

Earth Machine
Compost Bins



ONLY \$50

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

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
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Re-think • Re-use • Re-store

995 Tucker Rd., Hood River
541-387-4387
www.rebuildit.org

The Dalles Area Habitat for Humanity®

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

ReStore
541-296-4486

Local business. Local jobs. Good for the environment

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

541-946-3478

Small steps have **big impacts**

Recycling 101 Certificate: GO BEYOND THE BASICS

Enroll today:
tiny.cc/recycling-101

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Hazardous Waste & Recycling Program

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serving Wasco, Sherman,
and Hood River Counties

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Recycling Update - Globally & Locally

Recycling markets nationwide have been disrupted because of a recent ban by China on imports of numerous types of recyclable papers and plastics. China placed the ban because the recyclables we send them are deemed to be too contaminated. Thus some communities (including ours) have needed to temporarily landfill some of our collected recyclables. While we search for solutions, we ask our community to continue to follow the recycling instructions in this newsletter. Doing so ensures recycling will continue for the vast majority of what's collected.

You Can Help. You can help by being aware of what 'contamination' means and how to help us avoid it. 'Contaminants' are items that are either not accepted for recycling or that belong but are in an unsuitable condition. Common contaminants include plastic bags, film plastics, liquids, food, soiled packaging, plastic clamshells, garden hoses, wire hangers, textiles, diapers, electronics and batteries.

Although some of these materials can be recycled separately, they should not be included in your recycling carts because they cause significant problems when mixed with other recyclables. You can help by recycling right. Continue to recycle according to the instructions in this newsletter. Only set out approved recyclables, and make sure they are clean.

Non-recyclable items cause contamination, which slows down the sorting lines, adds cost and ultimately results in landfilling otherwise recyclable materials.

What's next? Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and partners are exploring solutions such as finding new processing capacities and markets, and upgrades to Oregon's recycling systems. Stay tuned! We will let you know by mailer, radio and newspaper if/when any significant changes in recycling occur. You can always visit our website for more information.



Paul Lepinsky, owner of A&P Recycling in The Dalles closes after 40+ years of recycling service.

Other tips: Drop off acceptable clean metal recyclables such as steel, tin or aluminum cans, clean tin foil, and small metal items (crimped inside a metal can) directly to the transfer station as scrap metal. Also, donating your redeemable bottles and cans to local non-profits or redeeming them at the grocery store ensures those items get recycled. Plus, that nickel recently turned into a dime! Beginning January

1st, 2018, all beverages except distilled liquor, wine, dairy or plant-based milks, infant formula, and meal replacement beverages now have an Oregon refund value of 10 cents. Finally: when in doubt, find out (ask us).

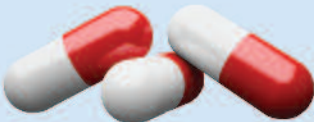
Phone: 541-506-2636
Website: www.tricountyrecycle.com

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.



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Where Can I Recycle?

Curbside Recycling

All Hood River Garbage and The Dalles Disposal customers (in North 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:

Dufur Lions Recycling Depot

Dufur City Park
Saturday mornings

Sharps Disposal

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

* Free to households. 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. Remove caps.
- Plastic tubs 6 oz. to 5 gallons in size (cleaned)...like dairy products, cat litter, detergent. Remove lids.
- 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.



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:

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



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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
- 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 23, 2018	Friday 9am-2pm
May 18, 2018	Friday 9am-2pm
August 17, 2018	Friday 9am-2pm
November 16, 2018	Friday 9am-2pm

The Dalles Disposal 1317 W First St.

February 24, 2018	Saturday 9am-2pm
May 19 2018	Saturday 9am-2pm
August 18, 2018	Saturday 9am-2pm
November 17, 2018	Saturday 9am-2pm

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

May 4, 2018 Moro
(AG, Household & Small Biz)

October 31, 2018 Hood River
AG PRODUCER COLLECTION

November 1, 2018 The Dalles
AG PRODUCER COLLECTION

November 2, 2018 Wasco
(AG, Household & Small Biz)

RURAL households & small businesses*

Maupin - South Wasco High School
April 14, 2018 Saturday 10am-2pm

Parkdale - Fire Department
April 21, 2018 Saturday 10am-2pm

Moro - Road Dept, 4th & Hood St.
May 4, 2018 Friday 10am-2pm

Dufur - Barlow Ranger district
May 5, 2018 Saturday 10am-2pm

Cascade Locks - Eastgate Park
95 Wa Na Pa Street
June 9, 2018 Saturday 10am-2pm

Odell - Mid-Valley Market, 3380 Odell Hwy
September 8, 2018 Saturday 10am-2pm

Tygh Valley - site to be announced
September 22, 2018 Saturday 10am-2pm

Mosier - Mosier School, 1204 First Ave.
October 6, 2018 Saturday 10am-2pm

Town of Wasco - Wasco Event Center
November 2, 2018 Friday 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