

# How to Prepare Recycling

**YES** Put these materials in your curbside recycling container. See instructions below.

- PAPER & CARDBOARD**
  - Include boxes, magazines, newspaper, junk mail and cartons.
  - Contain shredded and scrap paper in a paper bag.
  - Flatten boxes—size limited to > 3'x3'.
- METAL & AEROSOL CANS**
  - Empty and rinse metal cans. Put lids and scrap metal inside can and crimp.
  - Empty aerosol cans completely and keep nozzle intact.
  - Metal paint cans accepted with < 1" **dry** paint.
- SCRAP METAL**
  - 30 lbs. limit. Pieces smaller than 30" long.
  - Remove plastic, rubber or foreign material.
  - No household appliances.
- PLASTIC BOTTLES, BUCKETS & TUBS**
  - Rinsed containers (6 oz. - 5 gallon).
- GLASS JARS & BOTTLES—KEEP IT ON THE SIDE!**
  - Use a bucket or rigid container to keep glass separate.
  - Set 2' from your mixed recycling container.
  - Rinse containers and remove lids and corks.
- MOTOR OIL—KEEP IT ON THE SIDE!**
  - Place motor oil in a 1-gallon see-through plastic container with a screw-top lid.
  - Motor oil only—no other liquids accepted.

**NO** Do not put these items in your curbside recycling or no charge. No garbage allowed. See chart inside.

Take them to a recycling drop-off center for little

- RIGID PLASTIC**
- MEDIA PLASTIC**
- BAKERY/DELI CONTAINERS**
- PLASTIC BAGS & FILM**
- USED COOKING OIL**
- ATHLETIC SHOES**
- BLOCK STYROFOAM**
- APPLIANCES**
- ELECTRONICS**
- RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES**

**FIND A RECYCLING DROP-OFF CENTER NEAR YOU**  
[www.OregonMetro.gov/findarecyclers](http://www.OregonMetro.gov/findarecyclers)  
 Metro Recycling Information Center 503-234-3000

# Recycle at Home

**Washington County Health & Human Services**  
**Solid Waste & Recycling Program**  
 503-846-8609  
[www.WashingtonCountyRecycles.org](http://www.WashingtonCountyRecycles.org)

**Metro**  
 503-234-3000  
[www.oregonmetro.gov](http://www.oregonmetro.gov)

Find a Recycler  
[www.oregonmetro.gov/findarecyclers](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/findarecyclers)

**City Offices**

- City of Banks  
 503-324-5112 • [cityofbanks.org](http://cityofbanks.org)
- City of Cornelius  
 503-357-9112 • [ci.cornelius.or.us](http://ci.cornelius.or.us)
- City of Durham  
 503-639-6851 • [durham-oregon.us](http://durham-oregon.us)
- City of Forest Grove  
 503-992-3234 • [forestgrove-or.gov](http://forestgrove-or.gov)
- City of Hillsboro  
 503-681-6100 • [hillsboro-oregon.gov](http://hillsboro-oregon.gov)
- City of King City  
 503-639-4082 • [ci.king-city.or.us](http://ci.king-city.or.us)
- City of North Plains  
 503-647-5555 • [northplains.org](http://northplains.org)
- City of Sherwood  
 503-625-5522 • [sherwoodoregon.gov](http://sherwoodoregon.gov)
- City of Tigard  
 503-639-4171 • [tigard-or.gov](http://tigard-or.gov)
- City of Tualatin  
 503-692-2000 • [tualatinoregon.gov](http://tualatinoregon.gov)

