

COLLECTION GUIDELINES

Clatsop County residents receive weekly garbage service. Recycling is collected every other week.

Please follow these guidelines to ensure collection.

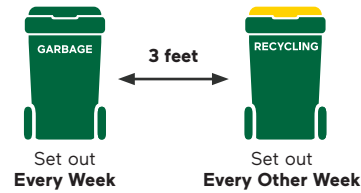
- Please place containers at the curb by **6 am**.
- Three (3) feet apart with lids opening toward street
 - At least three (3) feet from cars, trees, mailboxes
 - Wheels as close to the road as possible
 - Please remove containers as soon as possible after collection

Do not overstuff your carts

All materials must fall freely into the truck

Maximum allowable weights:

- 20-gallon cart – 35 lbs
- 35-gallon cart – 70 lbs
- 60-gallon cart – 120 lbs
- 90-gallon cart – 145 lbs



There is an an additional charge for each extra bag or container (35-gallon, 70 lb. limit) that doesn't fit in your garbage container with the lid closed. If you often have extra garbage, you may want to increase your garbage container size to avoid overflow and extra garbage charges.

Backyard Composting Tips

By setting up a backyard compost pile, you can turn your food and yard waste into a nutrient rich soil amendment to help grow a healthy garden. Finished compost helps to prevent erosion, retain water and adds nutrients to the soil.



- Select compost bin or area to create a compost pile
- Compost bins can be purchased or built using scrap wood.
- Add fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds, leaves, sticks, brush and yard trimmings to your compost bin or pile, making sure larger pieces are chopped or shredded.
- Stir the contents occasionally, ensuring proper airflow.
- Your food scraps and plant trimmings will become nutrient rich compost in three to six weeks.



For more tips and ideas visit www.wmnorthwest.com.

BEYOND CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Even though some things cannot be recycled at the curb, it doesn't mean they have to go in the garbage. Be sure to use the resources listed below.

Electronics Recycling

Computers, monitors and TVs CANNOT be disposed of in the garbage or at disposal sites such as landfills, transfer stations and incinerators.



Call **1-888-532-9253** or visit www.oregon.gov/DEQ/ecycles/Pages/default.aspx to find a FREE recycling location near you.

Free Hazardous Waste Disposal

The Clatsop County Household Hazardous Waste Program helps residents properly dispose or recycle of household hazardous waste. The Household Hazardous Waste Program accepts nearly all household items that contain one or more of the following key words on the label:

- Warning • Caution • Poison • Dangerous
- Toxic • Flammable • Combustible
- Ignitable • Corrosive • Oxidizer



Visit Clatsop County's website to learn more: clatsopcounty.gov/publichealth/page/household-hazardous-waste



Mail-In Recycling Programs

WM offers affordable mail-in collection programs for batteries, electronics, sharps, toner cartridges and compact fluorescent light bulbs.

Visit www.thinkgreenfromhome.com for more information.



Inclement Weather Information

WM works hard to provide service in most weather conditions. If severe weather prevents us from operating safely, updates about any service delays will be posted at: servicealerts.wmnorthwest.com/orweatherboard/

CURBSIDE RECYCLING GUIDE

Recycling is picked up every other week. We recommend that you wait until the cart is full to bring it to the curb.

MIXED RECYCLING

All recyclables must be empty, clean and loose



Following the guidelines of what is allowed in your recycling bin saves natural resources, reduces pollution and creates jobs.

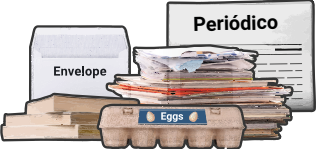
Cardboard and Cartons



Flattened cardboard, packaging boxes, food and beverage cartons

Pizza boxes must be empty with no food residue.

Paper



Newspaper, magazines, office paper, egg cartons, mail, paperback books, bags, and non-metallic gift wrap

Plastic



Bottles, round containers, buckets, and rigid plant pots

Caps OK if screwed on. All items must be 2 inches by 2 inches or larger.

Metal



Metal cans, foil, empty aerosols, scrap metal, and empty paint cans

No!



No bagged recyclables



No food or liquid
(empty all containers)



No batteries



No plastic bags or stretchy plastics
(store or depot drop-off)



No hoses, cords, or wires

Questions? Please visit www.wmnorthwest.com/clatsopcounty for recycling guides and information.





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Reduce, Reuse, then Recycle.

If every American recycled just 1/10 of their newspapers, we could save about 25 million trees each year.

Before you buy, use or discard an item, ask yourself:

REDUCE: Can I get this item used or with less packaging?

REUSE: Can I, or someone else, use this item again?

RECYCLE: Can I recycle this item after I use it?

BUY RECYCLED: Can I buy this item with recycled content?

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