

# The Recycler

## Oregon's Recycling System is Getting an Upgrade—

#### Here's What You Need to Know!

Oregon's Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act (RMA) will improve recycling and create a new system that shares the cost of recycling. Local governments, recycling companies, and the producers of packaging and paper products will all help fund recycling programs.

#### What You Can Expect

Expect changes to your recycling list in the next few years. The facilities that sort your recycling are upgrading to improve sorting. Recycling facilities will have more tracking and transparency. This will help ensure your recyclables find a new life.

#### Why This Matters

The RMA aims to improve recycling by bringing consistency, transparency, and new funding to the system. This new system is designed to be easier, more effective, and trustworthy, no matter where you live in Oregon.

#### What Can You Do?

**Keep recycling!** Every time you recycle correctly, you make a difference.

Visit <a href="https://www.Sanipac.com">www.Sanipac.com</a> to stay informed about local recycling updates and learn how you can help reduce waste in our community.

We're excited about what's coming Let's recycle better, together!

### COMMINGLE RECYCLE INSTRUCTIONS:

All recycling must be clean! Separating recyclables from your trash reduces the amount of waste that ends up in landfills, saves energy and reduces emissions!

INCLUDE ONLY THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

# Cat Litter Water Canonade Cano

#### **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 Less than 10 pounds and 18 inches.



#### CARDBOARD AND CARTONS

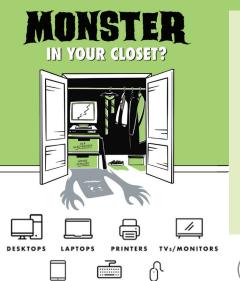
Flattened cardboard, packaging boxes, and food and beverage cartons Pizza boxes must be empty with no food residue.



#### **PAPER**

Newspaper, magazines, office paper, paper egg cartons, mail, paperback books, paper bags, and non-metallic gift wrap

Lane County Citizens and Businesses recycle over 500 million pounds of material each year! Because these materials will be used in manufacturing instead of mining or harvesting raw materials, we reduced energy use and pollution at a rate equivalent to taking 139,995 cars off the road for a whole year—eliminating the use of 74 million gallons of gasoline. Thank you! (\*Equivalency data provided by EPA WARM model.)



#### **Electronics Disposal Ban**

Effective January 1, 2010, Oregon Law mandated recycling Computers, Monitors, and TVs. Electronic waste is prohibited from disposal in the garbage or at disposal sites such as landfills, incinerators, and transfer stations.

Oregon E-Cycles collection sites provide FREE recycling of computers, monitors, printers, televisions, and peripherals (keyboards and mice) to anyone bringing seven or fewer items for recycling at one time.

The Oregon E-Cycles program ensures harmful materials like lead and mercury that are often found in older electronics are kept out of our air, soil, and water. When we recycle our unwanted electronics, we are each doing our part to keep our state clean, safe, and sustainable.

If your television, computer, monitor, or printer is in working condition please consider donating, upgrading, or repairing it before taking them for e-cycling.



**Oregon E-Cycles:** Free Recycling for Computers, Monitors, Desktop Printers and TVs

www.oregonecycles.org



If your pick up day falls on or following one of these holidays, your pick up will be one day later ending with Friday's pick up being done on Saturday. Example: Thanksgiving Day only affects Thursday and Friday customers.

New Years Day Memorial Day 4th of July

Labor Day Thanksgiving Day Christmas Day



#### OFFICE REMODEL OR CLEANUP PROJECT?

We offer roll off service to Eugene, Springfield, Creswell, Veneta, and the surrounding areas. We can usually have a roll off delivered to your job site within 24 hours. Please call us for availability at 541-736-3618.

#### Need Junk Removal? Call 541-736-3600

**Recycling can save your business money on your trash bill.**Please let us know if you'd like to increase your recycling services. We are also available to perform a waste audit for your business to let you know what materials you are throwing away most. Call us at 541-736-3600.

#### **Tips for effective Commercial Recycling:**

- Regularly distribute educational materials to those using the container.
- Post clear, up-to-date signage near containers.
- Maximize space by breaking down boxes.

Please give us a call if you would like to discuss options for your business!

#### **Helpful Recycling Information & Resources**

Making new products uses energy and creates pollution. Reduce your waste volume by keeping materials out of the landfill, donating, and shopping at reuse stores. Below are some helpful websites for waste prevention, reuse, recycling, and composting in our area.

www.goodwill.org • www.svdp.us • www.nextsteprecycling.org www.materials-exchange.org • www.bringrecycling.org www.habitatlane.org/restore • https://sqbiofuels.com/ BurritoBrigade.org • FoodForLaneCounty.org

### JOIN OTHER BUSINESSES AND BE PART OF THE SOLUTION TO STOP WASTED FOOD.

An estimated 40% of all food produced or imported for consumption in the US is never eaten.

Learn more bout reducing food waste at https://dontletgoodfoodgobad.org/

Contact Sanipac if your business is interested in commercial composting, or how to keep your food waste free of contamination. Sanipac.com/services



#### **Interested in Home Composting?**

OSU's extension services provide free home composting workshops in Lane County. https://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane

#### Working on a Construction Project?

Shop supplies at Bring Recycling or invite Bring to visit your project site!
They have programs to help with recycling and material recovery.
https://bringrecycling.org/services/consulting/construction-materials-recovery-and-reuse-program/

Multi-Family tenants are provided the opportunity to recycle in Oregon through landlord tenant law: https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors\_90.318



