



Great news, Beaverton: Oregon's recycling system is getting its biggest upgrade in decades.



Oregon is hitting “refresh” on recycling—and for the first time, the companies that make and sell packaging and paper products will help foot the bill.

Thanks to the [Oregon's Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act](#), a groundbreaking state law, Oregon is building a recycling system that's cleaner, smarter, and more fair for everyone. The funding from businesses will power major upgrades to recycling facilities and expand access across the state—so whether you're in Beaverton or Bend, recycling will be simpler, more consistent, and easier to use.

But that's not all: the law also pushes companies to design better packaging, which will lead to increased recyclability and less waste to the landfill. At first, the changes will mostly happen behind the scenes—think upgraded collection trucks, better sorting equipment, and smarter tracking systems. You might not notice a difference right away, but they're laying the groundwork for a recycling system that works better for everyone: the environment, workers, and every Oregon household.

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RECYCLING INFORMATION:

CityRecycling@BeavertonOregon.gov
www.BeavertonOregon.gov/Recycling
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More recycling - we all have a role to play!

Better options for hard-to-recycle items

Over the next few years, you'll see new drop-off locations for hard-to-recycle items like block foam and plastic bags.

Recycling access is expanding across Oregon

Many rural communities don't have full recycling services, but that's changing. Over the next three years, more than 150,000 households will get new recycling service. Soon, all Oregonians will be able to recycle the same materials we can in Beaverton.



A stronger recycling system you can trust

The new law strengthens Oregon's existing requirements to ensure your recyclables are turned into new products. Recycling facilities must track where materials go after sorting, follow health and safety rules, and pay fair wages. These improvements mean you can recycle with renewed confidence.

Making recycling better, together


Oregonians care deeply about the environment and have long been national leaders in recycling. With the Recycling Modernization Act, Oregon is once again setting a new standard.

All of us have an important role to play. Recycling right—putting the right items in the bin and keeping the wrong ones out—keeps the system running smoothly. When we all do our part, recycling works: it saves energy and water, prevents pollution, and supports our local economy.


Refresh your recycling knowledge by visiting www.BeavertonOregon.gov/Recycling.

Why recycle?

Many people believe we recycle to reduce the amount of waste that goes to our landfills. While that is one reason, there are many other reasons why recycling is important.

 **Recycling creates jobs.** According to the National Institutes of Health, recycling creates six times more jobs than landfilling the same amount of waste. (*Environmental Programs Benefits of Recycling*)

 **Recycling conserves natural resources.** It reduces the need to extract resources such as timber and minerals from the Earth.

 **Recycling reduces pollution.** It takes less energy to make new products with recycled content. For example, recycled content glass uses about 30 percent less energy to make than producing it from virgin materials (*Environmental Factoids* | *WasteWise* | *US EPA*).





Repair and reuse: Practical ways to prevent waste

Choosing to repair or reuse items is one of the most effective ways to reduce waste and conserve resources. Even keeping a product in use for just one extra year can lower its environmental impact by up to 25% ([WRAP](#)). If just 1% of Oregon households repaired more, it could prevent over 6,000 tons of waste each year ([Oregon Department of Environmental Quality](#)).

Beaverton supports these efforts through events like the City of Beaverton Repair Fair. Residents can bring clothing, small appliances, jewelry, and more to be fixed for free by skilled volunteers. These community events save money, reduce waste, and keep valuable items in use.

You don't need to wait for a fair to make a difference. Many local businesses can help with repairs, and simple fixes at home go a long way. Even small choices—like sewing a button or bringing your own reusable container—can help cut waste. Thanks to recent Oregon rule changes, you can now bring clean, reusable containers to many grocery stores and restaurants. Be sure to check with businesses before doing so.



Whether it's repairing something broken or rethinking a single-use item, every small action helps build a more sustainable Beaverton. Visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov/WastePrevention to learn more.

