Starting April 1, refundable cans and bottles are worth 10 cents in Oregon

Changes to Oregon's iconic Bottle Bill went into effect on April Fool’s Day 2017 — but they are no joke! Oregonians who return refundable containers at valid redemption centers now receive a dime for every container returned, doubling from the previous payout of a nickel.

Oregon’s Bottle Bill is a deposit and redemption system for containers of bottled water, beer and carbonated soft drinks. When you purchase a covered beverage in Oregon you pay a deposit that is then refunded when the empty container is returned.

So why was there an increase in redemption value?

Originally passed in 1971, Oregon’s Bottle Bill was the first of its kind in the United States. The rules of the groundbreaking program were revised in 2011 to require the State of Oregon to review the redemption data from the two previous years. If the number of beverage containers returned for refund is less than 80 percent of the total beverage containers sold statewide, then the redemption value on the containers is required to increase to 10 cents. For 2014 and 2015, the return rates were below 80 percent, leading to the increase this year.

See page 3 for BottleDrop locations in Washington County.

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The print edition of the Recycling Update is delivered to Washington County residents once per year in the spring. Electronic versions of the Recycling Update are available quarterly, delivered by email. Subscribe now at WashingtonCountyRecycles.com/RecyclingUpdate.

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No importa de donde venga o si en donde vivía el reciclaje no se hacía igual que aquí. Sabemos que se preocupa por el cuidado de su hogar, comunidad y planeta, y por eso, de ahora en adelante, Recycling Update contará con una sección en español para que reciba información sobre cómo aprovechar los recursos y esté al día con los cambios en el sistema de reciclaje en Washington County.

¿Beneficios de reducir, reusar o reciclar?, ¿sí o no se puede reciclar esto y en dónde?, ¿cómo aprovechar al máximo la comida en mi hogar?, ¿qué hacer para tener servicio de reciclaje en los departamentos donde vivo?, ¿qué son los productos de limpieza verdes? Tenemos respuestas para estas y más preguntas.

Cuando todos ponemos nuestro granito de arena, con pequeñas acciones logramos enormes cambios. Reducir, Reusar y Reciclar es un buen principio. El programa de Basura y Reciclaje del Condado de Washington está con usted: llame al 503-846-3605, envíe un correo a recycle@co.washington.or.us, suscríbase al boletín de noticias de reciclaje para mantenerse informado. Nuestro personal amigable está listo para ayudarle. Demos el primer paso y juntos andaremos el camino por un mejor hogar para todos.
Not all plastics belong in curbside recycling

Even the most informed recyclers are sometimes confused about plastics. Remember: When in doubt, leave it out. In a recent review of materials in mixed recycling roll carts, plastics were found to be a major problem.

Unfortunately, not all plastics are equally recyclable. In Washington County we cannot put plastic bags and film in the mixed recycling roll cart. Plastic bags and film get caught in the conveyor belts at recycling centers, shutting down operations, putting employees at risk, and adding costs to the recycling program.

The best way to avoid this problem is to keep plastic bags and film out of your mixed recycling roll cart. You can take clean and dry plastic bags, stretchy plastic packaging and wraps to a grocery store or a drop-off recycling center near you.

Find a location: WashingtonCountyRecycles.com/WhatToRecycleWhere

NOT in Curbside Recycling

Never miss your garbage or recycling day again

Washington County residents have access to the new Garbage and Recycling Day tool for keeping track of garbage and recycling pickup schedules. With the free tool, you can:

• Receive collection-day reminders by phone, email or text.
• Get notified about schedule changes due to weather and holidays.
• Look up your garbage and recycling schedule and more.

Visit WashingtonCountyRecycles.com/GRD or call 503-846-3605.

BottleDrop locations in the county

Washington County has three BottleDrop locations where you can take back returnable beverage containers to get your deposits. BottleDrop staff is available at all locations every day from 9 a.m.–6 p.m. to answer any questions.