**Garbage & Recycling Collection Companies**

- Aloha Garbage Co., Inc.  
 503-649-6727  
[alohagarbageco.com](http://alohagarbageco.com)
- Cornelius Disposal Service  
 503-357-3510  
[corneliusdisposalservice.com](http://corneliusdisposalservice.com)
- Garbarino Disposal Service  
 503-647-2335  
[garbarinodisposal.com](http://garbarinodisposal.com)
- Hillsboro Garbage Disposal, Inc.  
 503-648-4219  
[hillsborogarbage.com](http://hillsborogarbage.com)
- Pride Disposal Company  
 503-625-6177  
[pridedisposal.com](http://pridedisposal.com)
- Republic Services, Inc.  
 503-682-0336  
[RepublicServicesNW.com](http://RepublicServicesNW.com)
- Swatco Sanitary Service  
 503-324-0230  
[swatcosanitaryservice.com](http://swatcosanitaryservice.com)
- Valley West Refuse Disposal  
 503-649-5252  
[valleywestrefuse.com](http://valleywestrefuse.com)
- Walker Garbage Service  
 503-531-6330  
[walkergarbage.com](http://walkergarbage.com)
- Waste Management of Oregon  
 (800) 808-5901  
[wmnorthwest.com](http://wmnorthwest.com)
- West Slope Garbage Service  
 503-292-8173  
[westslopegarbage.com](http://westslopegarbage.com)

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**Residential Recycling Guide**

How to recycle, reduce waste, compost and locate drop-off facilities.

[www.WashingtonCountyRecycles.org](http://www.WashingtonCountyRecycles.org)

# Dispose of Special Waste

Hazardous Waste & Toxics

## Household Hazardous Waste

Keep household hazardous waste out of all garbage and recycling containers. Instead dispose of hazardous waste and/or sharps, at a Metro permanent drop-off hazardous waste facility or a neighborhood collection event.

### Products accepted:

- Household cleaners and disinfectants
- Automotive products (oil, antifreeze)
- Thinners and solvents
- Mercury thermometers and thermostats
- Paints and stains
- Pool and spa chemicals
- Pesticides and poisons
- Art and hobby chemicals
- Aerosol spray products
- Sharps (medical syringes)
- Fire extinguishers
- Propane tanks
- Batteries



### Permanent Drop-off Facilities (\$5 fee for up to 35 gallons of material):

Metro Central Station                      Metro South Station  
 6161 NW 61st Ave, Portland              2001 Washington St, Oregon City

Open year-round Monday - Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed major holidays. Call ahead.

**Neighborhood Collection Events:** Free household hazardous waste collection events occur from March through mid-November at select locations across the Portland tri-county area. Questions? Call **Metro Recycling Information at 503-234-3000**, or review their event schedule online at [www.oregonmetro.gov/hhw](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/hhw).



## PaintCare

Buy Right. Reuse. Recycle.

Did your latest painting project leave you with remaining paint? Take your leftover paint to any of these PaintCare Program collection sites. They'll take the extra paint off your hands for free and keep the environment safe by recycling it responsibly. Don't you have a better use for all of those shelves in the garage than storing old paint cans?

### Miller Paint - Beaverton

8703 SW Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy, Portland  
503-292-4444

### Miller Paint - Murray Road

1040 NW Murray Rd, Portland  
503-574-4411

### Rodda Paint - Progress

8614 SW Hall Blvd, Beaverton  
503-644-6188

### Sherwin Williams - Tualatin

19390 SW 90th Ct, Tualatin  
503-691-0500

### Suburban Ace Hardware Inc.

3470 SW 185th Ave, Aloha  
503-649-5555

### Washington County ReStore

13475 SW Millikan Way, Beaverton  
503-906-3823

[www.PaintCare.org](http://www.PaintCare.org)



## Secure Drug Drop-off Boxes

Take unwanted, expired or unused medications to a safe, secure drop-box at the Washington County Sheriff's Office (Hillsboro) and city police Departments in Beaverton, Tigard and Sherwood. Citizens can turn in prescription and all over-the-counter medications, vitamins, pet medications, medicated ointments, drug samples and liquid medications. Hours vary by location; please research before you go. [www.DEAdiversion.usdoj.gov](http://www.DEAdiversion.usdoj.gov)

## Medical Sharps: Safe Storage/Disposal

Do not put used sharps in garbage or recycling containers. Instead use an approved collection container available from a pharmacy, collection service or collection site. These containers are rigid, leak-proof and puncture-resistant, and are clearly marked with the bio-hazard symbol. Dispose of used sharps (medical syringes, lancets and needles) using one of the options below.

