



# Reduce Waste + Recycle More

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## School Labs Get Cleaned Out *by Jeni Smith*

In partnership with Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and local school districts, Tri-County Hazardous Waste and Recycling Program recently organized a Clean Out of local school laboratories to remove hazardous chemicals, followed by free staff training.

Area schools included Hood River Middle School, Hood River Valley High School, South Wasco High School, The Dalles High School and Sherman County School. Dave Waddell, a school lab cleanout specialist, provided a four-hour training in The Dalles for chemistry teachers. During the workshop, educators were trained how to conduct experiments using safer chemicals, plus how to safely store and safely dispose of unneeded chemicals in the future.

Following the training, Waddell visited schools to conduct the lab cleanout. The chemicals identified for removal were packaged and transported by a hazardous waste contractor (Clean Harbors) with disposal fees paid by DEQ.

The tally? 690 pounds of unwanted hazardous chemicals in 1,850 containers were removed from these area schools, including: highly toxic, corrosive, acutely poisonous and flammable compounds, liquids, solids, devices and gasses, plus radioactive materials, incompatible and highly reactive compounds, carcinogens, plenty of

mercury, and (oh yes) potentially explosive compounds...

In the 1950s and 60s, the United States provided funds to schools to purchase chemicals and other science materials. Some schools have chemicals that were donated to them when businesses closed or owners no longer needed them. Large quantities of these chemicals went unused and are still sitting in school storage areas. Furthermore, many school teachers conduct science experiments or art projects using hazardous chemicals when more benign ones would work just as well.

Lab Cleanout Program, started in 2009 by Oregon DEQ's hazardous waste program, focuses on identifying unnecessary and hazardous chemicals in school labs and ensuring those substances are safely disposed of. Likewise, Waddell Environmental made numerous recommendations to our specific schools relating to safer storage and handling (for example: proper

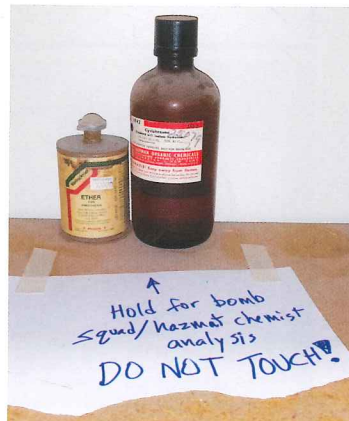
storage cabinets, eye wash stations, and improved ventilation). Tri-County Hazardous Waste & Recycling Program will then offer to assist with those upgrades so that schools, students and teachers have a safer learning environment.



4-hour safety training



poisonous mercury



potentially explosive



degraded containers

# Where Can I Recycle?

## Curbside Recycling

All Hood River Garbage and The Dalles Disposal customers (in Wasco County) have at least alternate week curbside recycling services. Call your hauler to find out more.

## Combined (mixed) recyclables can be taken to:

### The Dalles Disposal Service

1317 W 1st St, The Dalles

541-298-5149 • Mon-Sat 9am-5pm

### Hood River Garbage Service

3440 Guignard Drive, Hood River

541-386-2272 • Mon-Sat 9am-5pm

## "24-7" Self-Service Recycling Depots

Maupin / Mt. Hood

### Sherman County Recycling Depots:

**Grass Valley** (Mon & Tues 1-3 pm)

**Moro** (2nd Fri & Sat 9 am-4:30 pm)

**Wasco** (3rd Fri & Sat 9am-4:30pm)

**Rufus** (4th Fri & Sat 9am-4:30 pm)

## Separated (sorted by type) recyclables can be taken to:

### A&P Recycling

280 Webber Street, The Dalles

541-993-1813

Mon-Fri 10-6, Sat 8-2.

Closed Sunday & holidays

### Dufur Lions Recycling Depot

Dufur City Park

Saturday mornings

## Sharps Disposal

- Hood River Transfer Station
- The Dalles Disposal
- Moro Medical Clinic

\* Free to households and small-quantity generators. Must be in approved container.

## Unwanted Medicines

- Hood River Sheriff's Office
- The Dalles Police Department
- Moro Medical Clinic
- All Hazardous Waste Events

# What Can I Recycle?

Comingled recycling instructions same for households and businesses.

## COMINGLE Put all of these in the same container . . .

- Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, phone books
- Office paper, colored paper, note pads, letters, paper bags
- Shredded paper in a paper bag (less mess)
- Boxes, such as tissue, shoe, cookie, cereal, and cracker style boxes (liner removed)
- Cardboard tubes
- Plastic bottles with a neck (rinse)...like beverages, milk jugs, shampoo, detergent, cleansers. **Now you can leave the cap on!**
- Plastic tubs 6 oz. to 5 gallons in size (cleaned)...like dairy products, cat litter, detergent. Leave the lid on.
- Plant containers 4 inches and larger (cleaned)
- Aluminum cans and tin cans (rinsed)
- Clean aluminum foil
- Empty aerosol cans (remove plastic caps)



## YES!

Go ahead and put it in. Must be empty and clean.



Gable top (milk/juice) cartons



Aseptic shelf-stable cartons

## SEPARATE Keep these items separate . . .

- Glass bottles and jars (rinse, put metal lids in blue recycle bin). Put in a separate bucket or container.
- Corrugated cardboard boxes Flattened). Put these next to or underneath your blue bins. No larger than 3' x 3' square.
- Motor oil (put in a clear gallon milk jug with a lid and place next to your garbage).



