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# Commercial News



## Effective At-Work Recycling Programs

Effective recycling can help reduce the amount of emissions from landfills and save virgin resources and energy. It can support company sustainability goals and create employee engagement opportunities. Here are some tips to get started.

- ✓ **Senior management support** – a company-wide launch can have greater impact when upper management is involved.
- ✓ **Conduct a waste audit** – before you can divert materials, you need to understand what kind and how much waste is being generated. Contact us to schedule a waste audit and determine what materials may be recyclable.
- ✓ **Develop a recycling plan** – set collection protocols with realistic recycling goals.
- ✓ **Provide adequate resources** – contact us for recycling guides, and schedule a free waste prevention presentation with The Environmental Center.
- ✓ **Create material reuse pathways** – consider how you can incorporate reusable material alternatives.
- ✓ **Monitor progress** – track results and adjust as needed, and there may be disposal cost savings.

## Oregon's Recycling System is Getting an Upgrade

**What You Can Expect From Oregon's Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act (RMA)**

- ✓ A unified, state-wide collection list of what goes into the recycling cart, reducing confusion
- ✓ Additional materials allowed in your recycling cart, including food and beverage cartons, pizza boxes (no food residue), and scrap metal (less than 10 lbs.)
- ✓ Assurance that recyclables are handled responsibly and find a new life

See an updated recycling guide on the back page.

Download the Republics Services App for easy access to all your service information. View recycling collection schedules, recycling information and invoices, and easily pay bills.

## Free Rethink Waste Presentations

Schedule a free presentation with The Environmental Center. Topics include wasted food issues and prevention, general waste reduction and recycling. Start with easy options – purchase items you can recycle, go paperless, and buy in bulk. Visit [RethinkWasteProject.org](https://RethinkWasteProject.org) to request a free presentation.

## Commercial Composting

Businesses within the city that produce food can sign up for our commercial composting program.



Acceptable material includes meat, dairy, produce and baked goods. Put the food scraps in the food waste cart, and we will service your business a minimum of once per week. The organic material will be processed into a nutrient-rich compost. By composting your food waste, you help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reduce the amount of waste in the landfill.

Before diverting edible food for composting, consider donating first. NeighborImpact can help with a program that works for you. Use the **Too Good to Go App**, and offer surplus food to consumers at a low cost, ultimately helping reduce waste. Visit [Toogoodtogo.com](https://Toogoodtogo.com) for more details.

## Why Waste Prevention Matters

Waste prevention offers significant environmental and economic benefits, including reduced pollution, resource conservation, energy savings and cost reduction. Reducing waste lessens the burden on landfills, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and protects natural resources.

Consider purchasing durable, long-lasting materials, reducing the amount of packaging you use, or using products that are free of toxic materials. Visit [Zerowaste.org](https://Zerowaste.org) to get your business or organization started on low-waste solutions.



Sustainability in Action

# 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

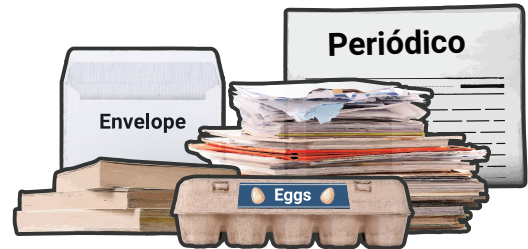


**Flattened cardboard, packaging boxes, food and beverage cartons**

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**