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The scoop of the day

December is National Pear Month

December is an optimal time to celebrate National Pear Month due to the abundance and variety of USA Pears, which are at their peak and available worldwide. The more than ten varieties of pears grown in Washington and Oregon include: Bosc, Green Anjou, Red Anjou, Bartlett, Starkrimson, Comice, Concorde, Forelle, Seckel and Red Bartlett.



New Chief of Police

William Schultz is the new Police Chief of Fort Lauderdale. There will be a Swearing-In and Promotional Ceremony at the Parker on December 6, 2023. Reception at 10:00, Swearing-In at 11:00. The public is welcome to attend.



Dangers of Lithium-Ion Batteries

Recycling facilities experience thousands of fires every year, and rechargeable batteries are among their chief causes, according to [a recent report](#) from the National Waste Recycling Association. MRFs of all kinds are a perfect storm of battery risk thanks to their frequent crushing and baling of cardboard and other materials that easily obscure wayward devices from workers and automated sorters alike.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, *at least 25,000* fire or overheating incidents in lithium-ion batteries occurred in a five-year period. Furthermore, heat, smoke, toxic gases, and the potential for explosions are all dangers associated with lithium-ion battery fires. Use the lithium-ion battery fire safety tips below to keep yourself and your community safe:

HOW TO HANDLE LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES

DO'S



Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing lab.



Only use the battery and charging cord designed for the device.



Keep devices and batteries at room temperature.



Store batteries away from flammable objects.

DON'TS



Do not leave devices plugged in once fully charged.



Do not charge the device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.



Do not charge devices at temperatures below 32°F or above 105°F.



Do not discard lithium-ion batteries in the trash.

FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS SAVE LIVES!

In addition to following the tips above, choosing to install and maintain fire and life safety systems can *save lives and protect property*.