Forest Grove Redemption Center
2933 Pacific Avenue
Forest Grove, OR 97116

Beaverton Redemption Center
9307 SW Beaverton Hillsdale Highway
Beaverton, OR 97005

Tigard Redemption Center
14411 SW Pacific Highway
Tigard, OR 97224

Visit BottleDropCenters.com for more information.
Getting to know Waste Management

Washington County has 11 different garbage and recycling collection companies that serve our nearly 600,000 residents. The Recycling Update will feature one company in each printed edition.

Waste Management (WM) provides garbage and recycling collection service to Beaverton, Forest Grove, Gaston, Tigard and parts of rural and urban unincorporated Washington County making them the largest hauler in Washington County. In addition to garbage and recycling collection within these communities, Waste Management owns and operates the Hillsboro Landfill and Tualatin Valley Waste Recovery (TVWR) co-located at 3205 SE Minter Bridge Road in Hillsboro. Their broad presence and multifaceted approach within the waste industry has made the corporation’s name synonymous with its purpose.

WM’s motto is “Think Green” and this isn’t just because of the color of its containers and trucks. The Hillsboro Landfill is a Pacific Northwest Wildlife Habitat Council certified site and WM’s TVWR facility is a LEED Gold Certified building thanks to its innovative and energy-efficient design.

Contact information

Call your hauler for garbage and recycling questions

In Washington County, garbage and recycling are collected by private companies. Each hauler has a specific service area. If you have questions about your service, schedule or bill, contact your hauler. Don’t know who your garbage and recycling hauler is? Visit WashingtonCountyRecycles.com/Hauler to find out or call Washington County at 503-846-3605 for help.

Find your hauler
503-846-3605
WashingtonCountyRecycles.com/Hauler

Aloha Garbage Co., Inc.
503-649-6727
AlohaGarbageCo.com

Cornelius Disposal Service
503-357-3510
CorneliusDisposalService.com

Garbarino Disposal Service
503-647-2335
GarbarinoDisposal.com

Hillsboro Garbage Disposal, Inc.
503-648-4219
HillsboroGarbage.com

Pride Disposal Company
503-625-6177
PrideDisposal.com

Republic Services, Inc.
503-682-3900
RepublicServices.com

Swatco Sanitary Service, Inc.
503-324-0230
SwatcoSanitaryService.com

Valley West Refuse Disposal
503-649-5252
ValleyWestRefuse.com

Walker Garbage Service
503-531-6330
WalkerGarbage.com

Waste Management of Oregon
800-808-5901
WMNorthwest.com

West Slope Garbage Service
503-292-8173
WestSlopeGarbage.com

Questions about waste prevention and recycling

For more information about Washington County Solid Waste & Recycling, visit WashingtonCountyRecycles.com, call 503-846-3605 (800-735-1232 TTY), email recycle@co.washington.or.us or visit the office at 155 N First Ave, Ste 160, Hillsboro, OR 97124. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Recycle and dispose of other items

Find drop-off recycling centers
Call 503-846-3605 or visit WashingtonCountyRecycles.com/WhatToRecycleWhere.

Medical syringes, lancets and needles (sharps)
Dispose of used sharps in an approved container at a household hazardous waste facility, collection event or by joining a pharmacy exchange program. For more information, visit WashingtonCountyRecycles.com.

Electronics
Recycle computers, monitors, laptops, TVs, keyboards, mice and printers for free through the Oregon E-Cycles program. Learn more at oregon.gov/DEQ/ecycles/Pages/default.aspx or by calling 888-5-ECYCLE.

Unwanted medications
Take back unused prescriptions, over-the-counter medications and vitamins to secure drop-off boxes at the Washington County Sheriff’s Office in Hillsboro and police departments in Beaverton, Forest Grove, Sherwood, Tigard and Tualatin. Hours and acceptable items vary by location.

Disposal facilities
Forest Grove Transfer Station
1525 B St
Forest Grove, OR 97116
503-992-1212
No hazardous waste

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

Metro Central transfer station
6161 NW 61st Ave
Portland, OR 97210
503-234-3000

Metro South transfer station
2001 Washington St
Oregon City, OR 97045
503-234-3000
Please call ahead for rates and hours.