

Benton and Polk County Community Curbside News



Sustainability in Action

2025 Driver of the Year: Jacob Richards

Role: Lead Residential Driver | Relief Driver | Behind the Wheel Instructor

Years of Service: 4.5 Years

Jacob has maintained an accident- and injury-free record since joining Republic Services. His commitment to safety has earned him recognition as a 2025 Jeff Andrews Award nominee and the 2026 Northwest Q1 VIP SAFE Award winner. Jacob is known for his exceptional reliability and perfect attendance. He consistently goes above and beyond—even adjusting personal plans to support team needs. No matter the route, Jacob delivers outstanding performance and has received numerous compliments from customers for his service.

Fun Fact: Jacob was born in a Toyota 4Runner and is a proud lifelong Corvallis resident.



Did You Know?

We have added a RecycleOn depot to our local Recycle Center at 2363 NE Bellevue St., Corvallis OR. See the last page for expanded recycling options and more information.

Summer Heat Considerations

Remember that drivers will start their routes one hour early on days when forecasted temperatures are above 90°.

Safety Tip

Fireworks and barbecues are part of summer fun—but they can pose risks if not disposed of properly. Always ensure ashes, coals and fireworks materials are fully cooled before placing them in your cart.



Save the Date

Fall Compost Workshop and Giveaway

Date: October 10

Location: Corvallis Farmers' Market

**Remember to bring your own bucket*

Household Hazardous Waste Event

Date: August 8

Time: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Location: 2363 NE Belvue St., Corvallis

Out and About in the Community



Our team, including our new Municipal Manager Sarah Steen and Linda Brewer, of OSU College of Agricultural Sciences, connecting with residents at the Corvallis Farmers' Market during our compost workshop and giveaway event—supporting sustainability in our community.



Wonderful art creations that came from our partnership with Maxitivity and the Student Art Residency at Philomath Elementary School.

Proper Cart Placement Is the Key to Automated Service

- ▶ Have the cart at the curb by 6 a.m. on your collection day.
- ▶ Place the cart at least 5 feet from any object – like a car, tree, pole, fire hydrant, mailbox, electrical box, or cable box – so the automated arm can reach your cart.
- ▶ Please maintain this same distance of 5 feet between recycling and waste carts.
- ▶ Don't lean anything against the cart.
- ▶ Don't place your cart under a tree.
- ▶ Carts should be placed within two feet from the curb or edge of the street.
- ▶ Place the cart with the arrows on the lid pointing toward the street and the handle toward your house.
- ▶ Remember to close the lid of the cart.
- ▶ Please don't allow children to play in or around the carts. Our trucks use mechanical arms to pick up the recycling and waste carts.





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.

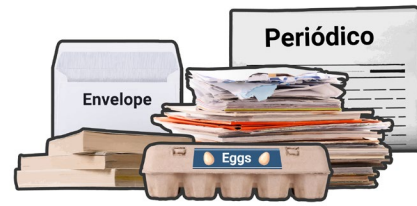
Cardboard and Cartons



Flattened cardboard, packaging boxes, and food and beverage cartons

Pizza boxes must be empty with no food residue.

Paper



Newspaper, magazines, office paper, paper egg cartons, mail, paperback books, paper 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

Glass



Bottles and jars

Remove caps and lids.

Place in glass-only bin

No!

Please do not place these common contaminants in the recycling.



No bagged recyclables



No foam



No food or liquid
(empty all containers)



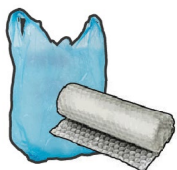
No plastic bags or stretchy plastics
(store or depot drop-off)



No hoses, cords, or wires



Recycle these items at a nearby RecycleOn Center.



Plastic Bags and Stretchy Plastic

Empty and dry.

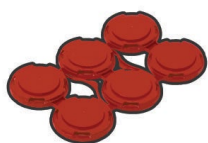
Plastic bags, lids and other items don't go in your recycling bin at home or work.

Recycle them for free at a RecycleOn Center.



Plastic Lids

Clean and dry lids from items like yogurt, salsa, and other containers.



Rigid Plastic Package Handles

Such as 6-pack handles.



Plastic Buckets & Pails

Lids OK. No containers that held automotive fluids, pesticides, herbicides or hazardous materials.



Aluminum Foil & Trays

Empty and dry.



Shredded Paper

In a paper bag, rolled, or stapled shut.

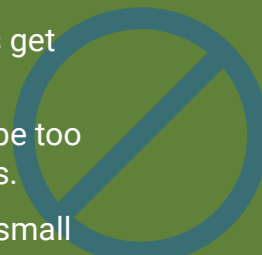


Glass Bottles & Jars

Empty and dry.

Why can't these go in your bin?

- **Plastic bags** jam machines.
- **Plastic lids** and handles get mixed in with paper.
- **Buckets** and pails may be too bulky for bins and trucks.
- **Shredded paper** is too small for machines to sort.



How to use a RecycleOn Center.

1. **Check** the list of accepted items.
2. **Gather** your empty and dry recyclables.
3. **Find** your nearest RecycleOn Center.
4. **Drop-off** your recycling during open hours.
5. **Repeat** and **RecycleOn!**

About RecycleOn Oregon

RecycleOn Oregon is powered by Circular Action Alliance, a nonprofit Producer Responsibility Organization working to improve recycling in Oregon. Backed by the brands that make and sell packaging, RecycleOn helps educate the public and strengthen Oregon's recycling system.

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