

# Bend Curbside News



## Community Events

### Free Swap! Don't Shop - Sustainable Clothing Swap for Teens

Tuesday, March 17, 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

The Pavilion, 1001 SW Bradbury Way, Bend

The library and Environmental Center are joining forces for the first Teen Clothing Swap. Learn how to Rethink Waste, refresh wardrobes, and mend and alter clothing. The event is for teens 14 years and older. Register with Deschutes Public Library at [deschuteslibrary.org/events](https://deschuteslibrary.org/events) or call **541.617.7050**.

### Free Repair Cafe

Thursday, April 2, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Open Space Event Studios, 220 NE Lafayette Ave., Bend

Something broken? Bring it to the free repair café. The Environmental Center's Rethink Waste Project hosts free repair cafés, connecting people with broken stuff with people who like to fix things, items like jewelry, small appliances, electronics, outdoor gear, clothing and more. For more information and to register, visit [envirocenter.org/repair-cafe](https://envirocenter.org/repair-cafe).

### Earth Day Fair & Parade

Saturday, April 25, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Alpenglow Park, 61049 SE 15th St., Bend

This family-friendly event, modeling low-waste practices, is sure to have something for everyone. See what our community is doing to help protect our planet. Stop by our booth, and learn about our composting and recycling programs, waste prevention and more. For more details, visit [envirocenter.org](https://envirocenter.org).

## Waste Prevention

Waste prevention means repairing, repurposing and reusing items we already own. Making new things uses energy and natural resources. Before buying something, ask, "Do I really need this?"

- ▶ **Borrow or rent when possible.** Check out Deschutes County Library of Things as a great way to check out items you may only use once or twice. Try an air fryer oven kit, or check out a badminton kit.
- ▶ **Shop for secondhand items.** This also helps support your favorite non-profit thrift store.
- ▶ **Choose durable items.** Keep spare bags in car for shopping. Consider bringing a food container for leftovers when dining out.
- ▶ **Repair the things you own.** The Environmental Center's Rethink Waste Project offers free repair and mending community events and fix-it yourself resources.

## Yard Debris and Organics

Did you know that city residents can sign up for yard debris/food waste compost service? Composting reduces landfill waste and methane emissions, and enriches soil and conserves water. You can include all types of food scraps with yard debris, and place them directly in the cart. Mix food scraps with yard debris to help reduce odors. Do NOT include plastic bags of any kind, packaging, food containers, pet waste, grease or cooking oil.

Composting at home is another great way to recycle organic matter like grass clippings, old plants, fruit and veggie scraps, and leaves. Contact us at **541.382.2263** to sign up. Find more home composting tips and resources at [rethinkwasteproject.org](https://rethinkwasteproject.org).

# Recycling Guide

Thanks for recycling these items! All items must be empty and dry.



Following the guidelines of what is allowed in your recycling bin saves natural resources, reduces pollution and creates jobs.



Scan for: العربية, 简体, 中文, 繁體中文, हिन्दी, 한국어, Русский, Af-Soomaali, español, Tagalog, українська, tiếng Việt.

## Cardboard and Cartons

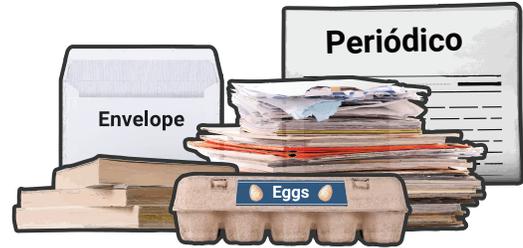


**Flattened cardboard, packaging boxes, food and beverage cartons**

Pizza boxes must be empty with no food residue.

*Commercial cardboard collected in separate container*

## Paper



**Newspaper, magazines, office paper, egg cartons, mail, paperback books, bags, and non-metallic gift wrap**

## Plastic



**Bottles, round containers, buckets, and rigid plant pots**

Caps OK if screwed on.  
All items must be 2 inches by 2 inches or larger.

## Metal



**Aluminum and steel cans, and scrap metal**

Less than 10 pounds and 18 inches.

## Glass



**Bottles and jars**

**City Limits Only**  
Place in glass only bin

**No!**



**No bagged recyclables**



**No batteries**



**No food or liquid**  
(empty all containers)



**No plastic bags or stretchy plastics**



**No frozen food boxes**