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## Regional Report Card

Oregonians continue to generate less waste than in previous years - a trend that has continued for five straight years. Recycling rates are holding steady.

### METRO REGION BY THE NUMBERS

**2,697**  
pounds of waste generated  
per-capita in 2009  
11% less than 2008.

**1,334**  
pounds of waste  
disposed of per-capita  
18% decrease  
since 2004 and a 23%  
decrease in the last  
10 years.

**31%**  
Increase in  
electronics recovery  
since 2009 launch of Oregon  
E-Cycles program, a  
statewide industry program  
that collects computers,  
monitors and televisions  
for recycling.

**56.5%**  
Calculated  
recovery rate\*  
of tons generated and  
disposed, including earned  
recovery credits for waste  
prevention programs.

**1,363**  
pounds of waste  
recovered/recycled  
per-capita  
270 pounds more than  
Oregonians outside the  
Metro Region.



\* Recovery Rate = total waste recovered / total waste generated.

Each year Department of Environmental Quality measures both the amount of garbage generated and the amount of material recycled statewide. The goal is to recycle 64 percent of waste in the Portland metropolitan region. In 2009, the regional recovery rate in the metro area was 56.8 percent, a slight increase from 2008. Ongoing regional initiatives that require recycling at businesses and construction sites have combined with statewide take-back programs that collect paint and electronic wastes from residents, to boost our region's recovery rates towards the 64 percent recovery goal.

### 2009 STATS

Area residents recovered more than 2 million tons of waste, an amount equivalent to the greenhouse gas emissions from 570,000 average passenger cars on the road!

Overall waste generation was down. Because of the challenging economic times, people consume less and naturally generate less waste. However, waste generation has been falling for several years as Oregonians have focused on the first priority of the three R's: **Reduce**, Reuse, and Recycle.

### NEW TRENDS

Oregonians are also making better use of drop-off depots to recycle materials that are not accepted as part of curbside recycling programs. These materials include paint, electronics, batteries, used carpet and roofing materials, and household hazardous waste materials (e.g. household cleaners, stains, pool and spa chemicals, pesticides, etc.). The recovered amount for these items all increased over the previous year.

### TIP YOUR LID TO IMPROVE RECYCLING

Your recycling roll cart is just one of the many tools available to help recover valuable resources. However, not all recyclable items should be put in your recycling cart. Materials such as styrofoam, plastic bags/plastic film, clothing and carpet are recyclable or reusable, but should be taken to designated recycling or reuse centers and not placed in your recycling roll cart.

To make the most of your recycling efforts, we ask that you take a moment and "Tip Your Lid" and verify that the items in your roll cart really belong there. Eliminating unacceptable materials from your curbside recyclables improves the processing of recyclable materials at the processing facilities and ensures that your good efforts 'don't go to waste.' Learn more about the most common contaminants found in residential recycling in the "Tip Your Lid" article inside on page 6.

#### Can I Recycle Cooking Oil? Carpet Pad? Microwaves? Page 5

Learn what types of materials are accepted at Far West Fibers' Beaverton and Hillsboro facilities.

#### Shelf Space: Leftover Paint or Golf Clubs? Page 5

Reclaim your garage space for something you'll use! Free collection of leftover paint through PaintCare program retailers. Washington County sites!

#### CITY OFFICES

City of Banks  
(503) 324-5112 • cityofbanks.org  
 City of Cornelius  
(503) 357-9112 • ci.cornelius.or.us  
 City of Durham  
(503) 639-6851  
 City of Forest Grove  
(503) 992-3200 • forestgrove-or.gov  
 City of Hillsboro  
(503) 681-6219 • ci.hillsboro.or.us  
 City of King City  
(503) 639-4082 • ci.king-city.or.us  
 City of North Plains  
(503) 647-5555 • northplains.org  
 City of Sherwood  
(503) 625-5722 • ci.sherwood.or.us  
 City of Tigard  
(503) 639-4171 • tigard-or.gov  
 City of Tualatin  
(503) 691-3093 • ci.tualatin.or.us

#### GARBAGE & RECYCLING COLLECTION COMPANIES

Aloha Garbage Co., Inc.  
(503) 649-6727 • alohagarbageco.com  
 Cornelius Disposal  
(503) 357-3510  
 Garbarino Disposal Service  
(503) 647-2335  
 Hillsboro Garbage Disposal, Inc.  
(503) 648-4219 • hillsborogarbage.com  
 Newberg Garbage  
(Waste Management of Oregon)  
(503) 538-1388  
wmnorthwest.com/newberg/index.html  
 Pride Disposal Company  
(503) 625-6177 • pridedisposal.com  
 Rossman Sanitary  
(503) 636-3011 • lakeoswego.disposal.com  
 Swatco Sanitary Service  
(503) 324-0230 • swatcosanitary.com  
 United Disposal  
(503) 682-0336  
 Valley Garbage & Recycling, Inc.  
(503) 643-7063  
 Valley West Refuse Disposal  
(503) 649-5252  
 Walker Garbage Service  
(503) 531-6330 • walkergarbage.com  
 Waste Management  
(503) 249-8078 • wm.com  
 West Slope Garbage Service  
(503) 292-8173  
westslopegarbage.com

#### COUNTY OFFICE

Washington County  
Solid Waste & Recycling  
(503) 846-8609 • www.RecycleWise.org  
Oregon Relay Service 711

#### METRO

(503) 234-3000 • www.oregonmetro.gov

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Portland, OR  
ECRWSS

Residential Customer

Cooperative Recycling Program  
of Washington County  
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Hillsboro, OR 97124



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# More Recycling Information

## Apartment/Multi-family Recycling Resources

Many of the materials you bag as garbage may be recyclable. Washington County provides educational signage, tenant materials, and property management resource guides at no cost. Let us help you keep your community clean – it's as easy as 1-2-3!