Food waste prevention

Growing, packaging and distributing the food we eat requires a lot of time, energy and natural resources, making wasted food one of Beaverton's top contributors to greenhouse gas emissions.

This is why we focus on how you can prevent food waste. It's a big deal and something that we all can do something about. Plus, not only is preventing the wasting of food good for the environment, it's good for your bank account too! The average Oregon household of four wastes nearly \$3,000 a year in food that's never eaten! ([EPA - Preventing Wasted Food At Home | US EPA](#))

Save money and natural resources by preventing food waste. Learn how to best store food to keep it the freshest longest.

Take the rugged potato for instance. Where's the best place to store it? Can I still eat it if it's sprouting or turned green? I have too many potatoes, can I freeze them?

- Potatoes are best stored in a cool, dry place away from onions. A cupboard or shelf work well.
- Sprouted potatoes are totally fine to eat, trim off the sprouts and enjoy.
- A green potato is not safe to eat. If it's just a small green section you can trim out the green section, and the rest of the potato is safe. If the whole potato is green or mushy, put it in the compost bin.



Visit www.EatSmartWasteLess.com to get more food waste prevention tips.

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE



Garbage



All trash including plastic bags, to-go containers, lids, and packaging

No TVs, computers, batteries, or hazardous waste



Recycling



Plastic bottles (caps OK if screwed on), plastic round containers, buckets, and rigid plant pots (must be 2x2 inches or larger). Paper, flattened cardboard, and metal under 18 inches and 10 pounds. Empty, delivery pizza boxes—minimal grease OK.

No plastic bags or wrap, lids, glass, garbage, or block foam





Get a recycling guide for your cart—contact us at CityRecycling@BeavertonOregon.gov to get a free recycling sticker for your mixed recycling cart!

Mix together in your Recycling Cart			In your Glass Bin
Paper <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cardboard (flattened) Magazines & junk mail Corrugated milk, juice, soup Uncoated paper (in or paper bags) 	Plastic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bottles Flakes Household plastic (larger than four inches) Plastic (four gallons or less) Empty and clean 4 or larger 	Metal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aluminum, tin & steel cans Steel pipes Aluminum foil Empty metal (larger than 10 inches) Empty and clean 	Glass <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bottles & jars Empty and clean Place in the bin
			On the Side <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motor Oil See rules at www.beavertonoregon.gov/recycling See through, break-resistant, screw top lid See through, break-resistant, screw top lid

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Compost



Food scraps, yard waste, food-soiled napkins and paper towels, tea bags, and pizza delivery boxes

No plastic bags, compostable containers and utensils, to-go containers, or pet waste



Glass



Bottles and jars only, empty and dry, placed in a glass bin

No lids, lightbulbs, caps, ceramics, or broken glass

Batteries



Include alkaline, button cell and rechargeable batteries.

Tape ends of all batteries, except alkaline. Put in a one-quart zip-sealed plastic bag and place on top of glass bin. Single-family customers only; not available at apartments or businesses.

Motor Oil



Set motor oil next to bins in a clear plastic jug with a lid.

Use a one-gallon, see-through, break-resistant bottle with a screw top lid. Single-family customers only; not available at apartments or businesses.

Beyond the Curb

Many materials can be recycled or reused, even if they cannot go into your mixed recycling. For information about where to take materials for recycling or reuse “beyond the curb,” contact us at CityRecycling@BeavertonOregon.gov, **503-526-2665**, or visit Metro’s Find A Recycler website at www.OregonMetro.gov/FindaRecycler.

Far West Recycling

FarWestRecycling.com • 503-255-9253

Far West Recycling has a public recycling depot where you can drop off hard-to-recycle items that are not accepted in your recycling.



Household Hazardous Waste

OregonMetro.gov/HHW • 503-234-3000

Metro has two drop-off facilities that are open all year. A \$5 fee may be required for up to 35 gallons of material. Free neighborhood events may be held at select locations.



