



Zero Waste Vashon (ZVV) is a non-profit organization and is 100% volunteer driven. Our goal is to inspire the Vashon and Maury Island communities to "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rethink." by turning waste into resources.



## Earth Day 2023

Every April 22nd, stakeholders of all backgrounds come together to advance sustainability and climate action in commemoration of Earth Day.

Our world needs transformation. It's time for the people of the world to hold governments and the private sector accountable for their role in our environmental crisis while also calling for bold, creative, and innovative solutions. This will require action at all levels, from business and private investment to city, state, and national government.

That's where you come in: as an individual, you yield real power for change through your influence as a consumer, a voter, and a community member. Don't underestimate your power. When your voice and actions are united with millions of others around the world, we can create an inclusive and impactful movement that is impossible to ignore.

This Earth Day and Year we can all help by:

**Planting a tree**

[The Canopy Project](#)

**Stop plastics pollution**

[End Plastic Pollution](#)

**Consuming less**

[Simple Steps toward consuming less](#)

**Fight fast fashion**

[Sustainable Fashion](#)

**Promote climate and environmental literacy**

<https://www.earthday.org/campaign/climate-environmental-literacy/>

**Use the power of voting to bring about meaningful change**

[Vote Earth!](#)

For more information: <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2023/>

## Upcoming Events

**April 16 - Styrofoam & Plastics Recycle 10-2 PM**

**April 22 - Earth Day**

**April 22 - Electronics Recycling 10-12 PM**

**April 29 - Vashon Fix-It Cafe 10-2 PM**

**May 2-3 - Give BIG!**

**May 7 - Styrofoam & Plastics Recycle 10-2 PM**

**May 7-13 - Compost Awareness Week**

**Earth Day Electronics Recycling  
Event**

Celebrating Earth Day, ZWV's annual electronics recycling collection will take place on April 22, 2023 from 10am to 12pm at the High School. Enter via the east lot by the pool.

**Accepted items:** Computers, laptops, monitors, ink cartridges, CDs, DVDs, cassettes, printers, fax machines, keyboards & mice, servers, routers, televisions, DVD & CD players, VCRs, audio components, radios, cellphones, telephones, cameras, electronic games and small electronics.



Place small items like loose ink cartridges, CDs, DVDs, cassettes, etc. in a bag for easy handling.

**Not accepted:**

No large rear screen projection TVs, no appliances except microwave ovens. No large commercial copiers, miscellaneous metal boxes, cabinets or devices. (Metals can be dropped off at the transfer station for free. Put them in the metals recycling dumpster.)

There is no charge except for CRT computer monitors and CRT TVs. All CRTs are \$10 per item. A CRT is an old-style monitor or TV with a picture tube inside.

Donations are gratefully accepted. They help support ZWV's work on island.

Would you like to volunteer for this popular event. It's just a few hours on Earth Day, Saturday morning. Sign up here:

[E-Cycle Volunteer Signup](#)

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### First & Third Sunday Styrofoam and Plastics Recycling - Update

#### EXPANDED FIRST & THIRD SUNDAY PLASTICS COLLECTION PROGRAM

The Styrofoam & Plastics collection program has been expanded due to increased popularity. The program now offers two drop-off events on the first and the third Sunday of the month. The program serves over 500-600 households/month, with over 4000 vehicles dropping off materials in 2022.



Due to limited sorting space, we no longer accept black plastic bags as the carrier for your donations. We do prefer contained loads and have clear bags available if you need them.

The next events are April 16th and May 7th from 10am to 2pm at the Sheffield Bldg., 18850 103rd Ave SW.

Questions about the program? Contact our star manager, [Nadine Edelstein](#). Do you want to help? It's just a few hours a month. If interested, please contact [Jacquie Perry](#). For more details, go to: [Styrofoam Recycling](#)

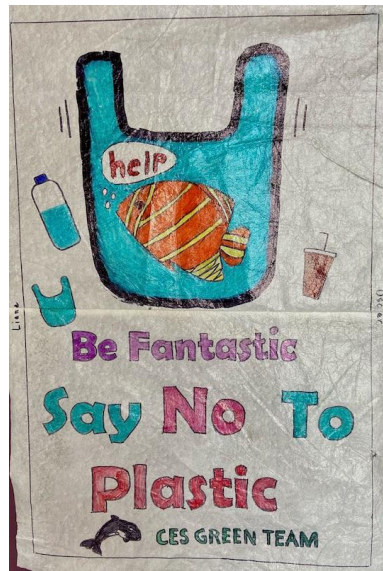
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### Hold The Plastic, Please!