### Steps to a clean and green community!

Step 1



**COLLECT RECYCLABLES**  
at home using a box, re-useable bag, paper bag or bin.

Step 2

**RECYCLE YOUR MATERIALS**  
where you see these signs/stickers.



Step 3



**FEEL GREAT**  
knowing your efforts keep our community clean and conserve natural resources for future generations.

#### Q. What materials can be recycled at my community?

A. Washington County's recycling program includes the collection of paper, cardboard, metal, rigid plastic tubs, buckets, and bottles. These materials can be mixed together in the same container. Only glass bottles/jars need to be placed in a separate container from the mixed recyclables.

#### Q. What materials are not accepted in mixed recycling?

A. The most common contaminants in mixed recycling are:

- Plastic bags – take these back to a store or to a recycling depot.
- Food-soiled cardboard – pizza boxes with stuck-on cheese should be disposed of as garbage.
- Plastic to-go/take-out containers – many are accepted at recycling depots.
- Styrofoam – mailing peanuts are accepted at mail services storefronts, take block foam to a recycler.

Property Managers – Interested in free resources and technical assistance to help your community? Contact our Recycling Specialist at (503) 846-8609.

## Master Recycler Class – Mark Your Calendars!

Interested in expanding your knowledge about waste reduction, recycling, alternatives to hazardous household products, deconstruction and green building, and composting?



The Master Recycler Program is a popular eight-week course (\$50 fee) consisting of class one-night-per week and two in-field weekend tours.

This program is brought to our area by the City of Portland Master Recycler Program and Washington County Solid Waste and Recycling Program. Washington County residents interested in educating the community about the three Rs, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle, can put their new knowledge to work by staffing informational booths at community events, delivering presentations, and working on special projects. Look for Master Recyclers at local farmers' markets, fairs and community events, and many other venues.

For more information or to receive email notification for future registration, contact the Master Recycler Program at **503-823-7530** or [www.MasterRecycler.org](http://www.MasterRecycler.org).

Class size is limited to 30 participants and area residents are given priority. The next Washington County class will be held in April/May. Registration begins Spring 2011.

## Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

### FREE HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF FACILITIES

Keep household hazardous waste out of all garbage and recycling containers.

To dispose of hazardous waste and/or sharps, visit one of the Metro regional facilities or a neighborhood event.

#### Products accepted:

- Paints and stains
- Pool and spa chemicals
- Pesticides and poisons
- Automotive products (oil, antifreeze)
- Thinners and solvents
- Household cleaners and disinfectants
- Mercury thermometers and thermostats
- Art and hobby chemicals
- Aerosol spray products
- Sharps (medical syringes)
- Fire extinguishers
- Propane tanks
- Batteries

#### Year-Round Facilities (No Charge):

Metro Central Station  
6161 NW 61st Ave., Portland  
503-234-3000

Metro South Station  
2001 Washington St., Oregon City  
503-234-3000

Metro Household Hazardous Waste facilities are open six days a week year round from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Holiday hours: closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's days.

**Neighborhood Collection Events:** Free household hazardous waste collection events take place from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. weekly (except Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day weekends) between early March and mid-November in many communities across the Portland tri-county area. These events are small, frequent and community-friendly. To find an upcoming event near you, call Metro Recycling Information at 503-234-3000 or review their schedule online at [www.oregonmetro.gov/index.cfm/go/by.web/id=26580](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/index.cfm/go/by.web/id=26580).

### Used Sharps— Proper Storage and Disposal

Oregon State law mandates proper storage and disposal of used sharps (needles, lancets, and syringes), whether used for human or veterinary purposes.

#### DO NOT PLACE USED SHARPS IN YOUR GARBAGE OR MIXED RECYCLING CONTAINERS.

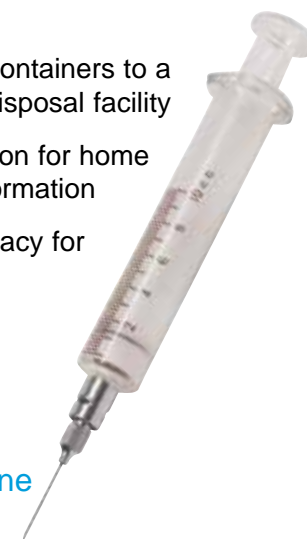
Workers can be harmed if sharps are not properly disposed of in approved containers.

Safe Handling: Store used sharps in **approved bio-hazard containers only**. Milk jugs and coffee cans are NOT SAFE or ACCEPTABLE for sharps storage.

- Return filled sharps containers to a certified bio-hazard disposal facility
- Call Bio-Med of Oregon for home collection service information
- Call your local pharmacy for storage and disposal solutions

Bio-Med of Oregon  
1-800-622-1378

Metro Information Line  
(503) 234-3000



## It's Easy Being Green Answer the Call2Recycle

How many rechargeable battery devices do YOU have around the house? The average cell phone user has three or more devices lingering in drawers and boxes, whether in working condition or not. The Rechargeable Battery Recycling Coalition's (RBRC) **Call2Recycle program** encourages users to recycle rechargeable batteries and cell phones at retailers participating in their program. RBRC, a non-profit public service organization dedicated to recycling rechargeable batteries and cell phones throughout the U.S. and Canada. The Call2Recycle program can help conserve the Earth's natural resources and prevent these materials from entering the solid waste stream.

