

Bonnie Matter

- 1) Eliminate plastic bags
- 2) Provide access to organics dumpsters; If I cut up a watermelon or prepare foods that have lots of left over bones or organic material, I want to be able to take it to a location when needed; e.g., Washington County Environmental Center or the Cottage Grove Public Works organics drop off.
- 3) When picking up a to-go meal from a restaurant, I want to be able to use my personal, reusable containers. I do not want non-compostable, styrofoam, or plastic containers used by restaurants.
- 4) Why are restaurants or grocery stores throwing any food away when there are people that are hungry? Is it a matter of a distribution plan?
- 5) I am tired of having to continually try to figure out if something is recyclable. It should only be allowed to exist if it can be recycled. Get rid of the other stuff. We're drowning in our own garbage.
- 6) I would like the opportunity to return used containers (toothpaste, makeup containers, etc) to the manufacturers for recycling. Maybe then the products would be made in a way that there is less to throw away.

When I walk into a big box store, all I see is a future landfill. It's gotta stop.