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Salon duc Tape – The Recycling Myth – June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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### **What really happens to our plastic waste once we put it in the recycling bin?**

In the last few years the plastic pollution crisis has become an international scandal. But the plastic packaging industry has declared it knows how to solve the problem: recycling. Increasingly, bottles, boxes and sachets are proudly stamped with the words ‘100% recyclable’ as brands compete to reassure consumers that their packaging purchases are guilt-free. But if recycling is really the solution, why is the world pumping out more virgin plastic than ever before? Could recycling really be the ultimate greenwash?

Join us on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> for a viewing of “The Recycling Myth” by “Break Free from Plastics.” The film will be followed by a discussion facilitated by **Maureen McCarthy** of [FoCO Trash Mob](#). FoCO Trash Mob meets to protest non-recyclable plastic packaging by mailing it back to the manufacturers who created it. They encourage companies to embrace Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR). Maureen worked for over 12 years in waste reduction and recycling; first at the County’s landfill and then for the Fort Collins Environmental Services Department. She founded FoCO Trash Mob in 2020.

Salon duc Tape, a public forum sponsored by the **Northern Colorado Alliance for a Livable Future**, meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month from 7:00 — 9:00 p.m. This will be the last salon before our summer break, which will extend though the first half of August. **You will need to register in advance for this salon [here](#).** After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information – including a new link – about joining the salon.