## Tri-County Hazardous Waste & Recycling Program serving Wasco, Sherman, and Hood River Counties



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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 Recyclying 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**

**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

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

## 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**

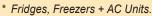
- Hood River Transfer Station
- The Dalles Disposal

 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



## 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



- X Stvrofoam
- X Milk Cartons
- X Juice Boxes



When in doubt, find out! Let us help you find out! www.tricountyrecycle.com

### **E-Cycle program expansion**

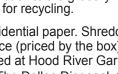


The Oregon Electronics Recycling Program (Oregon E-Cycles) now takes computer peripherals (key boards and mice) plus printers, in addition to televisions, laptops, computer monitors and tower, at no cost.

## 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 compact- ed 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.)
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 Duractur	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 impossi- ble to separate the plastic liner from the exterior paper fibers for recycling	Garbage
Napkins & Saper 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 co- mingled 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.



Guide created by the Tri-County Hazardous Waste & Recycling Program - http://tricountyrecycle.com along with Hood River Garbage Service - http://hoodrivergarbage.com and The Dalles Disposal Service - http://thedallesdisposal.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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## 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 dorations are tax deductible!





DirtHugger compost is certified organic, created from yard debris, food waste, and organic waste from the Gorge. 541-946-3478



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





