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# OYC Waste Management Guidelines

## Introduction

These guidelines provide recommended practice for recycling waste at OYC facilities as well as the handling of sewage both for vessels and the land-based facilities. Proper waste management is essential for OYC to be a responsible member of our community and to maintain OYC's "Clean Marina" status.

These guidelines cover:

1. **Recycling of non-hazardous waste at the OYC Mainstation**
2. **Recycling of non-hazardous waste at the OYC Island Home Outstation, and**
3. **Hazardous waste management**
4. **Liveaboard sewage handling**
5. **Land based sewage structure**

Please note that recycling practice differs somewhat at the OYC Mainstation (Thurston County/City of Olympia) and at our Island Home Outstation (Mason County).

### 1. Recycling and (Non-Hazardous) Waste Disposal at the OYC Mainstation

Waste disposal facilities are located in the fenced area at the northeast corner of the OYC parking lot. There are several plastic containers marked for recyclables (paper, glass, metal, and plastic) and a dumpster for non-recyclable, non-hazardous waste.

Please observe the **Posters** in the disposal area describing acceptable recycling materials and waste.

The OYC contracts with the City of Olympia Public Works Department to collect waste at the OYC Mainstation. Note that City of Olympia recycling policies may differ from practice at your residence.

- **Recyclable materials** may be comingled and should be placed in any of the plastic containers:
  - **Mixed paper**-- including newspaper, cardboard, magazines, milk & juice cartons;
  - **Metals**-- drink cans and other metal cans, pots and pans (No Lids) ○ **Recyclable plastics** include clean bottles, jugs, tubs, buckets, and rigid plant pots;
    - ☞ **Some plastic products are *not accepted for recycling***--these include plastic bags, food clamshells, containers and trays from take-out food, deli items, or produce, all lids and caps, and Styrofoam. *Non-recyclable plastics should be placed in the dumpster.*
- **Non-recyclable waste** now includes **glass** and **plastic-coated paper products** (e.g. milk & juice cartons) and should be placed in the dumpster. Waste is sent to landfills and must not contain hazardous materials. **(See practice below for hazardous waste disposal at OYC).**

### 2. Recycling and (Non-Hazardous) Waste Disposal at the OYC Island Home Outstation

Waste disposal facilities are provided at the mainland end of bridge to Island Home. There is a dumpster for non-recyclable, non-hazardous waste, a bin for recyclable cardboard and paper waste, and a bin for recyclable glass, metal, and plastic waste. There are also small recycle bins around the clubhouse.

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The OYC contracts with Mason County Public Works to collect OYC outstation waste. Note that Mason County recycling practice is different from the Mainstation--glass and paper are not co-mingled and must be recycled separately.

- **Glass, metal, and some plastics** (as above) may be recycled at Island Home. Please place these in designated recycle bins (**do not mix** with cardboard and paper).
- **Paper and cardboard** may be recycled at Island Home in designated bins (**do not mix** with glass).

### 3. Hazardous Waste Disposal at the OYC Mainstation

The OYC provides convenient facilities for disposal of certain hazardous wastes commonly generated by boat maintenance activities. The hazardous waste disposal area is located adjacent to the storage shed behind the Mainstation caretaker residence.

- A **WASTE OIL TANK** is located to the west of the Caretakers residence (behind Bayview Thriftway); OYC contracts with Arcom Oil to recycle used oils.
- A **GREEN BIN** is available for disposal of zincs, antifreeze, and other potential hazards; the Thurston County Health Department provides periodic transport of hazardous waste to the Thurston County Hazo House as a courtesy to OYC.

*Please follow these important procedures:*

- **Do not mix materials**--mixed materials cannot be recycled. Keep waste products separate.
- Use **Original Containers** to identify waste materials where possible.  
Otherwise, **Label Materials Carefully** (use wire ties & tags provided in the bin).
- Use **Leak-proof containers**--screw top plastic jugs such as bleach bottles, old oil bottles, etc. Milk jugs and other containers with snap-off caps risk spilling during transport.
- **OYC Waste Oil Tank** --this may be used to dispose of non-volatile waste petroleum products below:
  - motor oil
  - automatic transmission fluid (ATF) ○ hydraulic fluid

**PLEASE DO NOT USE the Oil Tank for:**

- Diesel fuel or kerosene ○ Gasoline, paint thinner, naphtha, or other highly flammable products ○ Contaminated bilge water or other liquids.

