### Zero Waste Vashon



Zero Waste Vashon (ZWV) is a community-run 501 (c) (3) non-profit engaged in education and research in support of waste stream conversion away from the practice of landfilling reusable materials and towards reuse and recycling. Our goal is to inspire the Vashon and Maury Island communities to "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rethink." by turning waste into resources.





### Vashon Compost Facility Update

ZWV continues to partner with King County Solid Waste Division on bringing a compost facility to the island and starting third-bin organics collection. We have received and are grateful for strong endorsement letters of support from Senator Joe Nguyen and Councilman Joe McDermott.

https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/dnrp/waste-services/garbage-recyclingcompost/solid-waste-facilities/vashon-island-compost-study

### Feeling festive this July?!

Celebrate with Zero Waste Vashon in the Strawberry Festival Parade or Festival Booth. Zero Waste Vashon volunteers will be right behind the Tool Library Drill Team and will be followed by the Marine Band and Procession! Please call Andrea Walker at 206-200-8188 or email



at <u>andrea.walker@zerowastevashon.org</u> for meeting time, booth times, and other details."

### Sunday Styrofoam Recycling Update

We will begin collecting EVERY SUNDAY starting August 6th at the Food Bank, from 11 AM to 2 PM.

We will only be collecting the following Option 1 items:

-Styrofoam, clean

- -Styrofoam, colored and lightly soiled
- -Polyethylene foam and fabric
  - -Plastic film (not multi-layer plastic)
  - -Peanuts, securely contained



We will have labeled bins for these items and will guide you in placing your items into the correct bin. All materials should be clean and dry. Please remove all tape and labels from the styrofoam and polyethylene foam.

For the foreseeable future, we will NOT be collecting any Option 2 mixed plastics. I am reconsidering this waste stream due to downstream changes from our vendor. We will notify the community when we are able to reinstate the Option 2 collection. In the meantime, the best thing will be to add those items to your household trash.

We continue to be a completely volunteer-driven enterprise and are committed to a no-fee event. Thus we must rely on donations from those who can in our generous community.

Thank you again for making the effort! Nadine and the SundayStyro team Sunday Styrofoam Recycling

## **Plastics Free July**

Choose Plastic Free, a Zero Waste Vashon year-long campaign, asks Vashon Islanders to avoid the waste and pollution of plastic, particularly single-use plastic. "In addition to the toxicity and disposal issue of plastics, we see the carbon footprint of petroleum-based plastic as an area where we all can contribute to getting to net zero carbon emissions, " said Celia Congdon, a CPF organizer.



This quarter the campaign brings awareness to plastic packaging, encouraging alternatives. It also joins the global Plastic Free July campaign and challenges Islanders to take part in whatever form makes sense for their households. Look for signage as well as weekly tips in the Beachcomber.

https://www.plasticfreejuly.org

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