For locations, visit or call the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation at [www.call2recycle.com](http://www.call2recycle.com) or **1-877-2-RECYCLE (1-877-273-2925)**.



# Winter Collection

## Holiday Greenery Recycling Collection

Recycle your holiday greenery at the curb this year. Trees, wreaths, plants and swags can be recycled as yard debris, which is part of recycling and garbage services in urban Washington County areas\*.

### To be accepted as yard debris, prepare your materials as instructed:

- Cut trees into lengths less than six feet to fit into the yard debris container and to fall freely when tipped into the truck.
- Remove all tinsel, ornaments, stands/supports, or other added materials.
- Flocked trees – contact your hauler for preparation instructions.
- Wreaths and Swags – remove metal, wire, frames, and all non-plant material.

In most cases, setting out holiday greenery on your regularly scheduled yard debris day will be considered that week's pick-up. Additional yard debris placed at the curb during this pick-up may be assessed an additional collection fee. To learn what your collection company's policies are about holiday debris set-outs, please contact them directly.



*\*Rural Unincorporated residents do not have an established yard debris program. Residents may use yard debris depots or non-profit groups to recycle their trees. Ask your hauler if they will accommodate a holiday tree or pick-up for a fee.*

## Community Warehouse

Clearing out your home? You now have another organization to pass on your clean, gently-used items. **Community Warehouse**, a Portland-based 501(c)(3) non-profit, collects and redistributes donated household goods to individuals and families in need throughout northwest Oregon and southwest Washington. Your donations may be tax-deductible.

### Accepted Items:

Furniture - Mattresses & Box Springs, Dressers, Night Stands, Kitchen Tables & Chairs, Sofas, Loveseats, Recliners, Coffee and End Tables, Shelves, Small Desks and Lamps

Kitchenware - Dishes, Glasses, Pots & Pans, Silverware, Utensils, Baking Pans & Casserole Dishes, Dish Racks, Toasters, Coffee Makers, Mixers, Blenders and Microwave Ovens

Basic Household Items - Sheets, Blankets, Towels, Bed Pillows, Mirrors, Fans, Space Heaters, Mops, Brooms & Vacuums, TVs, Radios, Alarm Clocks, Irons and Telephones

### Not Accepted:

Clothing, food, large desks, baby items of any kind, wood bed frames, console televisions, or exercise equipment.

### Locations:

#### Main Warehouse & Donation Center

3969 NE MLK Jr. Blvd (corner of MLK & Shaver)  
Mon-Sun 10:00 - 4:00

#### Westside Donation Center

8745 SW Canyon Lane  
Tues-Sat 11:00 - 4:00

*Important: Mattresses and box springs are not accepted at the Westside donation center.*

Learn more about Community Warehouse, their mission and the people they serve in our community.

[www.communitywarehouse.org](http://www.communitywarehouse.org)

## Storm Debris After the Storm

In the event of a government-declared disaster, listen for instructions from local government broadcast through the media (radio, TV newscasts) and on websites.

Answers for debris removal after less damaging storm events may be as close as your curb or yard debris depot.

### At the Curb

If properly prepared, debris may be collected by your hauler on regularly scheduled yard debris pick-up day.

Residents with garbage collection service and yard debris collection service may:

- Set out storm debris for regularly scheduled yard debris pickup.
- Contents may include leaves, grass clippings, weeds, and branches less than 4" in diameter and 36" long.
- Place materials at the curb in yard debris receptacles, 30-gallon Kraft bags, or bundled by twine and tied. Additional fees may apply for extra bags or bundles.
- Stockpile excess debris and set it into a yard debris container over several collection dates.

Contact your hauler for specific details.

### Maximum weight for your container:

- 120 lbs for 90-gallon containers
- 60 lbs for 32-gallon containers
- 45 lbs for 30-gallon containers
- 45 lbs for bags or bundles

### Yard Debris Depots

Residents without yard debris service can elect to take debris to a yard debris depot.

- Yard debris does not include dirt, sod, stumps, metal, rocks, ashes, or treated wood or lumber. These materials will not be accepted as yard debris. Contact local yard debris depots to determine accepted materials, hours of operation, disposal fees, and directions.

### Recycling, Yard Debris and Disposal Facilities

Search for locations in Washington County.

[www.recyclewise.org](http://www.recyclewise.org)  
(503) 846-8609

[www.oregonmetro.gov](http://www.oregonmetro.gov)  
(503) 234-3000

### Other Solutions

#### Drop Box Services

Your local hauler can provide a drop box (for a fee) to help remove large piles of debris. If the box is used for yard debris only, the material can be taken to a compost facility rather than a landfill. Contact your service provider for more information on services and rates.

## WINTER WEATHER AND COLLECTION SERVICE CANCELLATIONS

As Winter weather approaches, it's a great time to remind readers about Washington County's **Inclement Weather Collection Policy** related to garbage and recycling.

If schools are closed, solid waste (garbage) and recycling (including yard debris) collection can be cancelled. Collection will be made up the following day. If adverse weather conditions persist (schools are closed) for more than one consecutive day, customers will receive service the following week, on their regularly scheduled collection day.

Contact your hauler or Washington County Solid Waste and Recycling [(503) 846-8609] with questions about service during inclement weather.

