

Creation Care Ministry

Recycling at Holy Spirit

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The Creation Care Ministry at Holy Spirit is beginning a pilot program to reuse/recycle a few items that are difficult, if not impossible, to recycle through normal programs. We have identified 3 items to begin our pilot program. We have ordered 3 stackable bins which will be placed in the Parish Hall. We anticipate starting this program in June so please start saving these items and bring with you to the Sunday service beginning on June 4. We will be collecting:

1. **Prescription vials/medication plastic bottles.** One of the mantras of recycling is “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Restore.” Reuse saves the energy that recycling requires. Additionally, the prescription vials are labeled #5 and the market for recycled # 5 is iffy. We will send these to Matthew 25 Ministries and they will reuse the containers. They send these to developing countries where doctors may have to dispense medications without a container or in a folded piece of paper. We are collecting:
 - Large and small prescription and over-the-counter pill bottles with caps.
 - All labels and adhesive must be removed and all containers washed and dried. Remember not to discard the caps.
2. **Oral Care products and packaging.** We have found an organization (Terracycle) that has partnered with Colgate to recycle ALL BRANDS of used or empty oral care products and their packaging. This includes toothpaste tubes, floss containers (NO USED FLOSS), and toothbrushes. The items we collect will be sent to Terracycle.
3. **Beauty Care products and packaging.** Terracycle has also partnered with Nordstroms for recycling ALL BRANDS of beauty care products. Rather than sending these to Terracycle, they are delivered to participating Nordstrom stores. They accept:
 - Compacts, jars and caps, tubes and caps, mascara tubes and wands, plastic eyeliner or eyebrow pencils, tubes and caps, bottles and caps. Any empty packaging that can't be placed in your curbside bin, including pump caps and lotion dispenser pumps to hair spray triggers to lipstick cases, can be dropped off.
 - They DO NOT ACCEPT aerosol or pressurized cans, electronic items, perfume bottles, nail polish bottles or removers, wooden eyeliner pencils, bio-medical or bio-hazardous waste, or partially full and full packaging. They will not accept anything that is dripping. **Note:** They do ask that you remove as much of the product as possible from the container but do not ask that you wash the containers.

We will deliver what we collect to a participating Nordstroms. I have been taking Beauty Care product containers to Nordstroms in Salt Lake City for about a year. There are also participating Nordstroms in Idaho, Oregon and Washington as well as many other states. If you are traveling out of state and would be willing to make a delivery, contact the Creation Care Committee and we will determine if there is a drop-off location at your destination.