



# Reduce Waste + Recycle More

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**Tri-County**  
Hazardous Waste & Recycling Program

**QUESTIONS? ASK!**  
[www.tricountyrecycle.com](http://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](http://www.hoodrivergarbage.com) (541)-386-2272

**The Dalles Disposal Service:** [www.thedallesdisposal.com](http://www.thedallesdisposal.com) 541)-298-5149

## Properly Dispose of Unwanted Medicines

**Nine Convient Locations** in Hood River, Wasco and Sherman Counties, including Drop Sites and Medicine Mailback Distribution Sites. **Go to:**

[www.med-project.org/locations/oregon](http://www.med-project.org/locations/oregon)

or call: 541-506-2632

You may also dispose of your unwanted medicines at all

Hazardous Waste Events. For full event schedule, go to: [www.tricountyrecycle.com](http://www.tricountyrecycle.com)



# 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**  
**Mt. Hood Maupin** (cardboard only)

**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  
Sat 10am-noon

## Sharps Disposal

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

\*Free to households. Must be in approved container.

## Unwanted Refrigerators

~~\$35~~ Now Just **\$10** at:

- Hood River Garbage Service
- The Dalles Disposal Service

\* Fridges, Freezers + AC Units.

# 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 (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.
- 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](http://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](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

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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?
<b>Plastic Bags</b> 	Plastic bags clog machinery at the sorting facility making it necessary to be collected elsewhere.	The following stores have bins for recycling plastic bags: <b>Fred Meyer &amp; Safeway- The Dalles</b> <b>Rosauers &amp; Safeway- Hood River</b>
<b>Styrofoam</b> 	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.	<b>Garbage-</b> 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.)
<b>Plastic Clamshells</b> 	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.	<b>Garbage</b>
<b>Plastic Cups &amp; Tubs</b> 	No recycling markets for cups or tubs exist right now. Only put plastic bottles (#1's and #2's) into the Recycling Bin.	<b>Garbage</b>
<b>Milk Cartons &amp; Juice Boxes</b> 	These containers are lined with wax, plastic or synthetic resin to repel moisture. They do not break down in the pulp mill.	<b>Garbage</b>
<b>Large Plastic Items</b> 	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.	<b>Garbage</b>
<b>Batteries</b> 	All batteries are recyclable elsewhere. Many batteries (especially Lithium batteries) can be dangerous if damaged.	<b>Bring To A Hazardous Waste Event:</b> Visit <a href="http://www.tricountyrecycle.com">www.tricountyrecycle.com</a> for an Event Schedule or call: (541)-506-2636
<b>Clothing</b> 	Clothing and fabric are not part of the curbside recycling program.	<b>Directory of Clothing Donation Sites:</b> Visit <a href="http://www.tricountyrecycle.com">www.tricountyrecycle.com</a> CLICK "Managing My Materials", then CLICK "Reuse."
<b>Pet Food Bags</b> 	These bags are lined with plastic. Nearly impossible to separate the plastic liner from the exterior paper fibers for recycling	<b>Garbage</b>
<b>Napkins &amp; Paper Towels</b> 	Used napkins and paper towels are considered contaminated because of food residue.	<b>Put In Your Home Compost System</b> Not allowed in curbside organics/yard debris cart.
<b>Food Residue</b> 	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.	<b>Rinse &amp; Wipe Clean Then Put In Recycling Cart</b> If rinsing is not possible, save the container until it can be rinsed/wiped and then recycled.





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2705 E 2nd St., The Dalles OR 97058

**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)

**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

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