

# Reduce Waste + Recycle More

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## Recycling Update Spring 2019

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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 too contaminated. Thus some communities (including ours) have needed to temporarily landfill some of our collected recyclables, either because of lacking markets and/or because the cost to recycle has risen significantly above the cost to dispose. About 2% of all materials collected for recycling statewide since September 2017 has been landfilled. 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.

#### 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 at 541-506-2636.

**Metro's Recycling Information Hotline** is an excellent resource for learning about other recycling opportunities in the Portland area: 800-RECYCLE (800-732-9253).

**Oregon DEQ's website:** Lots of info. Sign up for updates about the Recycling Markets Disruption in Oregon. <https://www.oregon.gov/deq/recycling/Pages/Recycling-Markets.aspx>

Also keep an eye out for our weekly "Recycling Tips" in local newspapers.

**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), the recycling industry and local governments are meeting regularly and 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. See below how to monitor DEQ's stakeholder group online.

**Other Tips:** Drop off acceptable smaller clean metal 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. Return plastic bags to supermarkets. 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 tuned into a dime! 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.

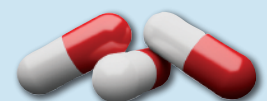
## Properly Dispose of Unwanted Medicines

**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, Hood River. Weekdays 8am - 5pm.** No questions asked.

**Wasco County** residents may drop off their unwanted household prescriptions and over-the-counter medications, vitamins, nutritional supplements and pet medications at **The Dalles Police Department** at **401 Court Street.** Not accepted are needles or sharps, thermometers, 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** at **500 Court Street in Moro.**

You may also dispose of your unwanted medicines at all Hazardous Waste Events. See page 3.



# 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 1-3pm

**Moro** • 2nd Fri & Sat 9am-4:30pm

**Wasco** • 3rd Fri & Sat 9am-4:30pm

**Rufus** • 4th Fri & Sat 9am-4:30pm

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

## Dufur Recycle Center

Dufur City Park  
Thur 1pm-3pm • Sat 10am-noon

## 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 are the same for households and businesses.

## COMINGLE

Put all of these items 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 (rinsed) like beverages, milk jugs, shampoo, detergent, cleaners. 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 and tin cans (rinsed)
- Clean aluminum foil
- Empty aerosol cans (plastic caps removed)



## SEPARATE

Put all of these items in the same container . . .

- Glass bottles and jars (rinse, put metal lids in blue bin). Put in 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 clear 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 and vegetable scraps, paper towels and napkins, lawn clippings and 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! X Clear “Clamshell” Containers X Flex Packaging

- X Plastic Bags
- X Frozen Boxes
- X Styrofoam



When in doubt, find out! Let us help you find out! [www.tricountyrecycle.com](http://www.tricountyrecycle.com)

## E-Cycle 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 tower, 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**  
of Welk Rd., near Biggs Junction  
2nd, 4th Sat 10am-2pm

**FREE!**

Clip & Save 

**2019  
SCHEDULE**



# Hazardous Waste Collection Events

## GET RID OF UNWANTED DANGEROUS & HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Oil & Latex Paint • 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 (electronics- page 2), 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 Drive

February 22, 2019.....Friday 9am-2pm  
May 17, 2019.....Friday 9am-2pm  
August 16, 2019 .....Friday 9am-2pm  
November 15, 2019....Friday 9am-2pm

### The Dalles Disposal 1317 W. First Street

February 23, 2019.... Saturday 9am-2pm  
May 18, 2019 ..... Saturday 9am-2pm  
August 17, 2019 ..... Saturday 9am-2pm  
November 16, 2019.. Saturday 9am-2pm

### AG PRODUCERS & Small Businesses Only 10am-12pm! *You Must Pre-Register!\**

**Moro** – May 3, 2019  
AG • Household • Small Business  
**Hood River** – October 30, 2019  
AG PRODUCER COLLECTION  
**The Dalles** – October 31, 2019  
AG PRODUCER COLLECTION  
**Wasco** – November 1, 2019  
AG • Household • Small Business

### Rural Households & Small Businesses\*

**Maupin** – South Wasco High School  
April 13, 2019..... Saturday 10am-2pm  
**Parkdale** – Fire Department  
April 20, 2019 ..... Saturday 10am-2pm  
**Moro** – Road Dept., 4th & Hood St.  
May 3, 2019 ..... Friday 10am-2pm  
**Dufur** – Barlow Ranger District  
May 4, 2019 ..... Saturday 10am-2pm  
**Cascade Locks** – Eastgate Park, 95 Wa Na Pa St.  
June 8, 2019 ..... Saturday 10am-2pm  
**Odell** – Mid-Valley Market, 3380 Odell Hwy  
September 7, 2019.... Saturday 10am-2pm  
**Tygh Valley** – Wasco County Fairgrounds  
September 21, 2019.. Saturday 10am-2pm  
**Mosier** – Mosier School, 1204 First Ave.  
October 5, 2019..... Saturday 10am-2pm  
**Town of Wasco** – Wasco Event Center  
November 1, 2019 ..... 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 website

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



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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®

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

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



Small steps have **big impacts**

Recycling 101 Certificate:  
**GO BEYOND THE BASICS**

Enroll today:

[tiny.cc/recycling-101](http://tiny.cc/recycling-101)



Oregon State University



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# Tri-County

Hazardous Waste & Recycling Program



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