



Recycling Update

Pledge to prevent food waste at home

The Washington County Solid Waste & Recycling Program is teaming up with cities across the region to reduce the amount of household food waste through the Eat Smart, Waste Less Challenge. The average U.S. household throws away nearly 25 percent of the food they purchased each year. Some of that waste is caused by not knowing how to properly store fruits and vegetables. Do any of your fruits and vegetables spoil before you can eat them? By taking the Eat Smart, Waste Less Challenge, you will have the opportunity to learn how to better store your fruits and vegetables. You will be provided the tools necessary to eat more of the food you buy and waste less.

Starting this summer, if you visit select area farmers markets, you will be able



to learn more about SMART STORAGE — the first step in the Eat Smart, Waste Less Challenge. The Challenge booth will be run by staff and Master Recyclers on the dates listed to the right. You can test your knowledge by playing a sorting game — placing food items "in the fridge," "on the counter" or "in a cool dark place." Plus, if you sign up to take the Eat Smart, Waste Less Challenge, you will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win fun prizes.

Visit us at the farmers market

Join us and take the Eat Smart, Waste Less Challenge at the following events:

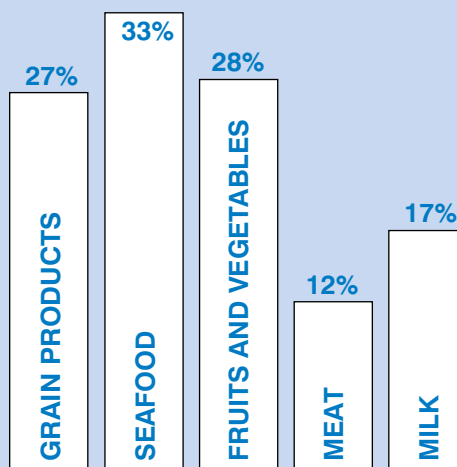
- May 13, Forest Grove Farmers Market
- May 23, Sherwood Saturday Market
- May 31, Tigard Area Farmers Market
- June 10, Hillsboro Wednesday Market – Kaiser Westside Hospital
- June 20, Downtown Hillsboro Farmers Market
- June 24, Forest Grove Farmers Market
- July 9, North Plains Farmers Market
- July 12, Hillsboro Sunday Farmers Market – Orenco
- July 22, Forest Grove Farmers Market
- July 30-August 2, Washington County Fair
- August 1, Beaverton Farmers Market
- August 8, Tualatin Farmers Market
- August 12, Forest Grove Farmers Market
- September 9, Forest Grove Farmers Market
- September 13, Tigard Area Farmers Market

Learn more

For more information about wasted food, visit www.EatSmartWasteLess.com

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HOW MUCH FOOD IS WASTED AT HOME?



Data: NRDC Issue Paper, Wasted: How America Is Losing Up to 40 Percent of Its Food from Farm to Fork to Landfill.

Recycled at the curb

PAPER AND CARDBOARD



METAL



PLASTIC BOTTLES, BUCKETS AND TUBS



GLASS JARS AND BOTTLES — PLACE NEXT TO ROLL CARTS



MOTOR OIL — PLACE NEXT TO ROLL CARTS

Learn more

For more information on how to prepare your recycling for the curb, visit www.WashingtonCountyRecycles.com.

Clothes now accepted at Far West Recycling

You can now recycle unwanted clean clothing, shoes, purses, belts, household linens and more at Far West Recycling. It doesn't matter if they are torn or stained. Just put them in a tied bag in the Gemtext recycling station. Visit www.GemtextRecycling.com for more info and for other locations.

Washington County transportation study

The County is studying the long-term transportation strategies and investments needed for county economic health and quality of life. To sign up for updates and provide comments, visit www.WCTransportationFutures.com or email wcts@co.washington.or.us.

Recycle metals

The energy saved by recycling one aluminum can is enough to power a TV for three hours. Also, it takes less than 60 days for an aluminum can to be recycled into a new container and returned to a store shelf. Yet, every three months, Americans send enough aluminum to the landfill to rebuild all of the airplanes in the entire U.S. commercial fleet.