Electronics

OregonEcycles.org • 1-888-532-9253

There are more than a dozen Oregon E-cycles free drop-off locations in and around Beaverton.



Paint

PaintCare.org • 855-724-6809

PaintCare is a free recycling program for paint, stains, and sealers. Material must be in its original container, have a legible label and a secured lid. No open or leaking cans are accepted.



Large Items

BeavertonOregon.gov/Recycling • 503-526-2665

Your garbage & recycling hauler offers large item collection service for reasonable rates. Contact your waste hauling company directly. If you live in an apartment, contact your property manager for proper disposal options.



Other Items

OregonMetro.gov/FindaRecycler
503-234-3000

For up-to-date information about special items, such as plastic bags, fluorescent light bulbs, block foam, or foam peanuts.



Medications

MedTakeBackOregon.org • 844-482-5322

There are many free, safe and secure disposal options for unwanted medications. Never dispose of medications down the drain—take them to a safe take-back location.



Deposit Containers

BottleDrop.com • 503-542-5252

BottleDrop is the most convenient way to redeem your Oregon beverage containers at one of their redemption centers, retailers, or grocery stores.





Free Recycling Support for Multifamily Properties

Managing recycling at multifamily properties can be challenging—luckily the City of Beaverton offers free educational resources and technical assistance to help property managers and residents reduce waste and recycle correctly.

What We Offer:

- **Educational materials**—Posters, brochures, and multilingual resources to improve recycling.
- **Technical assistance**—Site visits to help optimize your recycling setup.
- **Tenant education**—Staff and Master Recycler volunteers are available for door to door outreach, tenant presentations or community events. We'll provide recycling guides to your community and answer recycling questions.

Learn more and request resources: BeavertonOregon.gov/Multifamily



Free Recycling & Sustainability Support for Businesses

The City of Beaverton provides free resources to help businesses reduce waste, improve recycling, and adopt sustainable practices. Beaverton businesses are required to recycle, so we provide guidance and support to help you start or improve your waste reduction efforts.

What We Offer:

- **Recycle at Work (RAW) Program** – Assistance with setting up or improving recycling systems with free resources like our deskside/office recycling boxes that come in two sizes.
- **Food Scraps Separation Support** – Resources and technical assistance for businesses required to separate food waste. More info here: www.BeavertonOregon.gov/Compost
- **Educational Materials & Training** – Posters, bin labels, and staff training to improve waste sorting.

Looking Ahead: Beaverton is exploring new ways to support business recycling and sustainability efforts and provide expanded opportunities for recognition and resources. Stay tuned for more details!

Learn more or request support: BeavertonOregon.gov/RecycleAtWork



Recycle your old mattress for free!

Thanks to a new Oregon law, mattresses and box springs can be recycled for free at participating locations.



Did you know that about 75% of a mattress can be recycled? Cotton fibers are used in insulation, foam is used for carpet padding, steel springs are recycled with other metals and wood frames can be used as an alternative fuel or mulch.

Learn more about mattress recycling, including drop-off locations:
www.byebyemattress.com

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Beaverton Climate Action Plan Update

The Beaverton Climate Action Plan (BCAP) was adopted by City Council in 2019. It outlines actions the city and our local partners can take to reduce local emissions and prepare Beaverton for climate change impacts. Many carbon emissions originate in cities - from people driving, consuming goods and powering homes and buildings - meaning we are in a prime position to lead local collaboration to address climate change.

The city began an update of the BCAP in late 2024 and anticipates a final, updated plan in early 2026. This revised plan will create a clear, measurable path forward that reflects current community priorities for the benefit of all of Beaverton.



The city is committed to climate action that elevates the community's values and priorities. We appreciate the time community members have provided so far to help us with the BCAP update.

To learn more and stay engaged with this project, visit our website at www.BeavertonOregon.gov/BCAPupdate.