ZWV's Choose Plastic Free campaign has been going strong!

We've been having a great time working with students at two of our Island schools. The Green Team at Chautauqua has been creating Reduce Plastic Use banners. Look for them hanging at local businesses for Earth Week. Students at the Green School sewed over 100 produce bags from reclaimed fabric. They offered them at a recent event at Dig Deep in exchange for a

pledge to reduce plastic use.



This brings us to our next area of focus:

### **Avoiding plastic produce and shopping bags.**

Think produce bags, deli, and fish counter bags, or any of the small plastic bags we are offered throughout the day which are used once and tossed.

***Americans throw away 100 billion plastic bags a year, which require 12 million gallons of oil to manufacture!***

The alternative? Bring reusable bags along with your shopping bags. Thriftway sells cloth, stringed bags in the produce section which are easy to wash and handy for storing produce in the fridge. At the very least, choose paper bags, which can be reused, recycled, or composted at home.

Questions/Suggestions/Want to join our campaign? Reach us at [CPF@zerowastevashon.org](mailto:CPF@zerowastevashon.org)

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### **Vashon Fix-It Café**

Dedicated to reducing waste and building community, the Vashon Fix-It Café returns Saturday, April 29, 2023, from 10am to 2pm at the Vashon Eagles Club, 18134 Vashon Highway SW.

Fixers are eager to repair your lamps, outdoor equipment, toys, small appliances, mending, jewelry, and more!  
Pre-registration required. Sign up here:



[Vashon Fix-It Café](#)

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### **Why Buy When You Can Borrow?**

Got a garden going in, or a party being planned? Do you want to try playing the violin or need to preserve some veggies? Vashon has a wonderful array of lending libraries. You can borrow almost anything from a weed eater to a wheelchair. Visit our website for a current listing of island lending libraries.



[Vashon Library Resources](#)

## Care Closet Giveaway and Open House

**Help Us Reduce Our Inventory. Take Surplus Medical Equipment and Supplies for FREE!**

**Saturday, April 29th**  
**11am-2pm** on the  
Lutheran Church property.  
18623 Vashon Hwy SW.



We have excess walkers, crutches, shower chairs, compression socks, ostomy supplies, salves, and much more to give.



## Care Closet Giveaway

The CareCloset will be holding a Free Giveaway of our excess medical equipment and supplies on April 29th 11-2PM. They are hoping to reduce their carbon footprint by taking fewer trips to Seattle with our excess materials. The hope is that most of it can stay on-Island.

The Vashon Care Network's mission is to provide support to Islanders through the coordination and distribution of physical resources and by networking with community services and individuals.

The organization offers free medical supplies and equipment from the

Care Closet, as well as offering information about individual care and placement options. All members of the Care Network are volunteers and all services are free.

Located at 18623 Vashon Hwy SW by the Luthern Church. Look for the little barn buildings.

[Vashon Care Network](#)

## Give BIG! 2023



Thanks to the generosity of the community Zero Waste Vashon has been able to take on larger projects. We are making slow, but steady progress with the county in getting a compost facility on the island. The Styrofoam and Plastic recycling event has been an incredible success.

ZWV will continue its work on these projects as well as ongoing work with our schools and students to educate on waste

reduction. Your donations are a big help with this work. We hope you can GiveBIG!

[Donate To ZWV @ GiveBIG!](#)

## Compost Awareness Week

Compost Awareness week is coming May 7-13.

The theme this year is:

**For Healthier Soil, Healthier Food...Compost!**

By recycling organics into compost and using it on our farmlands we create healthy soils that produce healthier food and higher yields. It also reduces the need for fertilizer and pesticides, improves water quality and conserves water, as well as stores carbon in soil - helping to reduce climate change. Compost not only helps the environment but also helps to decrease food shortages experienced around the world.



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### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to all of our volunteers, donors, and board members who contribute to the ongoing success of Zero Waste Vashon!



If you are interested in volunteering, getting involved, donating to ZWV, or simply have a question, let us know - we are here to help!

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