include list of native plants and "dirty dozen"
5. List of native trees and plants that do well in Florence and information on where to find them
 - a. Fall good time to plant
 - b. Coordinate and communicate with local nurseries on where to find natives
 - c. Put info on EMAC website
6. Finalize plans for fall planting
 - a. Volunteers
 - b. Coordinate with Public Works
 - c. Review budget

OCTOBER

1. EMAC meeting
2. Update website to make sure all information is current

3. Explore yard debris pickup by haulers
4. Update and work on hauler code
5. Fall planting

NOVEMBER

1. Happy Thanksgiving
2. EMAC meeting
3. Begin planning for next Arbor Day
 - a. Location
 - b. Speakers
 - c. Programming
 - d. ? Hiroshima Peace Tree film available April 2025
 - e. Publicity