**(See below for disposal of these products.)**

- **Oil-soaked absorbent pads**
  - Squeeze out and recycle excess oil as above, place in a plastic bag, **label**, and dispose in the **Green Bin**.
  - Alternatively, absorbent pads may be re-used: wear nitrile gloves and squeeze out excess oil from the pad into a container. Dispose of the oil in the waste oil tank. The pads may be placed back in the bilge and will continue to absorb excess oil.

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- **OYC Hazardous Waste (GREEN BIN)**

- **Spent oil and fuel filters**--drain contents, wrap in a plastic bag, **label** and place in the bin; ○ **Contaminated Diesel or Kerosene**-- drain into a suitable container, seal and **label**.
- **Used Glycol Antifreeze** solution--drain into a suitable container, seal and **label**.  
Please do not mix with bilge water or other contaminants.
- **Anti-fouling or Oil-based paints**--seal in original (or other **labelled**) container.
- **Adhesives, Sealers, and Sealants**-- seal in original (or other suitable **labelled**) container. ○ **Contaminated Bilge Water**-- drain into a suitable container, seal and **label**. ○ **Used zincs**--place in the collection bucket inside the bin.

**PLEASE DO NOT use the Hazardous Waste Bin for:**

- **Contaminated gasoline, paint thinner, naphtha, or other highly flammable products** *Please take these products directly to the Thurston County Hazo House for disposal.*
- **Fluorescent and compact fluorescent lamps**  
*Due to risk of breakage, please take these products directly to the Thurston County Hazo House for disposal.*
- **Propane Tanks & other compressed gasses**  
*Even when empty, propane tanks contain residual explosive material; please take these products directly to the Thurston County Hazo House for disposal.*
- **Latex Paints**  
*Please let dry until solid and place in dumpster.*
- **Liquid waste in containers larger than 5 gallons**  
*Please take these products directly to the Thurston County Hazo House for disposal.* ○ **Expired Flares or Marine Pyrotechnics**  
*Expired flares pose a significant ignition risk and cannot be discarded anywhere on OYC premises. Bring expired marine pyrotechnics to the annual OYC Safety and Environment Day (in the Spring); they will be turned over to the Thurston County Sheriff for appropriate disposal.*

- **Holding Tanks and Porta-potties**

- Pumpout stations for holding tanks are at Percival Landing and on the Visitor Dock at Swantown Marina.

- **Batteries**

- Large lead-acid, AGM, etc. batteries should be removed off-site and recycled at a suitable facility. Nearby recycling locations include:

*Batteries Plus*

*2905 Capital Mall Dr. SW*

*Olympia, WA 98502*

*Interstate Batteries*

*3480 Martin Way E*

*Olympia, WA 98506*

- **Other Hazardous Waste:**

- The Thurston County Hazo-House accepts a variety of hazardous waste:  
*Thurston County HazoHouse*  
*2418 Hogum Bay Rd NE, Lacey, WA 98516*

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(360) 786-5494

<http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/solidwaste/hazardous/haz-hazohouse.htm>

#### **4. OYC Hazardous Waste Facilities-Island Home Outstation**

There are no facilities for hazardous waste disposal at the OYC outstation. Please return all such waste to the Mainstation for disposal.

#### **5. Liveboard Sewage Handling Process**

Upon approval to become a liveboard, the member must complete, and file with the club manager a Liveboard Sewage Management Plan using the prescribed form available on the OYC website and from the club manager. This plan shall remain in effect until the member's status changes or additional requirements are established.

#### **6. Land Based Sewage Structure**

OYC maintains land-based facilities that generate sewage and waste water. These facilities include an inside men's & women's rest rooms, an outside accessible unisex rest room with shower, and a pair of unisex rest rooms in the detached cottage adjacent to the main clubhouse. All of these facilities are connected to the city of Olympia sanity sewer system and thus meet all state and local environmental requirements. Further details are included in the Mainstation Sewage Management Plan.

**QUESTIONS?--Contact any OYC Environmental Awareness Committee member**