

# Earth Machine Compost Bins



## AVAILABLE AT:

- Hood River Garbage**  
3440 Guignard Dr., Hood River
- The Dalles Disposal**  
1317 W First St., The Dalles
- Mel's Sanitary Service**  
Transfer Station  
57590 Yew Dr., Tygh Valley
- Mid-Columbia Producers**  
**Wasco Farm Store**  
820 Hwy 206, Wasco

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US Postage

**110 TONS**  
of Building Materials  
**DIVERTED**  
last year & back in **REUSE!**

Re-think • Re-use • Re-store That's a HUGE dent in our local waste stream. Remember to...

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

**BRING & BUY at GRC**  
All donations are tax deductible!

**The Dalles Area Habitat for Humanity®**

Tim Willis, Manager

Tues - Sat,  
10am to 5pm  
1001 W. 6th St,  
The Dalles

**ReStore**  
**541-296-4486**

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**

541-490-7078

**Gorge SECURITY SHRED**

Affordable. Secure. Friendly service.

Gorge Security Shred is the only locally owned and operated secure document destruction business in the Gorge.

**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.  
TriCounty Hazardous Waste & Recycling is part of the North Central Public Health District.

Printed on 55% recycled paper, Forest Stewardship Council and Sustainable Forestry Initiative Certified. Resources saved by the use of this paper product.  
based on 25000 copies:  
Water Savings: 2410 gallons  
Wood Savings: 1625 pounds  
Reduces CO2 Gases by: 605 pounds  
Reduces waste by: 303 pounds  
Energy Savings: 4,675,000 BTUs

**Tri-County**  
Hazardous Waste & Recycling Program  
419 E. Seventh St., The Dalles OR 97058

**reduce waste + recycle more**  
[www.tricountyrecycle.com](http://www.tricountyrecycle.com)



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Tri-County Hazardous Waste and Recycling Program

serving Wasco, Sherman, and Hood River Counties

# Reduce Waste + Recycle More

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## Recycling Done Right!

**Good Work Everyone!**  
You and your neighbors recycled more materials than ever before! In 2013, households and businesses in Hood River, Wasco and Sherman Counties set new recycling records and helped Oregon reach a new high in waste recovery – almost 54 percent! This is great news. When we recycle, we conserve our forests and mineral resources and use less energy to make products. And the recycling industry creates many more jobs than throwing away recyclable items, so recycling helps our economy too. Ten times more jobs than landfilling, according to EPA.

**It's Easy to Recycle Right**  
We all want to make sure the items we put in our recycling bins or take to the depot are actually getting recycled, and don't end up at the landfill. For recycling to work though, manufacturers need to use recycled paper, plastic, steel or glass to make new products. Manufacturers buy those ingredients from large sorting facilities located in Portland where they prepare our mixed recyclables. When the wrong things get into our mixed recyclables, they are handled as contamination and often go to the landfill. That puts a strain on the entire recycling system and adds cost to our garbage service. That's why it's important to only put recyclable items in your blue bin and to prepare them properly.

If you're not sure whether an item is recyclable, don't put it in the bin. Then check our website to confirm that it is recyclable.

**Want To Learn More?**  
Our website is loaded with good information: [www.tricountyrecycle.com](http://www.tricountyrecycle.com) To find a detailed list of what is recyclable in our area click on Manage my Materials, then Recycle, then What Can I Recycle? Or give us a call (541-506-2636). Metro's Recycling Information Hotline is an excellent resource for learning about other recycling opportunities: 800-RECYCLE (800-732-9253). Also keep an eye out for our weekly 'Recycling Tips' in local newspapers.

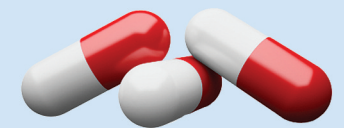
**Thank You**  
We all want to live well in a place that's beautiful and where natural resources like clean water, healthy forests and nature are abundant. When we use fewer materials and recycle what we do use, we all help keep Oregon a wonderful place to live. Thanks for doing your share!



## Unwanted Medicines

**Hood River County** residents may dispose of excess and expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medications at the secure permanent drop off location at the Hood River County Sheriff's Office located at 309 State Street. Weekdays 8am-5pm. No questions asked.

**Wasco County** residents can drop off their unwanted household prescriptions, and over the counter medications, vitamins, nutritional supplements and pet medicines at The Dalles Police Department at 401 Court Street. Not accepted are needles or sharps, thermometers, and medical waste and equipment. Weekdays 8am – 5pm. No questions asked.



# 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:

### Mel's Sanitary Service Inc.

Transfer Station  
57590 Yew Drive, Tygh Valley  
541-483-2500 • Mon-Fri 10am-3pm

#### 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

## Bottles and cans with a deposit:

Hood River LEO Club Recycling Program  
First Saturday of each month, 9am-1pm  
Rosauers parking lot, Hood River

Home At Last Humane Society  
200 River Road, The Dalles  
(watch for their "Cans for Canines" trailers at area parks and 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!** Did you know? Now you can leave the plastic caps and lids on your plastic bottles, jugs, and tubs and put them all in the bin together!

Go ahead and put it in.

## 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.
- Motor oil (put in a 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):



## 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.

## 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

2015  
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

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 20, 2015 Friday 9am-2pm  
May 15, 2015 Friday 9am-2pm  
August 14, 2015 Friday 9am-2pm  
November 13, 2015 Friday 9am-2pm

### The Dalles Disposal 1317 W First St.

February 21, 2015 Saturday 9am-2pm  
May 16, 2015 Saturday 9am-2pm  
August 15, 2015 Saturday 9am-2pm  
November 14, 2015 Saturday 9am-2pm

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

May 1, 2015 Friday  
Moro, Road Dept., 4th & Hood Street

November 4, 2015 Wednesday  
Hood River Garbage Service

November 5, 2015 Thursday  
The Dalles Disposal Service

### RURAL households & small businesses\*

**Maupin** - Public Works, 390 3rd St  
April 18, 2015 Saturday 10am-2pm

**Parkdale** - Fire Department  
April 25, 2015 Saturday 10am-2pm

**Moro** - Road Dept, 4th & Hood St.  
May 1, 2015 Friday 10am-2pm

**Dufur** - Barlow Ranger district  
May 2, 2015 Saturday 10am-2pm

**Cascade Locks** - Wastewater Plant  
105 Herman Creek Ln.  
June 13, 2015 Saturday 10am-2pm

**Odell** - Mid-Valley Market, 3380 Odell Hwy  
September 12, 2015 Saturday 10am-2pm

**Tygh Valley** - Mel's Sanitary Service Inc.  
September 26, 2015 Saturday 10am-2pm

**Mosier** - Mosier School, 1204 First Ave.  
October 3, 2015 Saturday 10am-2pm

\*Businesses and agricultural producers: Mandatory pre-registration is required. Please call our contractor, PSC Environmental Services, 1-800-547-2436. This ensures that proper supplies are ready for your load. Thank you.

## Questions?

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

[www.tricountyrecycle.com](http://www.tricountyrecycle.com)