

Recycling



Plastic bottles (caps OK if screwed on), buckets, round containers and rigid plant pots. Must be 2 inches by 2 inches or larger, **empty and dry**.



Paper, flattened cardboard, and metal, **empty and dry**.

No plastic bags or wrap, lids, glass, coffee cups, garbage, to-go containers.



Glass



Bottles and jars only, **empty and dry**.

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



Batteries



Tape ends of all household batteries except alkaline. Use clear tape. Put batteries in 1-quart zip-seal bag in glass bin on top of glass.

No lead acid batteries, vape pens, items with embedded batteries or batteries that do not fit in 1-quart bag.



Food and Yard Waste



Leaves, grass and plants. Branches under 4 inches thick and 36 inches long.

This service is not available in rural Washington County.



All food, paper coffee filters and tea bags.

No food in yard waste in Banks.

No garbage, pet waste, liquids, dirt, to-go containers, lumber, rocks.



Motor oil



Place next to bins in a leak-proof, clear plastic jug with a screw-top lid. Same schedule as glass collection.

Garbage



All garbage, plastic bags, frozen food boxes, packaging with bubble wrap.



To-go containers, straws (paper, plastic and "compostable"), cutlery, cups and lids.

No TVs, computers, batteries, hazardous waste (flammables, paint, pesticides), syringes or medical sharps.



Other waste

Never put these items in your garbage or recycling bins.

Large items



Call your collection company for curbside pickup pricing for items that cannot be donated.

Hazardous waste



Visit OregonMetro.gov/HHW

Electronic waste



Visit OregonEcycles.org

Medical waste



Visit Med-project.org

Find donation, recycling or safe disposal options at WashingtonCountyRecycles.com/GRD

Find your schedule online



Use the Garbage and Recycling Day tool online or download the app to:

- Print a custom calendar.
- Sign up for collection reminders.
- Get notified about collection schedule changes.

WashingtonCountyRecycles.com/GRD

Carts and bins

Set carts and bins at the curb by 6 a.m. on your collection day.

- Make sure lids are closed.
- Place three feet from cars, trees, mailboxes, other carts and bins, and six feet from basketball hoops.
- Do not block sidewalks, bike paths or driveways.

Why recycle?

You make a difference by recycling right! Putting the right items in your recycling bin and keeping other things out saves energy, water, reduces pollution and creates jobs.



Reduce, reuse and then recycle:

Save energy and water, prevent pollution, and spend less by making the most of things before you toss them in the trash or recycling. Use them up, wear them out, repair or repurpose them.

Here are tips to make an impact:



Reconsider making new purchases.



Choose durable options.



Borrow or rent items.



Repurpose your things.



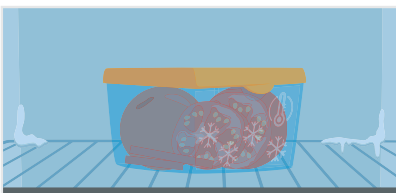
Look for used items first.



Repair your things.

Tips to prevent food waste

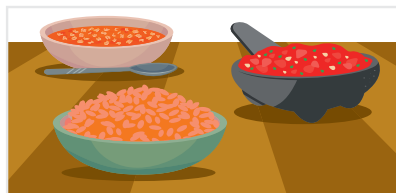
Preventing food waste is the best way to save money and protect our natural resources. A lot of resources go into growing food and getting it to stores.



1 Freeze food before it goes bad.



2 Eat the oldest food first.



3 Get creative with leftovers.

For more tips:

WashingtonCountyRecycles.com/WastePrevention

Recycle right

Contamination happens when non-recyclable items get mixed in with recycling. These materials can get caught in the machinery, make a mess, or endanger workers at recycling facilities.

Never put these things in the recycling bin:

- Plastic bags
- Wires, cords and cables
- Electronic devices
- Medical waste
- Non-empty aerosol containers and other hazardous items
- Food and liquids



How to recycle right:

- Check the recycle guide on the other side of this document.
- Find disposal options at WashingtonCountyRecycles.com/GRD.
- Call us with questions. Hablamos español.

Learn about Oregon's recycling system upgrades at RecycleOn.org/Oregon



Solid Waste & Recycling



Waste Prevention and Recycling Guide

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