

## Earth Machine Compost Bins



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- Hood River Garbage**  
3440 Guignard Dr., Hood River
- The Dalles Disposal**  
1317 W First St., The Dalles
- Tygh Valley General Store**  
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- Mid-Columbia Producers Wasco Farm Store**  
820 Hwy 206, Wasco

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Tim Willis, Manager

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The Dalles

**541-296-4486**

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serving Wasco, Sherman, and Hood River Counties

# Reduce Waste + Recycle More

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

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## The Wishful Recycler *By Jeni Smith*

I am a recovering 'Wishful Recycler'. As new staff at Tri-County Hazardous Waste and Recycling Program, I have been on a crash course about the ins and outs of recycling. Understandably, there are many things that I didn't know.

Wishful Recycling involves throwing items into the blue bin with the hope that they are recyclable. A mentor taught me we need to be mindful of becoming a throwaway society. That resonated. I ramped up my rinsing, flattening and recycling. The more the better, right? I was being a good caretaker of my home, my wallet and my earth.

I now know that some of my habits might not be so helpful. When the yearly flier from my county's solid waste hauler arrived, I didn't really read it. If I had, I would have realized there were items that were being placed in the recycling that were not accepted at our curbside service. I had been tossing in plastic 'clamshell' containers, 'gable tops' (milk/juice cartons), 'aseptic' containers (soymilk, broth and soup boxes), plastic drink cups, food-soiled pizza boxes and plastic bags. With best intentions, our blue recycling bin had 'wishfully' become contaminated with 'trash'. I have learned

that putting non-recyclable items in my curbside bin was actually damaging the recycling process. I was contaminating the items that can be recycled, while costing the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) more to discard the trash.

Also good to know, there is a big shift going on from heavier bulky packaging (glass and tin) to lighter packaging (blister packs and flexible pouches). This understandably lends to confusion about what's recyclable. So, I have learned that when in doubt, find out. And if you're not sure, throw it out.

I think most people recycle because they want to save money and help conserve limited resources. If they are like me, most recyclers feel good when they do their part. If they realize they may not have been doing it correctly, they will work to change their habits to improve the system for everyone. I covet my recovery from 'Wishful Recycler'. Information is key! Suggestion: The recycling instructions on the backside of this article provide a great reference to post at your home recycling station. And remember -When in doubt, find out. Let us help you 'find out'.

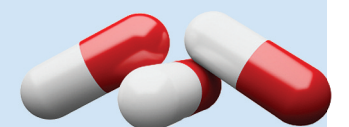
*Jeni Smith is program assistant for Tri-County Hazardous Waste & Recycling Program.*

## 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.

**Sherman County** residents can drop off their unwanted medicines at the Sherman County Sheriff's office located at 500 Court Street in Moro.



# Where Can I Recycle?



### Curbside Recycling

Hood River Garbage and The Dalles Disposal customers (in Wasco County) may 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.

# 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. No larger than 3'x3' square.
- Motor oil (put in a gallon milk jug with a lid and place next to your recycling).



## 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



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**2016**  
Schedule

## 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 19, 2016 Friday 9am-2pm
- May 20, 2016 Friday 9am-2pm
- August 19, 2016 Friday 9am-2pm
- November 18, 2016 Friday 9am-2pm

### The Dalles Disposal 1317 W First St.

- February 20, 2016 Saturday 9am-2pm
- May 21, 2016 Saturday 9am-2pm
- August 20, 2016 Saturday 9am-2pm
- November 19, 2016 Saturday 9am-2pm

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

May 6, 2016 Friday  
Moro, Road Dept. (AG, Household & Small Biz)

November 2, 2016 Hood River  
AG PRODUCER COLLECTION

November 3, 2016 The Dalles  
AG PRODUCER COLLECTION

### RURAL households & small businesses\*

Maupin - Public Works, 390 3rd St  
April 16, 2016 Saturday 10am-2pm

Parkdale - Fire Department  
April 23, 2016 Saturday 10am-2pm

Moro - Road Dept, 4th & Hood St.  
May 6, 2016 Friday 10am-2pm

Dufur - Barlow Ranger district  
May 7, 2016 Saturday 10am-2pm

Cascade Locks - Wastewater Plant  
105 Herman Creek Ln.  
June 18, 2016 Saturday 10am-2pm

Odell - Mid-Valley Market, 3380 Odell Hwy  
September 10, 2016 Saturday 10am-2pm

Tygh Valley - Tygh Valley  
September 24, 2016 Saturday 10am-2pm

Mosier - Mosier School, 1204 First Ave.  
October 1, 2016 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](mailto:John.Pitman@STERICYCLE.com)

### Questions?

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

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