

Curbside News

Prineville



Sustainability in Action

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, adjust as needed, and there may be disposal cost savings.

Oregon's Recycling System is Getting an Upgrade

Oregon's Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act (RMA) officially goes into effect July 1.

What You Can Expect

- ▶ A unified, state-wide collection list of what goes into the recycling cart, reducing confusion.
- ▶ Additional materials allowed in your recycling cart.
- ▶ Assurance that recyclable materials are sent to responsible end-markets and find a new life.
- ▶ Visit [Oregon Recycling Modernization Act](#) to learn more. Watch for more communication coming soon.

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 "low hanging fruit" options - purchase items you can recycle, go paperless, and buy in bulk. Visit 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 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, or using products that are free of toxic materials. Visit zerowaste.org to get your business or organization started on low-waste solutions.

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. Available wherever and whenever you need it!



Commercial 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**)
- Cereal, cracker, soda and beer cartons, paper egg carton and 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](https://www.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.

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

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. Please 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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