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Workplace Recycling

Recycling reduces waste and the need to extract, refine and process raw materials. Recycling may also result in reduced costs. Proper collection of recyclables is an integral part of ensuring a successful program.

- ✓ **Know What to Throw.** Educate your employees and customers on what materials can and can't be recycled.
- ✓ **Keep It Simple.** Pair recycling and trash containers together near workspaces, in the copy room and in high-traffic areas, such as cafeterias, breakrooms, hallways and lobbies.
- ✓ **Contamination.** Include only items listed on the recycling guide. Common contaminants include plastic bags, film plastics, soiled packaging and food waste.
- ✓ **Empty. Clean. Dry.** Keep all recyclables free of food and liquid, and never bag materials.
- ✓ **Additional Materials.** Contact our team to find out where to recycle additional items, such as electronics, light bulbs, appliances and more.

Waste Prevention

When we talk about waste, we need to consider both upstream and downstream impacts. Upstream is everything that went into the production of the product before it gets to the consumer, including extraction of natural resources, manufacturing and transportation.

Reducing waste prevents pollution, saves energy, reduces greenhouse gas emissions and can save you money on reduced disposal costs. Consider purchasing durable, long-lasting materials, reducing the amount of packaging and using products that are free of toxic materials. Visit [Zerowaste.org](https://www.zerowaste.org) to get your business or organization started on low-waste solutions.

Download the Republic Services app for easy access to all your service information, including recycling collection schedules and recycling information. Choose paperless billing, and use the app to access your account on the go.

Services Tailored for Your Business

Recycling can be confusing. Reduce the stress and let us help determine the proper level of recycling service to fit your business needs. We can come out for a waste assessment to help identify acceptable materials for recycling and other possible options for waste diversion. We can provide your business with additional recycling guides to help educate your team on what materials can be recycled.

Document Destruction

If you have sensitive documents that need to be properly destroyed, we can schedule ongoing or one-time service. Our document destruction truck will shred documents on-site. Shredded paper is recycled and made into a variety of materials, such as egg cartons, coffee filters and paper towels.

Call **541.447.5208** to schedule a pickup, or visit RepublicServices.com/CentralOregon for more information.

Temporary Containers

We can provide temporary containers to help you get the job done, no matter the size of your organization or industry. We can provide separate containers to help divert cardboard and/or wood waste and make sure that material is recycled instead of going to the landfill.

Call **541.447.5208** or email RepublicServicesCentralOregon@republicservices.com.



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Commercial Recycling Guide

Please do not bag your recyclables. Place them loose in your cart.

Recycling service is not available in all areas.
Visit your local office, or call for more information.

✓ Place only these items in your recycling cart



Paper

- ✓ Magazines, junk mail, catalogs, phone books
- ✓ Paper, paper bags, mixed paper, envelopes, shredded strips of paper (**no confetti**)
- ✓ Newspaper (or anything that comes in the newspaper), wrapping paper (**no foil or ribbon**)
- ✓ Cereal, cracker, soda and beer cartons, paper egg cartons, paper towel tubes
- ✓ Shredded paper must be placed in a paper bag; not loose in the cart

Plastic

- ✓ Plastic bottles and tubs (6 oz. or larger)
 - ✓ Rigid plastic containers (such as yogurt and margarine tubs)
 - ✓ Plastic buckets (5 gallons or less)
 - ✓ Plastic milk jugs
- (remove caps/lids and rinse clean)**

Tin & Aluminum

- Cans (labels OK)
 - Foil, pie tins and trays
 - Beverage cans
- (remove caps/lids and rinse clean)**

Recycling Tips

- Plastic bags are not recyclable. Please recycle at participating grocery stores. Visit Nextrex.com for more information.
- Rigid plastic clamshells and hard plastics from produce or bakery items are not acceptable in your recycling cart. Please dispose as trash.
- Polystyrene foam is not recyclable in your blue cart. Please bag as trash before disposing. Most mailing services will accept clean, bagged polystyrene packing peanuts.
- Glass can be recycled at local depots. Please visit our website for more information.

✓ Place only cardboard in your cardboard dumpster



Cardboard

Always break down cardboard boxes. Flatten boxes to save space in the recycling dumpster. As long as the cardboard is not lined with a plastic film, coated with wax or covered in embellishments, like glitter, velvet or foil, it's accepted. Labels, staples and a little tape are OK. Remove excessive tape. The cardboard must be CLEAN and not soiled.

No plastic or Styrofoam™ of any kind, or your cart will be considered contaminated, and extra charges may apply.

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