

Waste Wise News

2023/2024 SCHOOL EDITION LINKS

Information to empower students & educators with tools & resources to reduce waste & live more sustainably.

Programs constantly change or cease operations, so this list will be updated (when possible) to reflect these realities. Make sure to check resources for the most current information. Have a program you'd like to include? Let us know at wastewisenews@lanecountyor.gov.

Climate Resilience

Organizations	Resource description	Website
All We Can Save Circles	Classroom discussion & assignments	allwecansave.earth/circles
Bags of Love	Care packages for kids in need, including after natural disasters	bagsofloveinc.org
Climate Awakening	Climate emotion conversations & sessions	climateawakening.org
Climate-Aware Therapist Directory	Podcasts, recordings, events & training	climatepsychology.us/climate- therapists
Climate Resilience in Your Community Activity Book	Activity book was designed for learners in grades 3-8 & educator guide	bit.ly/3SWC2bg
Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Studies	Curriculum, videos, workshops & webinars	cires.colorado.edu/outreach
Good Grief Network	Climate emotion conversations & sessions	goodgriefnetwork.org
Lane County Emergency Preparedness	Emergency kit development, local emergency resource listings	lanecounty.org/prepare
Resource Tap	Nonprofit helping schools prepare for natural disasters.	becomethetap.com

Curriculum, Activities & Certifications

Organizations	Resource description	Website
BRING Recycling Curriculum	Presentations, field trips, hands-on activities, curriculum	bringrecycling.org/learn/in-the- classroom
Churchill High School Master Recyclers	The only school-based Master Recycler training program in Oregon	bit.ly/Churchill-MasterRecyclers

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Eugene Science Center	Field trips & curriculum	eugenesciencecenter.org/events/ for-educators
Lane County School Grants	Grants for in-school sustainability projects	lanecountyor.gov/wastewise- schools
LEED Center for Green Schools	LEED certification is for schools seeking innovative design solutions that are better for the environment & communities	centerforgreenschools.org/about/ leed-certification-schools
Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation	Free curriculum, resources & training to K-12 educators	oregonaitc.org
Oregon Green Schools	Provides free assistance to support various in-school sustainability projects	ogslanecounty.org
Oregon Educators for Climate Education	Statewide group of educators working toward PK-12 climate education integration for Oregon students across all the core subject areas	oregonclimateed.org
School Garden Project of Lane County	Activities & curriculum to establish garden-learning projects	schoolgardenproject.org
U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools	Framework for schools across the nation to document sustainability performance	ed.gov/programs/green-ribbon- schools

Electronics

Organizations	Resource description	Website
Electronics Recycling Competition	School competition to collect, recycle e-waste	partnersforsustainableschools.org/ ewaste
NextStep Recycling	Electronics recycling & electronics resale	nextsteprecycling.org

Energy

Organizations	Resource description	Website
Blachly-Lane Electric Cooperative Rebate Program	Rebate programs for commercial (schools) & residential programs	blachlylane.coop/conservation/ energy-efficiency-rebates
Central Lincoln (Florence) Residential Rebate Programs	Rebate programs for commercial (schools) & residential programs	clpud.org
Emerald People's Utility District Energy Incentive Programs	Rebate programs for commercial (schools) & residential programs	epud.org/energy-efficiency/energy- incentive-programs

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Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB)	Rebate programs for commercial (schools) & residential programs	eweb.org/rebates-and-savings
Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB)	Grants, presentations, tours, EV challenge	eweb.org/your-public-utility/ for-our-community/ educationprograms
Green Child Magazine: Energy Checklist	At-home activity	greenchildmagazine.com/teach- kids-to-save-energy-checklist
HomeAdvisor: Home Energy Conservation for Kids	Simple energy checklist for families to save resources & money	homeadvisor.com/r/home-energy- conservation-for-kids/
Lane Electric Cooperative Energy Efficiency Programs	Rebate programs for commercial (schools) & residential programs	laneelectric.com/programs- services/energy-efficiency
Lane County Utilities & Weatherization Programs	Rebate programs for commercial (schools) & residential programs	https://bit.ly/3uBV10i
Pacific Power Savings & Energy Choices	Rebate programs for commercial (schools) & residential programs	pacificpower.net/savings-energy- choices/home.html
Springfield Utility Board Rebates & Loans	Rebate programs for commercial (schools) & residential programs	subutil.com/conservation/for-your- home/rebates-loans

Fashion

Organizations	Resource description	Website
Discard Upcycling	Classes & workshops on creating products from damaged or unused materials	discardupcycling.com
Facebook Marketplace	Large selection of used items for sale	facebook.com/marketplace
Goodwill	Large selection of used items for sale	goodwill.org
Fix-It Lane County	Directory of businesses that fix, mend & repair	fixitlanecounty.com
St. Vincent de Paul	Large selection of used items for sale	svdp.us
Take the Jump	Guide for sustainable fashion habits	takethejump.org/dress-retro
Wildling Collaborative Arts	Classes & workshops	wildlingcollaborativearts.com