### Online Service Schedules

In the event of extended service interruptions, please log on to the County's website, [www.RecycleWise.org](http://www.RecycleWise.org), for status updates on collection services.

### HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULES

Winter holidays can impact customer garbage and recycling collection schedules during holiday weeks. Typically, collection companies will shift pick-up to the day following the holiday. If a holiday falls on Wednesday, those customers will have their pick up on Thursday. Thursday customers will receive service Friday and so on.

If you have questions about your holiday collection schedule, contact your service provider, view their website for collection policies/schedules, or watch for announcements on billing statements or in newsletters.



# Recovery

## Put Your Mail Box on a Diet



Imagine opening your mailbox and not receiving junk mail or catalogs. No unwanted catalogs and mailings to clutter your home. Seems too good to be true? **Catalog Choice** is a free online service that helps you opt-out receiving unwanted mailings from businesses and organizations. Getting started is very easy.

**Log-on:** [www.CatalogChoice.org](http://www.CatalogChoice.org)

**Create:** Create an account to track the status of your notification requests.

**Select:** Select the company name from the list.

**Opt-Out:** Indicate your preference to opt-out from receiving mailings. This feature provides options to get online catalogs or to be removed entirely from their mailing list.

**Track:** Occasionally log on to view your status 'Dashboard'. This tool displays the requests, their status and results.

**Relax:** Sit back and let [CatalogChoice.org](http://CatalogChoice.org) help you trim your postal waste.

### E-Publications Reduce Waste

*Receive this publication electronically!*

Log on to [www.RecycleWise.org](http://www.RecycleWise.org) and click on the **E-News Subscription** button. It's free and easy to do!

## PaintCare

*Give Your Old Paint New Life*

Give your old paint new life with PaintCare, a non-profit program established July 1, 2010 to manage the reuse, recycling and proper disposal of old paint. Simply bring your unwanted, leftover paint to a participating collection center near you.

#### Accepted Materials (5 gallons and less):

- Interior and exterior architectural paints: Latex, acrylic, water-based, alkyd, oil-based, enamel (all types of finishes and sheens, including textured coatings)
- Deck coatings and floor paints (including elastomeric)
- Waterproofing concrete/masonry/wood sealers and repellents (not-tar-based or bitumen-based)
- Melamine, metal and rust preventative
- Primers, undercoaters and sealers
- Stains and shellacs
- Swimming pool paints (single component)
- Varnishes and urethanes (single component)
- Lacquers, lacquer sanding sealers and stains
- Wood coatings (containing no pesticides)

#### Materials Not Accepted (no exceptions):

- Industrial maintenance coatings
- OEM and industrial surface coating (shop application) paints and finishes
- Aerosol or craft paints
- Automotive or marine paints
- Caulking compounds, epoxies, glues or adhesives
- Colorants, tints or paint additives
- Resins
- Paint thinners, mineral spirits or solvents
- Pesticide containing products
- Roof patch or repair
- Tar-based or bitumen based products
- 2-Component coatings
- Deck cleaners
- Traffic paints

#### WHY?

It is estimated **10 percent of more than 750 million gallons** of architectural paint sold each year in the United States is unused. Post-consumer paint is the largest component of local household hazardous waste collection programs and is costly to manage. Post-consumer paint can be collected for reuse, recycling, energy recovery, or safe disposal with the public.

#### PaintCare Collection Locations:

##### Sherwin Williams - Tualatin

(503) 691-0500  
19390 SW 90th Ct  
Tualatin, OR 97062

##### Rodda Paint - Progress

(503) 644-6188  
8614 SW Hall Blvd  
Beaverton, OR 97008

##### Suburban Ace Hardware Inc

(503) 649-5555  
3470 SW 185th Ave  
Aloha, OR 97006

##### Metro Central Station HHW Facility

(503) 234-3000  
6161 NW 61st Ave  
Portland, OR 97210

To find the nearest collection center or to learn more about the PaintCare Program, please **call 1-800-CLEANUP** or visit [www.PaintCare.org](http://www.PaintCare.org).



## Far West Fibers – Discover the Recycling Depot Possibilities!

Far West Fibers is a regional recycler that sorts most of Washington County residents' recyclables and is conveniently located in Hillsboro and Beaverton. Materials that are not included in roll cart recycling are accepted at their public depots. Learn more at [www.FarWestFibers.com](http://www.FarWestFibers.com)

| Materials & Preparation instructions |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Oils                                 | <b>Used Motor Oil</b> (Hillsboro location only) Used motor oil in see-through, one-gallon plastic containers accepted.   |
|                                      | <b>Cooking Oil</b> Filter oil to remove food bits and do not mix with water  |
| Plastics                             | <b>Rigid Plastics</b> Frozen dinner trays, deli and bakery containers (no lids), deli catering food platters, nursery pots up to 5 gallons, reusable lunch containers, laundry baskets, baby car seats (remove fabric/padding), lawn/patio chairs, campaign signs. |
|                                      | <b>Media Plastic</b> CDs, DVDs, tape cases, jewel cases, VHS tapes, and cassette tapes are accepted with rigid plastic in small volume. Please contact closest office if you have a large volume.  |
|                                      | <b>Plastic Bags and Film</b> Plastic bags, film shrink wrap, bubble wrap, lumber wrap, and pallet wrap. Must be clean and separate by type.  |
| Electronics/<br>Batteries            | <b>Cell Phones</b> Cell phones, battery chargers, batteries and other accessories.   |
|                                      | <b>Rechargeable Batteries</b> No alkaline batteries  |
| Appliances/Other                     | <b>Electronics</b> Computer CPUs, monitors (CRT/LCD), printers, fax machines, copiers, scanner, laptops, telephones, VCR and DVD players, stereos, boom boxes, televisions, keyboards, mouse, speakers, power cables, toasters, shredders, and more!               |
|                                      | <b>White Goods</b> Stoves, dryers, hot water heaters, dishwashers, clothes washers, etc.   |
|                                      | <b>Microwaves</b> Remove glass turn plate before recycling.  |
|                                      | <b>Carpet Pad</b> Clean, dry re-bond polyurethane carpet pad. <b>Rubber, felt or rag pad is not accepted.</b>  |
|                                      | <b>Footwear</b> Athletic shoes, dress shoes, boots, flip flops, cleats, etc. <b>Must be clean.</b>   |
|                                      | <b>Books</b> Hard and soft-back books accepted.  |

