

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

**EMAC Subcommittee List--February 14, 2024**

<b>Vegetation Related</b>	<b>Chair: Lisa Linda, Susan, Vicki, Tom</b>	<b>Environmental Topics</b>	<b>Chair: Vicki Anika, Linda, Lisa, Tom</b>	<b>Solid Waste &amp; Biosolids</b>	<b>Chair: Tom Brian, Lisa, Vicki</b>	<b>Recycling &amp; Food Waste Prevention</b>	<b>Chair: Ivy Vicki, Anika, Linda</b>
<b>Current Tasks</b>		<b>Current Tasks</b>		<b>Current Tasks</b>		<b>Current Tasks</b>	
<b>Tree City Lisa</b> <b>Lead:</b> Maintain Face Book Page		<b>Pollinators &amp; Bees</b> <b>Lead: Ivy</b>		<b>Flo-Gro</b> <b>Lead: Tom</b>	Promote Flo-Gro to public Tom	<b>Composting</b> <b>Lead: Linda</b>	Update committee members on last years compost project Vickie
<b>Lead: Susan</b> Arbor Day Celebration Event April 2024		<b>Chair: Ivy</b>	No Mow May develop program for 2024 Ivy, Lisa	<b>Solid Waste Management</b>	Garbage Hauler Mgmt, rates, code, Recycling		Update committee on Lane County Garbage Audit and develop next steps
<b>Lead: Vickie</b> Tree Plotter Program			Explore Bee City to be added to next work plan Ivy		Update & Promote Hazardous Waste station in Florence	<b>Recycling &amp; Litter Reduction</b> <b>Lead: Vicki</b>	
<b>Vegetation Preservation</b> <b>Lead: Lisa Vicki, Linda, Susan</b>	Tree Canopy, Vegetation Preservation, Code Updates, Noxious Weeds	<b>Lead: Lisa</b>	Explore code changes for pollinator benefits Ivy, Lisa	<b>Lead: Lisa</b>	Update on FI Chamber Green Business Program	<b>Lead: Vicki</b>	Adopt A Street Litter Patrol Ronelle, Ivy, Lisa, Linda, Susan, Tom
<b>Lead: Lisa</b> Earth Day/Week Planting Pollinator Planting 18th St Park April 20, 2024		<b>Climate Resiliency</b> <b>Lead: Vickie Ivy, Linda</b>	Identify and Coordinate with State & County Strategic Partners	<b>Lead: Linda</b>	Updates on Recycling Modernization Act Linda, Vickie	<b>Lead: Lisa</b>	Black & White Event Vicki, Linda, Ivy, Tom, Anika, Ronelle, Brian
<b>Lead: Lisa</b> Follow & report on updates on current Proposed Code		<b>Lead: Vickie</b>	Develop coordination with Lane County on Climate Action	<b>Yard Waste</b> <b>Lead:</b>	Explore yard debris pickup through code change Lisa, Brian	<b>Lead: Linda</b>	Updates on Recycling Modernization Act Vickie
<b>Noxious Weed Lead: Lisa</b> Finalize local noxious weed list		<b>Green Team</b> <b>Lead: Anika</b>	Develop Community Youth Involvement in EMAC Anika, Susan	<b>Lead:</b>	Explore funding opportunities	<b>Master Recycling Program</b> <b>Lead: Vicki</b>	Coordinate Recycling events with Master Recyclers
	City Code Modifications, Partner with other community groups. Lisa		Develop Senior Connections Tom	<b>Lead: Vickie</b>	Explore Lane County Partnerships	<b>Program Expansion</b> <b>Lead:</b>	Explore Ways to collect Food Waste Linda, Vickie
				<b>Lead: Lisa</b>	Update & Work on Hauler Code Lisa, Vickie	<b>Education</b> <b>Lead: Vickie</b>	Explore ways to promote

## LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Gayle Vinchesi from the Siuslaw Library has asked if we would like to do a/some programs for the children's Library Summer Reading Program. The theme this year is Read, Renew, Repeat. There would probably be around 25 kids aged kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. The program lasts about an hour with 25-30 minutes of education and then a hands-on activity or project. The program runs from June 17-July 31. Some sessions would be in the morning and some in the evening.

I think Britte Kirsch is planning on making some worm farms.

We often talk about reaching out to kids in our meetings, and this seems like a good way to accomplish that. There are many published ideas online for kid activities on recycling, Arbor Day, No Mow May, food waste, etc., lots of suggestions if you are interested in presenting a certain topic.

I put this on the agenda for our next meeting. We can discuss it then and if people are interested, we can meet with Gayle to discuss ideas for presentations.

## GET SMART: TAKE THE CHALLENGE

### KEEP GOOD FOOD FROM GOING TO WASTE

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**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.  
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**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).  
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**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.

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**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](mailto: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](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](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](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](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)

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#### WEEK 2

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

#### NOTES (WHAT GOES TO WASTE AND WHY)

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#### 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)

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#### WEEK 4

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

#### NOTES (WHAT WORKS, WHAT DOESN'T)

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT INFORMATION: \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEN COMPLETE, PLEASE SEND THE CHALLENGE WORKSHEET TO**

[Peighton.allen@ci.florence.or.us](mailto: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**

There is going to be a presentation on the planned Integrated Materials and Energy Recovery Facility (IMERF) for Lane County on March 20 at LCC from 4-6 pm. This is an exciting new facility. More information is available on the Lane County website **Here is the county webpage about the project:**

[https://www.lanecounty.org/government/county\\_departments/public\\_works/waste\\_management/integrated\\_material\\_and\\_energy\\_recovery\\_facility](https://www.lanecounty.org/government/county_departments/public_works/waste_management/integrated_material_and_energy_recovery_facility)