



Reduce Waste + Recycle More

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Unwanted paint and hazardous waste- what should I do?

Tri-County Hazardous Waste & Recycling Program provides nineteen free hazardous waste collection events annually within Hood River, Wasco and Sherman counties. Most events are meant for households and businesses. We also provide several collections each Fall just for farmers. Refer to the 2021 Hazardous Waste schedule on page #3 for a full list of what we accept.

Tip: All of our hazardous waste events accept unwanted household paint. But if paint is all that you have, you don't need to wait for a hazardous waste event. You can drop it off for free any time at one of five retailers in the Gorge that are drop sites for the statewide PaintCare program. These retailers ONLY accept household paint (oil and latex). They accept up to five gallon size containers (no aerosols). Whereas paint plus all other hazardous wastes are accepted at our Hazardous Waste Events.

Retail locations for paint only:

Hood River: Hood River Supply- 1995 12th St. and **Hometown Paint-** 1737 Cascade Ave.

The Dalles: Sawyer's True Value Hardware- 500 E. 3rd, **Sherwin Williams-** 521 Mount Hood Street
Habitat-for-Humanity Restore- Restore may be temporarily closed to Covid.

Art and The Environment- turn found objects into Art!

Columbia Center for the Arts (CCA) is offering a **FREE instructional video series** making functional art from items from things from your home. (CCA) is collaborating with artists and partnering organizations to offer a series of free workshops designed to transform found objects into works of functional art. Participants will learn skills in carpentry, sewing, engineering, science, and creative embellishment. These workshops increase craftsmanship and skill building through re-purposing material. Many thanks to our funders, Tri-County Hazardous Waste & Recycling Program and Hood River Cultural Trust.

Classes & Video's:

Instructions are available online: <https://www.columbiaarts.org/art-and-the-environment-video-series>

with directions for each class. Each project is saving items at home that would have gone into the waste stream. Examples include transforming old vinyl records into bowls, taught by Cynthia Caudill. Jack Perrin from the Gorge Makers Space will instruct how to make planter boxes and bird houses from our re-purposed material found at the Gorge Rebuild-it Center. Local artist Cathy Carter showed us how to make recycled fashion using chip bags to make clothing, wallets, and purses – which is really all that and a bag of chips! There are many creations people can make that are functional, and waste reducing on this planet!



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
www.thedallesdisposal.com

Hood River Garbage Service
3440 Guignard Drive, Hood River
541-386-2272 • Mon-Sat 9am-5pm
www.hoodrivergarbage.com

"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
Remove liners.
- Cardboard tubes
- Plastic bottles with a neck (*rinsed*) like beverages, milk jugs, shampoo, detergent, cleaners.
Remove caps.
- Aluminum and tin cans (*rinsed*)
- Clean aluminum foil
- Empty aerosol cans
Remove caps.



SEPARATE

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

- Glass bottles and jars (*rinsed*, 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.
- Confidential paper. Shredding service (priced by the box) offered at Hood River Garbage and The Dalles Disposal. Call for details.
- 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 Plastic Bags
- X Frozen Boxes
- X Styrofoam
- X Milk Cartons
- X Juice Boxes

- X Clear "Clamshell" Containers
- X Flex Packaging
- X Shredded Paper



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



Clip & Save 

**2021
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, 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 19, 2021.....Friday 9am-2pm
 May 14, 2021Friday 9am-2pm
 August 20, 2021.....Friday 9am-2pm
 November 19, 2021....Friday 9am-2pm

The Dalles Disposal 1317 W. First Street

February 20, 2021.... Saturday 9am-2pm
 May 15, 2021 Saturday 9am-2pm
 August 21, 2021 Saturday 9am-2pm
 November 20, 2021.. Saturday 9am-2pm

AG PRODUCERS & Small Businesses Only 10am-2pm! You Must Pre-Register!*

Moro – April 30, 2021- Friday
 AG • Household • Small Business
Hood River – October 27, 2021- Wednesday
 AG PRODUCER COLLECTION
The Dalles – October 28, 2021- Thursday
 AG PRODUCER COLLECTION
Wasco – October 29, 2021- Friday
 AG • Household • Small Business

Rural Households & Small Businesses*

Maupin – South Wasco High School
 April 3, 2021.....Saturday 10am-2pm
Parkdale – Fire Department
 April 17, 2021.....Saturday 10am-2pm
Moro – Road Dept., 4th & Hood St.
 April 30, 2021 Friday 10am-2pm
Dufur – Barlow Ranger District
 May 1, 2021 Saturday 10am-2pm
Cascade Locks – Eastgate Park, 95 Wa Na Pa St.
 June 12, 2021 Saturday 10am-2pm
Odell – Mid-Valley Market, 3380 Odell Hwy
 September 11, 2021.. Saturday 10am-2pm
Tygh Valley – Wasco County Fairgrounds
 September 18, 2021.. Saturday 10am-2pm
Mosier – Mosier School, 1204 First Ave.
 October 2, 2021..... Saturday 10am-2pm
Town of Wasco – Wasco Event Center
 October 29, 2021..... 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

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

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

BRING & BUY at GRC
All donations are tax deductible!

Recycle YOUR PAINT

Recycle your paint, stain, and varnish—find a year-round site at paintcare.org

Columbia Gorge 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

AOR ASSOCIATION of OREGON RECYCLERS
Oregon State University

Printed On Recycled Paper Using Soy Based Inks

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"