## Remodeling? Garage Waste? Call Your Hauler Directly.

Don't pay extra fees by using an online broker to procure drop box service from your hauler. Simply call your garbage and recycling hauler directly and make arrangements for a variety of drop box services at standardized, county-wide rates.

Washington County haulers provide both commercial and residential drop box service as part of the required level of service under their Washington County-issued service certificate.



# Waste Prevention

## Tip Your Lid!

The Washington County Cooperative Recycling Program has launched an educational effort called Tip Your Lid. This effort encourages residents to remove unacceptable materials from residential recycling carts and bins and to direct recyclables to the appropriate recycling drop-off location or depot.

County staff conducted a study that looked at the contents of hundreds of recycling carts last summer. The results showed that residents incorrectly put apparel, block foam, plastic bags/film, and carpet into their recycling carts for curbside collection. While reusable and recoverable, these items are considered contaminants in the residential curbside recycling system.

### Why should I Tip My Lid?

Curbside recycling materials are taken to recovery facilities where the materials are sorted mechanically. Adding contaminant materials disrupts processing operations. As a result, some perfectly good recyclables may fail to reach the appropriate recycling market. To ensure your efforts 'don't go to waste,' simply take a moment to verify that your recycling cart contents are acceptable for curbside collection.

If you are not sure, post the preparation instructions on page 2 of this publication near your container and double-check when in doubt. While this is an extra step, we hope residents will take a moment to revisit these preparation instructions to improve the quality of materials sent to recovery facilities.

### What is accepted in my recycling cart or bin?

The residential curbside recycling program in Washington County accepts plastic tubs, bottles, nursery pots, and buckets, all types of office paper and newspaper, cardboard and paperboard (cereal/cracker boxes), metal and aerosol cans, and scrap metal up to 30 pounds in weight. Collected in a separate, rigid container next to your recycling container, are glass bottles and jars. Used motor oil should be placed in one-gallon, see-through plastic containers with a screw-top lid and set out next to your recycling containers.

### Where can I take materials not accepted in the curbside recycling program?

Take materials not included in curbside programs to recycling depots. Far West Fibers, featured in an article on page 5, is a business located in Beaverton and Hillsboro that offers free public drop-off recycling. Your collection company may also have a recycling depot. To learn which recyclers in your area accept specific items, search Metro's 'Find a Recycler' database [www.oregonmetro.gov/findarecyclers](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/findarecyclers). Be sure to call ahead for location, hours and fees, if any.

### Most Common Recycling Cart Mistakes

**Apparel** – Clothing and shoes are not accepted at the curb. Donate gently-used garments and shoes to non-profits in need.

**Carpet** – Take carpet to a designated recycler near you.  
[www.oregonmetro.gov/findarecyclers](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/findarecyclers)

**Electronics** – Electronics contain dangerous compounds such as lead and cadmium. Take unwanted electronics to a designated electronics recycler. Televisions, laptop and desktop computers and monitors are accepted at no charge at Oregon E-Cycles recyclers. See page 8.  
[www.oregonrecycles.org](http://www.oregonrecycles.org)

**Hazardous Waste** (batteries, compact fluorescent lights, paint, sharps, etc.) – These materials can be harmful to people, animals, and the environment if not handled correctly at the end of their use. Take these items to Metro's Hazardous Waste collection facilities or neighborhood collection events.  
[www.oregonmetro.gov/hhw](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/hhw)

**Plastic Bags/Film** – This material tangles in sorting machinery making equipment inoperable. Recover this valuable resource by taking them to a local recycling depot or to your grocery store collection area.

**Styrofoam** – This brittle material crumbles when mixed with other recyclables and creates a mess. Take foam peanuts to mail houses for reuse and recycle block pieces at any of these Portland facilities. Review their website for hours, locations, other materials accepted and any associated fees.

**Recology** - [www.plcrecycling.com/index.htm](http://www.plcrecycling.com/index.htm)  
**Total Reclaim** - [www.totalreclaim.com/index.html](http://www.totalreclaim.com/index.html)

Find the closest recycling depot for items not included in curbside programs.

Metro Recycling Information  
(503) 234-3000  
[oregonmetro.gov/findarecyclers](http://oregonmetro.gov/findarecyclers)



## Green Building Hotline

503.823.5431 | [www.buildgreen411.com](http://www.buildgreen411.com) | [greenhotline@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:greenhotline@portlandoregon.gov)

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# Collection Service

## Unincorporated Washington County

**Regulatory Oversight** Washington County's Solid Waste and Recycling Program provides regulatory oversight of 13 private collection companies in unincorporated Washington County that have current service certificates, granted by the Board of County Commissioners, to collect garbage and recycling from residents and businesses, based on exclusive service areas.