Food

Organizations	Resource description	Website
Eat Smart, Waste Less	Events & resources on wasted food prevention	eatsmartwasteless.tips

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Eugene Veg Education Network	Events & resources on meatless eating	eugeneveg.org
Food for Lane County	Summer food programs for underserved youth	foodforlanecounty.org/get-help/ programs-for-children
Green Lunchrooms Guide	Curriculum & school certification program	oregongreenschools.org/green- lunchrooms
Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation	Curriculum, grants & resources	oregonaitc.org/resources/school- garden-resource-center/oregon- teaching-resources/school-garden- grants
Oregon Department of Education: Farm to Schools	Resources & school grant opportunities	oregon.gov/ode/students-and- family/childnutrition/f2s/pages/ farmtoschoolresources.aspx
OSU Farm to School	Programs, resources, videos	extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/ farm-school-school-gardens-lane- county
School Garden Project of Lane County	Activities & curriculum to establish garden-learning projects	schoolgardenproject.org
Take the Jump	Guide for sustainable eating habits	takethejump.org/eat-green

Sustainable Finances

Organizations	Resource description	Website
ethical consumer	Resources for consumers looking for sustainable products	ethicalconsumer.org
Good with Money	Resources for consumers looking for sustainable products	good-with-money.com
Buy Nothing Project	Gift economy access, community resources, & personal support	buynothingproject.org
Mighty Deposits	Resource to find sustainable banking	mightydeposits.com
Take the Jump	Guide for sustainable finances	takethejump.org/system-change

The Rs: Reuse & Repair

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BRING	Classes, tours & workshops	bringrecycling.org/learn/community-education/
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iFixit	Online instructions for repairing items	ifixit.com
Lane County School Grants	Grants for in-school sustainability projects	lanecountyor.gov/wastewise- schools
MECCA	Used craft & classroom supplies	materials-exchange.org
St. Vincent de Paul	Large selection of used items for sale	svdp.us
Sustainable Event Resources	Reusable dishware & water bottle refill stations	Lanecountyor.gov/wastewise- events
Take the Jump	Guide for reuse & repair	takethejump.org/end-clutter

Transportation

Organizations	Resource description	Website
Better Eugene-Springfield Transportation	Opportunities for sustainable transportation advocacy	best-oregon.org
Lane Transit District	Free bus passes	ltd.org/student-pass
Lane Youth Transportation Advisory Council (LYTAC)	Resources for safe, easy & fun ways for kids to walk, bike, scoot or bus to school in rural Lane County	saferouteslanecounty.org
National Bike+ Roll to School Day	Resources & grants to support sustainable transportation in Oregon	oregonsaferoutes.org/may- challenge
Safe Routes: Eugene-Springfield Safe Routes to School	Resources for safe, easy & fun ways for kids to walk, bike, scoot or bus to school in Eugene-Springfield	eugenespringfieldsrts.org
SHIFT Community Cycles	Youth bike distribution program	shiftcc.org
Start a Walking Bus	Resource to start a walking bus for students	walkingschoolbus.org
Take the Jump	Guide for sustainable daily travel	takethejump.org/travel-fresh
Take the Jump	Guide for sustainable vacation travel	takethejump.org/holiday-local

Water

Long Tom Watershed Council	Tours & volunteer opportunities	longtom.org
Eugene Water & Electric Board	Salmon watch tour(s)	eweb.org/your-public-utility/ for-our-community/education- programs
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McKenzie Watershed Council	Volunteer to conserve & restore riparian & aquatic habitats	mckenziewc.org
Metropolitan Wastewater Commission Tours	Educational tours to learn about wastewater, stormwater & drinking water in the community	Email mwmcpartners@springfield- or.gov to arrange a tour of the facility or visit mwmcpartners.org
Springfield Utility Board (SUB)	Curriculum, electric circuit kits, testing labs, activities & materials.	For more information, contact SUB at (541) 744-3794. Participants must be SUB customers.
Young Climate Warriors		
Organizations	Resource description	Website
350 Eugene	Opportunities, resources for climate crisis & climate justice advocacy	350eugene.org
Beyond Toxics	Opportunities, resources for climate crisis & climate justice advocacy	beyondtoxics.org
Cascadia Wildlands	Opportunities, resources for climate crisis & climate justice advocacy	cascwild.org
Our Children's Trust	Opportunities, resources for climate crisis & climate justice advocacy	ourchildrenstrust.org
Our Climate Our Future	Resources for climate crisis & climate justice advocacy	ourclimateourfuture.org
Our Future: Oregon's High School Climate Leadership Network	Resources for climate crisis & climate justice advocacy	ourfutureoregon.org
Partners for Sustainable Schools	Resources for climate crisis & climate justice advocacy	partnersforsustainableschools.org
Take the Jump	Guide for sustainable actions	takethejump.org