



Reduce, reuse and recycle at home



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WashingtonCountyRecycles.com
503-846-3605

Recycling is important

Reduce costs. By separating out reusable and recyclable materials, you may be able to save money by reducing your garbage service.

Create jobs. Recycling services create jobs with businesses that haul, process and sell recovered materials, as well as with companies that manufacture and distribute products made with these recycled materials. Recycling in our state creates nearly \$1.55 billion in economic benefits for Oregonians.

Keep the community clean. Recycling reduces the amount of waste sent to landfills and reduces greenhouse gas emissions. Manufacturers can use more recycled materials to create new products instead of raw materials, which reduces air, water and land pollution.

Protect the environment. Recycling conserves energy and the natural resources such as trees, water and minerals that are used to make new goods.

Reduce, reuse and repair

Making a new product requires a lot of resources and energy — taking raw materials from the earth, processing them, making a product and transporting it to be sold. Reducing what you buy new and reusing and repairing what you have helps protect the environment and save money. Here are some ideas:

- Buy used. Find great deals on everything from clothes to building materials.
- Buy in bulk and use refillable containers when possible.
- Try reusable over disposable items. Start small by bringing your own water bottle or coffee mug and refusing items like straws or napkins if you don't need them.
- Maintain and repair products like clothing, furniture and appliances. Check out repairfair.org for upcoming opportunities to repair items.
- Borrow, rent or share items you rarely use like party decorations, tools or furniture. Many local libraries have “Libraries of Things” where you can borrow items like this.



Did you know that 40% of food in the U.S. is wasted? Almost half of that waste comes from households. **The average family of four throws out about \$1,500 worth of food every year!** By making small changes in how we shop for, prepare and store food, we can waste less, save money and conserve the valuable resources that go into producing food. Start by labelling a bin in your fridge with an “Eat this First” sticker (we can send you one!).



Head to EatSmartWasteLess.com for more tips and to take the challenge!

Find answers online or with our app



Washington County community members can keep track of garbage and recycling pick-up schedules and find out how to dispose of thousands of items with online and mobile tools like our Garbage and Recycling Day app. You can:

- Look up your garbage and recycling schedule.
- Sign up for reminders by phone, email or text.
- Get notified about winter weather and holiday schedule changes.
- Learn about special drop-off events in your area.
- Find nearby drop-off recycling centers for items that aren't recyclable in your roll cart.

Learn more by visiting:

WashingtonCountyRecycles.com/GRD



Recycle



Paper

Newspapers, magazines, mail & envelopes (windows ok), office/scrap paper, cartons, flattened cardboard boxes

Metal

Rinsed aluminum, tin, and steel cans, empty aerosol cans, clean aluminum foil, scrap metal

Plastic

Rinsed bottles and tubs (6 oz or larger) and buckets (5 gallons and smaller)

NO plastic bags, plastic clamshells, polystyrene, "compostable" serviceware, coffee cups or lids, frozen food boxes or trays, plastic lids, hot or cold drink cups, paper or plastic plates/cups, plastic utensils, take-out containers, or glass (glass should go in the separate red bin).

Garbage



Garbage

Coffee cups, paper/plastic plates, take-out containers, "compostable" serviceware, hot and cold drink cups, straws, cutlery, plastic clamshells, plastic bags, plastic caps/lids



Garden hoses, treated wood, pet waste, cat litter, diapers, frozen food packaging/trays



Incandescent light bulbs, broken glass, ceramics, vases, drinking glasses

NO electronics, computers, monitors, TVs, hazardous waste, chemicals, medical sharps like needles, fluorescent light bulbs, or batteries. Use WashingtonCountyRecycles.com/WTRW or call **503-846-3605** to find out where to take these items.

Household Hazardous Waste

Household hazardous waste and medical sharps can be disposed of at a Metro drop-off hazardous waste facility or a free neighborhood collection event.

Metro transfer stations and household hazardous waste facilities

6161 NW 61st Ave, Portland, 97210
2001 Washington St, Oregon City, 97045

Visit OregonMetro.gov/HHW or call 503-234-3000 for more information



Glass



Glass Bottles and Jars

Put glass into separate bin. Remove lids. Labels OK. **NO** vases, drinking glasses or lightbulbs.

Motor Oil



Motor Oil

Put in a leak-proof, clear plastic jug with lid and place next to bins. Motor oil pick-up is generally not available for apartment buildings or other multifamily residences. Ask hauler if you're unsure. **NO** other liquids accepted.

Want to make a difference?

Become a Master Recycler to help your community become better recyclers and prevent waste. The Washington County training is offered each fall. Learn more at MasterRecycler.org.



Recycle at Drop-off Locations

What to recycle and where?

You can recycle some items that don't go into your recycling roll cart by taking them to a drop-off recycling center. Items include batteries, Styrofoam, electronics, medications, paint, plastic bags, shoes and clothing, and more.

Find a location near you by using WashingtonCountyRecycles.com/WTRW or by calling 503-846-3605. Call the facility before you go to confirm hours, items accepted and potential fees.



Nearby recycling centers where you can drop off materials:

Far West Recycling
6440 SE Alexander St
Hillsboro, 97123
503-643-9944
FarWestRecycling.com

Pride Disposal
13910 SW Tualatin-Sherwood Rd
Sherwood, 97140
503-625-0725
PrideDisposal.com

Transfer stations - call before going:

Forest Grove Transfer Station
1525 B St, Forest Grove, 97116 | 800-808-5901
No hazardous waste

Tualatin Valley Waste Recovery Facility
(co-located with Hillsboro Landfill)
3205 SE Minter Bridge Rd, Hillsboro, 97123
503-640-9427
No household garbage or hazardous waste

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