Recycle metal at the curb by mixing the following metal materials with the rest of the recycling in your roll cart.

- Rinsed metal cans — lids and smaller scrap metal contained in cans with tops crimped shut
- Empty aerosol cans — nozzles still on can and lids off
- Metal paint cans — less than one inch of dry paint and lids off
- Scrap metal — under 30 pounds and pieces smaller than 30 inches long
- No household appliances — visit www.OregonMetro.gov/FindARecycler for other options.



OR - 5¢

You can also take your deposit containers like soda cans to a store near you. Visit www.KnowYourNickel.org to learn more about the Oregon Bottle Bill.

Drop-off recycling centers

You can recycle many items that don't go into your curbside recycling roll cart by taking them to a drop-off recycling center. Locations include Hillsboro, Beaverton and Sherwood. Call ahead for items accepted, facility hours and directions. For a full list of accepted items and to find the

drop-off recycling center closest to you visit www.OregonMetro.gov/FindARecycler or call 503-234-3000.

Examples of some items accepted



Westside drop-off recycling centers:

Far West Recycling – Beaverton
10750 SW Denney Rd
Beaverton 97008
503-643-9944
www.FarWestRecycling.com

Far West Recycling – Hillsboro
6440 SE Alexander St
Hillsboro 97123
503-643-9944
www.FarWestRecycling.com

Pride Disposal
13910 SW Tualatin-Sherwood Rd
Sherwood 97140
503-625-0725
www.PrideDisposal.com

Make your next home project green

There are many resources in Washington County for purchasing or donating new or salvaged building materials. Visit www.BuildGreen411.com — a free service for residents in the region looking for answers on green building strategies, financial incentives and more. Depending on the location, used materials can include:

- Appliances
- Brick
- Cabinets
- Ceramic tile
- Doors
- Furniture
- Gutters
- Insulation
- Light fixtures
- Pipes
- Roofing
- Sinks
- Windows
- Wood
- And more

Building Material Recycling, Inc.
 14175 SW Galbreath Dr
 Sherwood 97140
 503-345-9805
www.MaterialForLess.com



West Tuality Habitat for Humanity Forest Grove ReStore
 3731 Pacific Ave
 Forest Grove 97116
 503-357-1201
www.FGReStore.org

Habitat for Humanity Washington County ReStore
 13475 SW Millikan Wy
 Beaverton 97005
 503-906-3823
www.PDXReStore.org

Call ahead for hours and materials accepted.

Purchase a compost bin from Metro

Making your own compost at home is easy and rewarding. First you need something to contain the compost. Many residents choose the black Enviro World bins Metro offers at a wholesale price. Compost is made by combining "greens" such as vegetable scraps, "browns" such as woody prunings and some water, mixing it a few times and giving it several months to break down. The result is rich compost.



Finished compost looks a lot like coffee grounds — dark and crumbly. It can be spread around the base of plants and trees to help them grow.

Learn more

For tips, tools and bin designs, or to purchase a bin, visit www.OregonMetro.gov/Compost or call 503-234-3000.

Household hazardous waste collection events

Metro offers free household hazardous waste collection events for residents of Washington County. Collection events take place across the county from spring through fall. You can drop off up to five gallons of hazardous material per container and 35 gallons per load. Unsure of what is considered hazardous? Look for labels that say warning, caution, poison or flammable. For more information about household hazardous waste and a complete schedule of events, visit www.OregonMetro.gov/Tools-Living and click on "Garbage and recycling" then "Neighborhood collection events" or call 503-234-3000.



Crate & Barrel wins award

Crate&Barrel

Crate & Barrel has earned the Washington County Solid Waste & Recycling Program's Recycle at Work Award for incorporating sustainable practices throughout its business.

