LINN COUNTY
Residential Recycling and Waste Guide

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# Recycling

**Empty. Clean. Dry.™**

## Paper
- Newspaper, inserts, magazines, catalogs and phone books
- Advertising mail, envelopes, mixed paper
- Paperback Books
  - Tip: donate to Goodwill or local senior center
- Cereal and dry food boxes
  - (remove liners)
- Corrugated cardboard
  - (3’x3’x3’ or smaller: please flatten)
- Non-foil wrapping paper

## Plastic
- #5 plastic tubs
  - (no lids)
- Plastic bottles
  - (no lids)
- Plastic jugs
- Pill bottles
  - (non-prescription tubes)

## Glass (collected every other week in blue bin where available)
- Bottles and jars
  - (empty and rinse; labels OK)

## Metal
- Clean aluminum, aluminum tins & metal cans
  - (empty, clean and dry)

## How to prepare your recyclables
- All containers, bottles, cans and jars should be empty, clean and dry
- All recycling should go into the recycling container
- No food waste, liquid or plastic bags
- Do **NOT** bag or box recyclables; leave loose
- All recyclables should fit in your recycling container with the lid closed (if you have large cardboard, bring it to our Recycle Depot).

## Container Size: 64-gallons
Waste/Trash

These items should never go in the recycling or yard debris container.

**Paper**
- Food-soiled frozen food boxes, wax & plastic coated cardboard
- Dirty paper, shredded paper, facial tissue & disposable diapers
- Ribbons & foil wrapping paper
- Hardback books (recycle pages). Donate to local senior center

**Plastic**
- Plastic hangers
- Empty motor oil & antifreeze containers
- Candy wrappers & chip bags
- Styrofoam bakery & meat trays, take-out containers, clamshells, coffee/to-go cups (*reuse Styrofoam packing & peanuts. See “What Do I Do With” section for more details.)
- Caps & lids
- Empty prescription vials
- Plastic plates & utensils

**Non-recyclable Glass**
- Mirrors, window glass, ceramic dishes, incandescent & halogen bulbs (no fluorescent tubes/bulbs), canning jars, Pyrex

**Non-recyclable Metal**
- Oil containers, dried-out paint containers, aerosol spray cans
- Caps, rings & lids
- Metal hangers*

**Miscellaneous**
- Vacuum cleaner bags
- Cigarette butts & ashes (put in bag and tie shut)
- CDs & CD cases
- Double bagged pet waste & litter

Do not place pet waste & cat litter in the yard waste container

Do not place in the garbage
- Recyclables
- Reusables
- Hazardous waste

**Weight Limits**

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**Special Item Recycling**

Customers may recycle motor oil in 1 gallon containers at the Recycle Depot located at 1439 SE Industrial Way.

**What Do I Do With...?**

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<td>Mattresses, furniture, appliances. To schedule a pickup and get a price, call 541.928.2551.</td>
<td>Reuse or recycle at your local grocery store. Make sure bags are clean.</td>
<td>Take to mail store for reuse or recycle at First Alternate Co-op (fee applies). Recycle at St. Vincent de Paul or drop off peanuts at shipping stores.</td>
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<td>Donate to Fish of Albany St. Vincent de Paul, Goodwill Teen Challenger or other stores.</td>
<td>Simplify your work with a large container. Call 541.928.2551 for pricing.</td>
<td>Fee for special pickup. Call 541.928.2551 or check with Burcham’s Metals.</td>
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**Important to Know**

Please have containers out by 6 a.m. Containers must be 4’ apart and at least 8’ from cars, bushes, mailboxes, etc. with at least 14’ of overhead clearance. Place containers on the curb with handles towards house. Do not block cars, mailboxes, sidewalks or roadways. Remove containers as soon as possible after collection. Do not place carts in bike lanes.

**Bad Weather & Dangerous Conditions.** If your service is missed due to inclement weather, leave carts out one extra day. If we are not able to get to you, please leave carts out or place out doubles on your next scheduled collection day, at no extra charge.
Hazardous Waste
Do not dispose in recycling, food and yard waste or waste containers

What Can I Recycle at Household Waste Events?

YES

• Household paint
• Motor oil/car fluids
• Batteries
• Solvents
• Pesticides
• Herbicides
• Fluorescent tubes
• Computers
• Televisions
• Anything marked poison, danger, caution or corrosive

NO

• Business waste
• Explosives
• Floric acid
• Rusty ether containers
• Radioactive materials (including smoke alarms)
• Biological waste
• Sharps

Drug Take Back
Do you have old, unused, unwanted or expired medications? Don't flush them down the toilet. Dispose of them with no questions asked at:

The Albany Police Department. 2600 Pacific Blvd., Albany, OR 97321
541.917.7680
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
• No needles, sharps, injectables, Epi-pens or intravenous solutions
• No medical waste or chemotherapy medications
• No illegal drugs like cocaine, methamphetamine, etc.
• Be sure to mark out your name or any other identifiable information

Sharps
All syringes must be disposed of in approved containers. Please contact your local drug store for details or go to RepublicServices.com/residents/sharps-and-needle disposal. Sharps are never allowed in your recycling container.

Electronics - These items can be recycled at Source Recycling, 840 30th Avenue, Albany, OR 97322

Television
Computers, laptops & monitors
Cell phones
Printers, fax machines & household electronics

E-waste can also be recycled at most thrift stores.