The County establishes the rates charged by the 13 collection companies for service and establishes standards (levels of service, reporting and customer communications) for these collection companies.

**Billing and Establishing Service** Collection companies bill homeowners, landlords, and businesses directly. To start service, contact the collection company assigned to your area. If unsure who provides your service, contact the Cooperative Recycling Program at (503) 846-8609 or log on to [www.RecycleWise.org](http://www.RecycleWise.org) and select *Collectors*. Click on *Service Providers* to access an interactive tool that identifies your provider based upon your address.

**Types of Service and Frequency** The collection company provides garbage and recycling collection service to residential (single-family and multi-family) and commercial\* customers. Yard debris collection is part of single-family service.

Residents in urban neighborhoods **inside the Metropolitan Service District (MSD)** receive weekly garbage collection service, with every-other-week collection of recyclable materials and yard debris.

Residents in areas **outside the MSD** (rural Washington County) receive weekly garbage collection service and monthly collection of recyclable materials. Rural residents do not receive yard debris collection at this time.

## Residents within City Limits

Each city government regulates garbage and recycling collection services within its limits. This includes setting rates and the establishment of rules under which the collection companies operate. If you live in a city, please contact your city office or your collection company directly for more information about collection services.

### Washington County Unincorporated Residential Garbage Collection Rates

|                     | Monthly Charge Rural | Monthly Charge Urban |
|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 20-Gallon Container | \$17.80              | \$19.93              |
| 32-Gallon Container | \$19.32              | \$21.69              |
| 60-Gallon Container | \$28.99              | \$31.48              |
| 90-Gallon Container | \$34.45              | \$37.22              |

### Collection Services by Area

|                        | Outside MSD (Rural) | Inside MSD (Urban)           |
|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Garbage Collection     | Weekly              | Weekly                       |
| Yard Debris Collection | Not Available       | Every-Other-Week             |
| Recycling              | Monthly (Red Bins)  | Every-Other-Week (Rollcarts) |

\* Commercial collection rates are available online at [www.RecycleWise.org](http://www.RecycleWise.org)

## Residential Yard Debris

In urban Washington County, yard debris collection is part of regular garbage service and is collected every-other-week on the same day garbage is collected.\* Call your hauler if you are unsure when your yard debris is picked up—on a green week or a red week. Post this calendar in your kitchen, garage, or shed and mark your yard debris and recycling collection days.

\*City of Banks residents please note that yard debris is not collected on the same day as garbage service. City residents of Sherwood, Tualatin and Forest Grove receive weekly yard debris service. King City residents receive monthly yard debris service. Rural residents do not receive yard debris service as part of their rate.

### ACCEPTED IN YARD DEBRIS CONTAINERS:

YES

- Leaves
- Grass clippings
- Garden waste
- Prunings no greater than 4" in diameter and 36" long
- Weeds
- Branches

### NOT ACCEPTED IN YARD DEBRIS CONTAINERS:

NO

- Plastic bags\*
- Garbage
- Food waste
- Plastic or wire ties
- Dirt, sod, or rock\*
- Garden vegetables and fruit
- Metal\*
- Stumps\*
- Animal waste
- Lumber\*
- Ashes

\*Take these items to a yard debris or recycling depot.

### Maximum container weight:

- 100 lbs for 60-gallon container or larger
- 60 lbs for 32-gallon container
- 45 lbs for 30-gallon container
- 45 lbs for bags or bundles

### BACKYARD COMPOSTING & RECYCLING LITERATURE RESOURCES:

**Washington County Cooperative Recycling Program**  
[www.RecycleWise.org](http://www.RecycleWise.org)  
 (503) 846-8609

**Metro Recycling Information**  
[www.oregonmetro.gov/recycling](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/recycling)  
 (503) 234-3000

