



Waste Prevention and Recycling Guide

A guide to reduce, reuse
and recycle at home



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Recycle and help the community

Reduce costs. By separating out reusable and recyclable materials from the garbage, the garbage service may be reduced, which can save money.

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 natural resources such as trees, water and minerals used to make new goods. Recycling one glass bottle saves enough energy to power a light bulb for four hours.

INCLUDE IN MIXED RECYCLING

PAPER AND CARDBOARD

- Boxes, magazines, newspaper, junk mail and rinsed cartons
- Shredded and scrap paper in a sealed paper bag
- Flattened boxes — less than 3 by 3 feet

METAL

- Rinsed metal cans — lids and scrap metal contained in crimped can
- Empty aerosol cans with nozzles on can
- Metal paint cans — less than 1 inch of dry paint
- Scrap metal — pieces up to 30 pounds and smaller than 30 inches long
- No household appliances

PLASTIC BOTTLES, BUCKETS AND TUBS

- Rinsed containers
- Clean, plastic paint containers
- Sizes between 6 ounces and 5 gallons



SEPARATE GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS

- Rinsed containers with no caps, lids or corks
- In a separate container from mixed recycling



Dispose of materials at a facility.

Metro transfer stations and household hazardous waste facilities

6161 NW 61st Ave, Portland, 97210
2001 Washington St, Oregon City, 97045
503-234-3000

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, kitchen waste or hazardous waste

Please call ahead for rates and hours.

Want to make a difference?

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



Get tips to prevent waste, recycle or dispose of materials.

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Recycle at drop-off centers

You can recycle many items that don't go into your recycling container by taking them to a drop-off recycling center. To find a drop-off recycling center near you, visit WashingtonCountyRecycles.com/WhatToRecycleWhere or call 503-846-3605. Before you go, call the drop-off recycling center to confirm accepted items and hours.

Items recycled at some drop-off recycling centers:

- Batteries
- Electronics
- Medications
- Printers
- Paint
- Plastic bags and thin film
- Shoes and clothing
- And more

* Some fees may apply



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

Visit WashingtonCountyRecycles.com/WhatToRecycleWhere for a full list.

Prevent waste in the first place

Making a new product requires a lot of materials and energy — taking raw materials from the earth, processing them, making a product and transporting it to be sold. Reusing and being resourceful are great ways to protect the environment and save resources and money.

Ideas to reduce and reuse:

- Buy used. Find great deals on everything from clothes to building materials. Often they are just as good as new.
- Look for products with less packaging. Buying in bulk, for example, can reduce packaging and save money.
- Buy reusable over disposable items. For example, bring your own silverware, plate and water bottle to work.
- Maintain and repair products like clothing, furniture and appliances.
- Borrow, rent or share items you rarely use like party decorations, tools or furniture.



For more tips, visit WashingtonCountyRecycles.com and click on “Waste Prevention.”

Dispose of hazardous waste properly

Household hazardous waste, medical syringes, lancets and needles can be disposed of at a Metro drop-off hazardous waste facility or a free neighborhood collection event. Look for products labeled **danger**, **warning** or **caution**. See the back panel for facilities. Visit OregonMetro.gov/HHW or call 503-234-3000 for more information.



Why prevent wasted food?

- A family of four can save more than \$1,600 a year by making changes in how they shop, prepare and store food.
- Twenty-five percent of U.S. freshwater supplies goes to producing food that is wasted.
- More than 509,000 Oregonians are not sure where their next meal will come from.

By making small shifts in how we shop, prepare and store food, we waste less, save money and conserve the valuable resources associated with food production. Families can make a difference by taking the **Eat Smart, Waste Less Challenge**. Try storing fruits and vegetables in the right place so they stay fresher, taste better and last longer. Take the challenge and get free tools to start now at EatSmartWasteLess.com.



Get a free storage guide magnet when you take the challenge.