## BUT WHAT ABOUT . . .

- Plastic shopping bags and bread sacks do not go in your blue bins. Please take them back to the grocery store for recycling.
- Make compost at home. Place fruit & vegetable scraps, paper towels & napkins, lawn clippings & leaves in a compost bin, where they will break down. After 6 weeks to 5 months, you'll have some nice compost to feed your garden and flowers. For more composting information, go to [www.tricountyrecycle.com](http://www.tricountyrecycle.com).



## NO! Not currently accepted in your recycling (subject to change):

Clear "clamshell" containers and Flex packaging



Plastic bags, Bubble wrap, Styrofoam



## When in doubt, find out.

Let us help you find out.

## E-Cycles program expansion:



The Oregon Electronics Recycling Program (Oregon E-Cycles) now takes computer peripherals (key boards and mice) plus printers, in addition to televisions, laptops, computer monitors and towers, at no cost.

**NEW!**

E-Waste collected now at all Hazardous Waste Events

## E-Waste collection sites:

The Dalles Disposal Service  
1317 W 1st Street, The Dalles  
541-298-5149 • Mon-Sat 9am-5pm

Hood River Garbage Service  
3440 Guignard Drive, Hood River  
541-386-2272 • Mon-Sat 9am-5pm

Sherman County Transfer Station  
off Welk Rd, near Biggs Junction  
2nd, 4th Sat 10am-2pm

clip and save



**2017  
Schedule**

**FREE!**

# Hazardous Waste Collection Events

## GET RID OF UNWANTED DANGEROUS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

- Oil & latex paints • Yard & garden products • Household cleaners & chemicals • Automotive fluids
  - Old gas & kerosene • Pool & spa chemicals • Hobby solvents & glues • Propane bottles & tanks
  - All batteries • Ballasts, fluorescent tubes & CFL bulbs • Thermostats & thermometers • Fire extinguishers
- NEW!** E-waste, cell phones, unwanted medicines

**A lot of materials in our homes and businesses are hazardous. Don't throw them in the garbage. Bring them to one of our FREE events.**

**Hood River Garbage Service  
3440 Guignard Dr.**

February 24, 2017    Friday 9am-2pm  
 May 19, 2017        Friday 9am-2pm  
 August 18, 2017    Friday 9am-2pm  
 November 17, 2017 Friday 9am-2pm

**The Dalles Disposal  
1317 W First St.**

February 25, 2017    Saturday 9am-2pm  
 May 20, 2017        Saturday 9am-2pm  
 August 19, 2017    Saturday 9am-2pm  
 November 18, 2017 Saturday 9am-2pm

**AG PRODUCERS  
& small businesses ONLY\* 10am-2pm  
must pre-register**

May 5, 2017 Moro  
(AG, Household & Small Biz)

November 1, 2017 Hood River  
**AG PRODUCER COLLECTION**

November 2, 2017 The Dalles  
**AG PRODUCER COLLECTION**

November 3, 2017 Wasco  
(AG, Household & Small Biz)

**RURAL households &  
small businesses\***

**Maupin** - Location to be determined  
April 15, 2017    Saturday 10am-2pm

**Parkdale** - Fire Department  
April 22, 2017    Saturday 10am-2pm

**Moro** - Road Dept, 4th & Hood St.  
May 5, 2017      Friday 10am-2pm

**Dufur** - Barlow Ranger district  
May 6, 2017      Saturday 10am-2pm

**Cascade Locks** - Eastgate Park  
95 Wa Na Pa Street  
June 17, 2017    Saturday 10am-2pm

**Odell** - Mid-Valley Market, 3380 Odell Hwy  
September 9, 2017 Saturday 10am-2pm

**Tygh Valley** - Location to be determined  
September 23, 2017 Saturday 10am-2pm

**Mosier** - Mosier School, 1204 First Ave.  
October 7, 2017    Saturday 10am-2pm

**Town of Wasco** - Location to be determined  
November 3, 2017    Saturday 10am-2pm

*\*Businesses and agricultural producers: Pre-registration is required. Please call our contractor, Stericycle at: (360) 772-2838 or John.Pitman@STERICYCLE.com*

**Questions?**

**Call the Tri-County program at 541-506-2636  
or visit our web site**

**www.tricountyrecycle.com**

# Earth Machine Compost Bins



## AVAILABLE AT:

### Hood River Garbage

3440 Guignard Dr., Hood River

### The Dalles Disposal

1317 W First St., The Dalles

### Tygh Valley

#### General Store

57723 Tygh Valley Rd., Tygh Valley

### Mid-Columbia Producers

#### Wasco Farm Store

820 Hwy 206, Wasco



Re-think • Re-use • Re-store

995 Tucker Rd., Hood River  
541-387-4387  
[www.rebuildit.org](http://www.rebuildit.org)

## 110 TONS

of Building Materials  
**DIVERTED**

last year & back in **REUSE!**

That's a HUGE dent in our local  
waste stream. Remember to...

**BRING & BUY at GRC**

All donations are tax deductible!

Local business. Local jobs. Good for the environment



# Dirt Hugger®

DirtHugger compost is certified organic, created from yard debris, food waste, and organic waste from the Gorge.

**541-946-3478**



The Dalles Area  
**Habitat**  
for Humanity®

Amy Phelps, Manager

Tues - Sat,  
9am to 5pm  
1001 W. 6th St,  
The Dalles

## ReStore

**541-296-4486**

## PAINT RECYCLING MADE *easy*

Find a place to  
recycle your paint:

[www.paintcare.org](http://www.paintcare.org)  
(855) 724-6809



Printed on Recycled Paper using Soy Based Inks



2705 E 2nd St., The Dalles OR 97058



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Hazardous Waste & Recycling Program

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