



Reduce Waste + Recycle More

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Tri-County
Hazardous Waste & Recycling Program

QUESTIONS? ASK!
www.tricountyrecycle.com
YOUR "TRASH TALK" HEADQUARTERS 541.506.2636

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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 a statewide effort to modernize Oregon's Recycling System.

<https://www.oregon.gov/deq/recycling/Pages/Modernizing-Oregons-Recycling-System.aspx>

Also keep an eye out for our weekly "Trash Talk" in local newspapers.

Hood River Garbage Service: www.hoodrivergarbage.com (541)-386-2272

The Dalles Disposal Service: www.thedallesdisposal.com 541)-298-5149

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-4:30 pm
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
- Boxes, such as tissue, shoe, cookie, cereal, and cracker style boxes (liner removed)
- Cardboard tubes
- Plastic bottles (#1 and #2) with a neck (rinsed) like beverages, milk jugs, shampoo, detergent, cleaners. Remove caps.
- 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 2' x 2' 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. **More composting info at: www.tricountyrecycle.com**



NO! X Clear "Clamshell" Containers

X Flex Packaging

- X Plastic Bags
- X Frozen Boxes
- X Styrofoam
- X Milk Cartons
- X Juice Boxes



When in doubt, find out! Let us help you find out! 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

Common Contamination at the Curb:

If it can't go in the cart, where should it go?



Contamination at the curb? What's the big deal? Recycling works best when done properly. Let's all do our part to keep the recycle stream free of contamination to ensure an efficient recycling system. Check out the list of common contaminants below and how to dispose of them properly.

CONTAMINANT	Why not at the curb?	Where should it go?
Plastic Bags 	Plastic bags clog machinery at the sorting facility making it necessary to be collected elsewhere.	The following stores have bins for recycling plastic bags: Fred Meyer & Safeway- The Dalles Rosauers & Safeway- Hood River
Styrofoam 	Styrofoam breaks into tiny pieces when compacted in the recycle truck. No recycling facility at this time (but maybe in the future.) Too expensive to transport.	Garbage- Styrofoam that has touched food (cups, plates, egg cartons, etc.) must go in the garbage. Packing peanuts may go to local shipping business (as allowed.)
Plastic Clamshells 	There are no markets now for this low grade plastic at its end of life phase. This applies to all clamshells regardless of the number on the bottom.	Garbage
Plastic Cups & Tubs 	No recycling markets for cups or tubs exist right now. Only put plastic bottles (#1's and #2's) into the Recycling Bin.	Garbage
Milk Cartons & Juice Boxes 	These containers are lined with wax, plastic or synthetic resin to repel moisture. They do not break down in the pulp mill.	Garbage
Large Plastic Items 	No recycling markets for this low grade plastic exist right now. Examples: toys, games, furniture. Only put plastic bottles (#1's and #2's) into the Blue Recycling Bin.	Garbage
Batteries 	All batteries are recyclable elsewhere. Many batteries (especially Lithium batteries) can be dangerous if damaged.	Bring To A Hazardous Waste Event: Visit www.tricountyrecycle.com for an Event Schedule or call: (541)-506-2636
Clothing 	Clothing and fabric are not part of the curbside recycling program.	Directory of Clothing Donation Sites: Visit www.tricountyrecycle.com CLICK "Managing My Materials", then CLICK "Reuse."
Pet Food Bags 	These bags are lined with plastic. Nearly impossible to separate the plastic liner from the exterior paper fibers for recycling	Garbage
Napkins & Paper Towels 	Used napkins and paper towels are considered contaminated because of food residue.	Put In Your Home Compost System Not allowed in curbside organics/yard debris cart.
Food Residue 	Food residue inside containers contaminates commingled recycling (e.g. yogurt spilling onto paper) and leads to mold and germs. Always rinse/wipe-out containers so no food gets onto other recyclables.	Rinse & Wipe Clean Then Put In Recycling Cart If rinsing is not possible, save the container until it can be rinsed/wiped and then recycled.

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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for Humanity®

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The Dalles

ReStore
541-296-4486



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Recycle Clean, Dry Plastic Bags & Film Packaging

Look for this tag when you see plastic wrap like these:



Air Pillows



Grocery & Retail Bags
labeled #2 (HDPE) or #4 (LLDPE)

Tip: Store in plastic bag until
next trip to the store



Case Wrap



Newspaper Bags



Bread Bags
(with crumbs shaken out)



Produce Bags



Food Storage Bags



**Napkin, Paper Towel,
Bathroom Tissue, and
Diaper Wrap Packaging**

"Do Not Put In Recycling - Return to Supermarket"