

# Curbside News



Sustainability in Action

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### Food Waste/Yard Debris Service

Sign up within the City of Prineville, and start composting food scraps and yard debris. Acceptable materials include all food (meat, dairy, bakery, produce) and yard debris. Place yard debris and food scraps directly in the cart, and place at the curb for every-other-week collection.

Composting at home is another great option to divert organic material from the landfill. In addition to reducing landfill waste, composting creates a valuable soil amendment that enriches soil and conserves water. Visit [RethinkWasteProject.org](https://www.RethinkWasteProject.org) for tips and resources for backyard composting.

For a successful composting program, it's important to keep contaminants out. Never place organics in plastic bags. Pet waste, packaging or food containers of any kind are not accepted.



### Benefits of Recycling Right and Reducing Waste

- Separating reusable and recyclable materials can save money on trash service
- Reduces waste in landfills and pollution that contributes to climate change
- Conserves energy and natural resources like trees, minerals and water

Everything we buy or use starts by taking resources from the land to make into new products. Waste reduction is the most effective way to preserve natural resources, protect the environment and save money. Here are some tips:

- Borrow and reuse items to save money, prevent clutter and reduce waste.
- Check out Crook County Library of Things and try before you buy.
- Choose products with minimal packaging. Keep plastic containers like from yogurt and butter, for future use.
- Go paperless on your bills.

### Commercial Recycling & Composting

Businesses generate a lot of waste. You can improve your bottom line, reduce your carbon footprint, and create a positive workplace culture through recycling and waste prevention.

For a successful recycling program, start by setting up accessible recycling locations, and post fliers to help educate employees on what materials are recyclable. Double-sided printing can help reduce paper usage. Conduct a waste audit, and identify types and volumes of waste thrown out. Purchase in bulk whenever possible.

Commercial composting is available for businesses within the city. All food scraps are accepted in the city program. Sign up with Republic Services, and schedule a training session to learn what materials are accepted to secure a successful program.

Before diverting edible foods to be composted, consider the Too Good To Go app. Businesses can register at [Toogoodtogo.com](https://www.Toogoodtogo.com) and offer surplus food that would otherwise go to waste. Consumers have an opportunity to get food at a great value, ultimately helping reduce food waste.

### Republic Services App

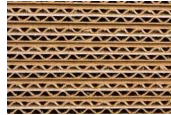
Easily manage your home or business account while on the go. View your collection schedule, access bill pay, sign up for paperless billing, receive alerts for service changes, contact customer service, and more.

# Prineville Curbside Recycling Guide

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

**By recycling right, you're saving natural resources,  
reducing pollution, and creating jobs**

## Only place 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)**
- Flattened corrugated cardboard **(no waxed cardboard or frozen food boxes)**
- 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

### Motor Oil

- Motor oil is collected on the same day as commingled recycling
- Place in a non-breakable container (1-gallon max) with a tight-fitting lid
- Clearly label "motor oil" on outside of container

**Bottles or jugs used to contain motor oil, pesticides, herbicides or other hazardous materials cannot be recycled. Please note that contaminated recycling may result in contamination or recycling charges.**

### 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 curbside. Please recycle at participating grocery stores. Visit [Nextrex.com](http://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 the Republic Services depot located at 1751 N. Main Street in Prineville or the Crook County Landfill.