

# Curbside News



## FALL 2025 NEWSLETTER

### Free Repair Café

Thursday, November 13, 2025, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.  
at the Technology Learning Center of Redmond  
COCC's campus (2324 SE College Loop, Redmond)

Something broken? Bring it to the FREE Repair Café! The Environmental Center's Rethink Waste Project hosts repair cafés, which are free community events. They connect people with broken stuff with people who like to fix stuff like jewelry, small appliances, electronics, outdoor gear, clothing and more. Repairing your stuff saves natural resources and prevents waste.

For more information and to register, go to [Envirocenter.org/repair-cafe](https://envirocenter.org/repair-cafe).

### Oregon's Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act

The Recycling Modernization Act is an update to Oregon's recycling system that will expand recycling opportunities and provide a consistent list of recyclable materials throughout the state.

#### What You Can Expect

- New materials accepted in your mixed recycling cart at the curb or at drop-off depots, like Negus Transfer Station.



- New materials include **pizza boxes** (no food residue), **food and beverage cartons** (milk cartons, juice boxes, soup cartons), **scrap metal** (less than 10 lbs. and 18 inches).
- Plastic screw-on caps allowed on plastic bottles, jars and jugs – if they are screwed on (no loose caps). Examples include soda bottle caps and plastic laundry jug tops.

- **No longer accepted:** shredded paper.

Shredded paper collected in a mixed recycling stream is unable to be successfully recovered and needs to be collected separately. Shredded paper can be recycled in a separate container at Negus Transfer Station for free. This is for shredded paper only.

Watch for an updated recycling guide coming soon, or download one at [RepublicServices.com/centraloregon](https://RepublicServices.com/centraloregon).

### Recycling Preparation and Tips

To maintain a sustainable program, it's important to only include materials accepted in your local recycling program.

Never bag recyclables, place materials loose in your mixed recycling cart, and place the cart out for collection every other week. Common contaminants include plastic bags, frozen food boxes, to-go food containers and drinking cups.

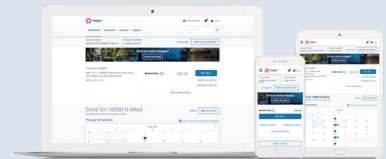
Before you recycle, consider if it can be reused. Reusing means less waste, less cost and less impact.

For a list of acceptable materials, visit [RepublicServices.com/centraloregon](https://RepublicServices.com/centraloregon) or contact our office for a recycling guide.

### You're running 24/7. Your account is, too.

Easily pay bills, view invoices, access your collection schedule, and set up autopay in

your online account, available wherever and whenever you need it. Create your account at [RepublicServices.com/Account/Signup](https://RepublicServices.com/Account/Signup).



# PREVENT WASTE IN CENTRAL OREGON



► Waste prevention is all about using less stuff. It's about making thoughtful choices before we buy or use things, considering how everything from production to disposal (upstream to downstream) impacts people and our planet.

## RETHINKING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH STUFF

**UPSTREAM IMPACTS ARE FAR GREATER**  
FOR EVERY POUND OF WASTE WE  
GENERATE AT HOME, THERE ARE AN  
ADDITIONAL 71 POUNDS GENERATED  
UPSTREAM\*



# 70%

OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS  
COME FROM EXTRACTING, TRANSPORTING,  
MANUFACTURING, STORING, USING, AND  
DISPOSING OF OUR FOOD AND STUFF\*\*

THE WASTE MANAGEMENT HIERARCHY  
PRIORITIZES PREVENTION

REDUCE

REUSE

RECYCLE

COMPOST

LANDFILL

### REDUCE TIPS

- Rethink about it – before you buy, ask yourself if you really need it
- Borrow and share – checkout more than just books (and try it before you buy it) through the Deschutes Public Library's Library of Things
- Take the Rethink Waste Food Waste Challenge to learn what and how much food is going to waste in your home, and practice strategies to love food, not waste
- Support food rescue, like the HDEFA's Grow & Give program, which redirects excess fresh produce to Central Oregonians experiencing food insecurity

### REUSE TIPS

- Fix your broken stuff before buying new – learn to repair at the next Repair Café or join the fixer volunteer list to share your skills with others
- Shop secondhand first and "donate with dignity"\*\*\*
- Make your next event low-waste with the Rethink Waste Project's free, washable dishware kits
- Make reusable swaps – keep shopping and produce bags, water bottles, coffee cups, dishware/silverware kits handy... What other items can you think of?

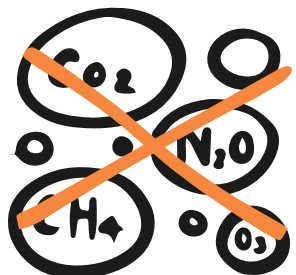
► While our choices make a big impact, it's also important to advocate for policy changes and business practices that support and enable these low-waste choices in the first place.

## LOVE FOOD, NOT WASTE

1/3 OF ALL FOOD IS WASTED

LOCALLY, FOOD WASTE MAKES  
UP THE LARGEST CATEGORY  
OF WASTE AT KNOTT LANDFILL \*\*\*\*

WHY PREVENTION IS KEY  
PREVENTING FOOD WASTE IN  
THE FIRST PLACE HAS OVER  
6 TIMES THE GREENHOUSE  
GAS REDUCTION POTENTIAL  
OVER SIMPLY KEEPING FOOD  
OUT OF LANDFILLS\*\*\*\*\*



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