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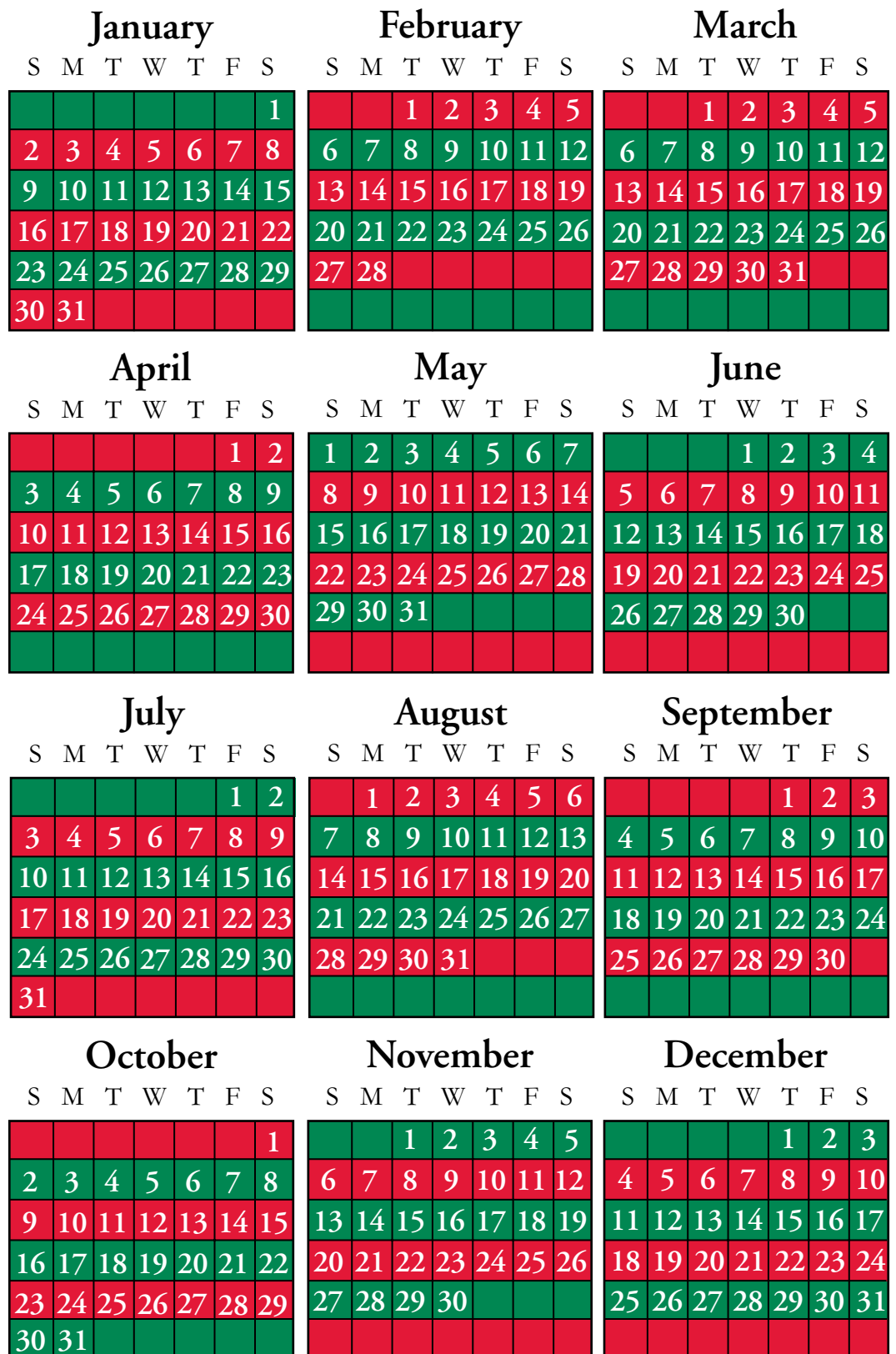
## 2011 Curbside Collection Calendar

contact your collector for your pick-up schedule

My pick-up week is

Recycling  GREEN  RED

Yard Debris  GREEN  RED



PLACE CONTAINER AT CURB BY 6:00 A.M.

# Resources to Reduce & Reuse



## Free Electronics Recycling Program

Oregon E-Cycles is a free, easy and environmentally responsible recycling program for computers, monitors and TVs. The program is financed by electronics manufacturers and jointly implemented with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

### What is Accepted?

Anyone can bring seven or fewer computers (desktops and laptops), monitors and TVs at a time to participating Oregon E-Cycles collection sites for free recycling. All computers, monitors and TVs—regardless of brand, age or condition - are accepted.

⚠ **NOTE:** computer peripherals (keyboards, mice, etc.) and other types of electronics are not included in this program.

### Collection Locations:

Oregon E-Cycles collection sites are located statewide and operate year-round.

### What Happens to the Equipment?

Participating recyclers must meet DEQ's Environmental Management Practices (EMPs). The EMPs ensure electronics are recycled in a way that protects human health and the environment.



[www.OregonECycles.com](http://www.OregonECycles.com) | 1-888-5-ECYCLE (532-9253) | [Ecycle.info@deq.state.or.us](mailto:Ecycle.info@deq.state.or.us)

### Goodwill Stores and Drop-off Sites (503) 233-6589

#### Aloha

17683 SW Farmington Rd  
20225 SW TV Hwy

#### Beaverton

16157 NW Cornell Rd  
16400 SW Hart Rd  
4700 SW Griffith Dr  
Mill End Store - 4955 SW Western Ave  
8483 SW Canyon Rd

12975 SW Westgate Dr

Rite Aid - 5431 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy

**Forest Grove** - 2903 Pacific Ave

#### Hillsboro

966 SE Oak St  
Airport Marketplace - 891 NE 25th Ave  
Westside Outlet - 2920 SW 234th Ave  
Bronson Creek Express - 18638 NW Eider Ct  
Baseline Store - 775 SW 185th Ave  
Town Center Bi-Mart - 2075 SE TV Hwy

#### Portland

St. Gabriels - 17435 NW West Union Rd

**Sherwood** - SW Langer Dr & Sherwood Blvd

#### Tigard

11540 SW Pacific Hwy  
13920 SW Pacific Hwy  
10525 SW Hall Blvd

### Goodwill Stores and Drop-off Sites, continued

#### Tualatin

Kmart Shopping Center - 7655 NW Nyberg St

#### Salvation Army

#### Beaverton

18300 NW Evergreen Pkwy  
Fred Meyer Drop Off - 15993 SW Walker Rd  
Fred Meyer Drop Off  
11423 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy

#### Cornelius

Fred Meyer Drop Off - 2198 Baseline Rd

#### Hillsboro

1440 SE 21st Ave  
Fred Meyer Drop Off - 6493 SE TV Hwy  
Fred Meyer Drop Off - 22073 NW Imbrie Rd

#### Tigard

Fred Meyer Drop Off - 11563 SW Pacific Hwy

#### Tualatin

Fred Meyer Drop Off  
19198 SW Martinazzi Ave

#### Far West Fibers

Beaverton - 10750 SW Denny Rd  
(503) 329-2890

Hillsboro - 6440 SE Alexander St  
(503) 329-2890

#### Forest Grove Transfer Station

1525 B St • (503) 992-3015

#### Hillsboro Landfill

3205 SE Minter Bridge Rd • (503) 640-9427

#### Pride Disposal Company - Sherwood

13980 SW Tualatin-Sherwood Rd  
(503) 625-6177

#### Standard TV & Appliance - Beaverton

3600 SW Hall Blvd • (503) 542-5117

#### Metro Central Transfer Station

6161 NW 61st Ave • (503) 234-3000

#### WM Recycle America

(Formerly EPSI/Environmental Protection Services, Inc.)  
7272 SW Durham Rd, Ste 100 • (503) 620-2466

As of January 1, 2010, it is illegal to dispose of computers, monitors and TVs in the garbage or at disposal sites such as landfills, transfer stations and incinerators.

## Drop-off Depots

Please call ahead for a full list of materials accepted, operating hours, and any applicable charges.

♻ = no charge (\$) = recycled for fee ✓ = depot accepts other materials

|  | Cardboard | Papers | Metals | Appliances* | Plastic | Glass Bottles/Jars | Motor Oil | Yard Debris | Wood** | Other |
|--|-----------|--------|--------|-------------|---------|--------------------|-----------|-------------|--------|-------|
| <b>RECYCLING</b>   |           |        |        |             |         |                    |           |             |        |       |
| Aloha Garbage Company (503) 649-6727   | ♻         | ♻      | ♻      | ♻           | ♻       | ♻                  |           |             |        | ✓     |
| Far West Fibers, Beaverton (503) 643-9944 www.farwestfibers.com                      | ♻         | ♻      | ♻      | ♻           | ♻       | ♻                  |           |             |        | ✓     |
| Far West Fibers, Hillsboro (503) 643-9944 www.farwestfibers.com                      | ♻         | ♻      | ♻      | ♻           | ♻       | ♻                  |           |             |        | ✓     |
| Pride Disposal, Sherwood (503) 625-6177 www.pridedisposal.com                        | ♻         | ♻      | ♻      | (\$)        | ♻       | ♻                  |           | (\$)        |        | ✓     |
| Willamette Resources Industry, Wilsonville (503) 570-0626                            | ♻         | ♻      | ♻      | (\$)        | ♻       | ♻                  |           |             |        | ✓     |
| <b>DISPOSAL</b>  |           |        |        |             |         |                    |           |             |        |       |
| Forest Grove Transfer Station (503) 249-8078   | ♻         | ♻      | ♻      | (\$)        | ♻       | ♻                  |           |             |        | ✓     |
| Tualatin Valley Waste Recovery/Hillsboro Landfill (503) 640-9427 www.wmnorthwest.com | ♻         | ♻      | ♻      | (\$)        | ♻       | ♻                  | (\$)      | (\$)        |        | ✓     |
| Metro Transfer Stations, Portland & Oregon City (503) 234-3000 www.oregonmetro.gov   | ♻         | ♻      | ♻      | (\$)        | ♻       | ♻                  | (\$)      | (\$)        |        | ✓     |
| <b>YARD DEBRIS</b>   |           |        |        |             |         |                    |           |             |        |       |
| American Landscape Supply, Hillsboro (503) 645-6909 www.americanlandscapeonline.com  |           |        |        |             |         |                    | (\$)      |             |        |       |
| Cascadian All-in-One, Hillsboro (503) 640-2275 www.cascadiannurseries.com            |           |        |        |             |         |                    | (\$)      |             |        |       |
| Grimms Fuel Company, Tualatin (503) 692-3756 www.grimmsfuel.com                      |           |        |        |             |         |                    | (\$)      | (\$)        |        |       |
| Landscape Products & Supply, Hillsboro (503) 846-0881 www.compostproducts.com        |           |        | ♻      | (\$)        |         |                    | (\$)      | (\$)        |        |       |
| Nature's Needs, North Plains (503) 647-9489 www.thecompoststore.com                  |           |        |        |             |         |                    | (\$)      | (\$)        |        |       |
| Northwest Environmental Recycling, Cornelius (503) 357-6090                          |           |        |        |             |         |                    | (\$)      | (\$)        |        |       |
| Woodco, Aloha (503) 649-5430   |           |        |        |             |         |                    | (\$)      |             |        |       |

⚠ **Recycling of Electronic Peripherals and Other Equipment**  
Some recycling depots will accept other electronic equipment or supplies including scanners, fax machines, DVD and VCR players, MP3 players, radios, mainframes, circuit boards, cell/telephones, cameras, ink and toner cartridges, microwave ovens, fluorescent lamps, lighting ballasts, household batteries, computers, laptops, monitors, televisions and more.  
**Locate a facility** that will accept your materials by logging on to Oregon Metro's website [www.oregonmetro.gov](http://www.oregonmetro.gov) and click on the 'Garbage and Recycling' button for a drop-down list and click on 'Find a Recycler.' Contact the vendor prior to visiting to learn about their prices for collecting these materials and their location and hours of operation.

\* Appliances - Please call ahead regarding refrigerated appliances \*\* Wood - No treated or hardwood accepted.