The dedication to sustainability is visible throughout the store. Reusable dishes and cups are used in the break room, and staff collects food scraps for composting. If you were to walk into the company's Tualatin warehouse, you would get a better sense of just how much is being recycled. Everything from cardboard and water bottles to plastic film and Styrofoam is separated from



the garbage. Even old fluorescent lights are collected and recycled.

Read more about Crate & Barrel and other recent award winners including Key Knife, Intel and Tuality Healthcare at www.WashingtonCountyRecycles.com by clicking on "Recycle at Work."

Contact information

Call your hauler for garbage and recycling questions

In Washington County, garbage and recycling are collected by private companies. Each hauler has a specific service area. If you have questions about your service, schedule or bill, contact your hauler. Don't know who your garbage and recycling hauler is? Use Metro's "Who's My Hauler" tool at www.OregonMetro.gov/Hauler to find out or call Washington County at 503-846-3605 for help.



Find your hauler

503-234-3000
www.OregonMetro.gov/Hauler

Aloha Garbage Co., Inc.

503-649-6727
www.AlohaGarbageCo.com

Cornelius Disposal Service

503-357-3510
www.CorneliusDisposalService.com

Garbarino Disposal Service

503-647-2335
www.GarbarinoDisposal.com

Hillsboro Garbage Disposal, Inc.

503-648-4219
www.HillsboroGarbage.com

Pride Disposal Company

503-625-6177
www.PrideDisposal.com

Republic Services, Inc.

503-682-3900
www.RepublicServices.com

Swatco Sanitary Service, Inc.

503-324-0230
www.SwatcoSanitaryService.com

Valley West Refuse Disposal

503-649-5252
www.ValleyWestRefuse.com

Walker Garbage Service

503-531-6330
www.WalkerGarbage.com

Waste Management of Oregon

800-808-5901
www.WMNorthwest.com

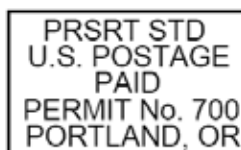
West Slope Garbage Service

503-292-8173
www.WestSlopeGarbage.com



WASHINGTON COUNTY OREGON

Solid Waste & Recycling Program
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Hillsboro, OR 97124



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Questions about waste prevention and recycling

For more information about the Washington County Solid Waste & Recycling Program, go to www.WashingtonCountyRecycles.com, call 503-846-3605 (800-735-1232 TTY), email recycle@co.washington.or.us or visit the office at 155 N First Ave, Ste 160, Hillsboro 97124.

Recycle and dispose of other items

Find drop-off recycling centers

Call 503-234-3000 or visit www.OregonMetro.gov/FindARecycler.

Medical syringes, lancets and needles (sharps)

Dispose of used sharps in an approved container at a household hazardous waste facility, collection event or by joining a pharmacy exchange program. For more information, visit www.WashingtonCountyRecycles.com and click on "Recycle at Home."

Electronics

Recycle computers, monitors, laptops, TVs, keyboards, mice and printers for free through the Oregon

E-Cycles program. Learn more at www.OregonEcycles.com or by calling 888-5-ECYCLE.

Unwanted medications

Take back unused prescriptions, over-the-counter medications and vitamins to secure drop-off boxes at the Washington County Sheriff's Office in Hillsboro and police departments in Beaverton, Forest Grove, Sherwood, Tigard and Tualatin. Hours and acceptable items vary by location.

Disposal facilities

Forest Grove Transfer Station
1525 B St, Forest Grove 97116
503-992-1212 | No hazardous waste

Tualatin Valley Waste Recovery

Facility (co-located with Hillsboro Landfill) 3205 SE Minter Bridge Rd Hillsboro 97123 | 503-640-9427
No household garbage, kitchen waste or hazardous waste

Metro Central Transfer Station and Household Hazardous Waste Facility

6161 NW 61st Ave
Portland 97210 | 503-234-3000

Metro South Transfer Station and Household Hazardous Waste Facility

2001 Washington St
Oregon City 97045 | 503-234-3000

Please call ahead for rates and hours.