1. Pharmacy container exchange program – Many pharmacies offer sharps disposal and container exchange programs.
2. Collection facility – Take sharps to a Metro Hazardous Waste collection facility or neighborhood collection event. [www.oregonmetro.gov/hhw](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/hhw) [www.OregonMetro.gov/roundups](http://www.OregonMetro.gov/roundups)
3. Used sharps drop-off locations – Many pharmacies and some garbage companies will accept used sharps for disposal for a fee. Find one near you at [www.OregonMetro.gov/findarecyclor](http://www.OregonMetro.gov/findarecyclor).



Electronics Recycling

## Oregon E-Cycles Free Electronics Recycling Program

Oregon E-Cycles is a free, easy and environmentally responsible recycling program for computers, monitors and TVs. The program is financed by electronics manufacturers and jointly implemented with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).



### What is Accepted:

Anyone can bring seven or fewer computers (desktops and laptops), monitors and TVs at a time to participating Oregon E-Cycles collection sites for free recycling. All computers, monitors and TVs—regardless of brand, age or condition—are accepted. *NOTE: computer peripherals (keyboards, mice, etc.) and other types of electronics are not accepted.*

Oregon E-Cycles collection sites are located statewide and operate year-round. Washington County collection locations (list may not be inclusive):

- Best Buy in Beaverton, Hillsboro and Tualatin
- EcoBinary, LLC (Beaverton)
- Far West Fibers in Beaverton and Hillsboro
- Goodwill Stores and Drop-off sites (multiple sites)
- Hillsboro Landfill (Minter Bridge Rd)
- Metro Central Transfer Station (NW Portland)
- Pride Disposal (Tualatin-Sherwood Rd)
- Salvation Army Stores and Drop-off sites (multiple sites)
- Standard TV & Appliance (Beaverton)

Learn more [www.OregonECycles.com](http://www.OregonECycles.com) | 1-888-5-ECYCLE

# Recycle at Drop-off Locations

Please **CALL AHEAD** for a full list of materials accepted, operating hours and any applicable charges.

\* Please call ahead regarding refrigerated appliances.

♻️ = no charge    \$ = recycled for fee

Updated as of 4/2013

	Metal	Plastic Film/Bags	Yard Debris	Lumber (not treated)	Motor Oil	Household Batteries (call for details)	Fluorescent Lights (call for details)	Rechargeable Batteries	Cell Phones	Electronics	Household Appliances*	TVs, Monitors & Computers	Clothing/Housewares	Styrofoam	Tires
<b>Aloha Garbage Company</b> 503-649-6727 www.alohagarbageco.com	♻️					\$	\$	\$	♻️			\$			
<b>American Landscape Supply</b> , Hillsboro 503-645-6909 www.americanlandscapeonline.com			\$												
<b>Batteries Plus</b> , Beaverton & Tualatin 503-646-8892 www.batteriesplus.com						\$	♻️	♻️							
<b>Best Buy</b> , Hillsboro, Beaverton & Tualatin www.bestbuy.com								♻️	♻️	♻️		♻️			
<b>Best Buy in Town</b> , Hillsboro 503-645-6665 www.bestbuyintown.biz			\$	\$											
<b>C&amp;M Recyclers</b> , Tualatin 503-380-4180 www.cmrecyclers.com	♻️							♻️	♻️						
<b>EcoBinary LLC</b> , Beaverton 503-352-4991 www.ecobinary.com	♻️					\$		♻️	♻️	♻️		♻️			
<b>EG Metals</b> , Hillsboro 503-693-8939 www.egmetalrecycling.com	♻️							♻️	♻️	♻️	♻️	\$			
<b>Far West Fibers</b> , Beaverton & Hillsboro 503-643-9944 www.farwestfibers.com	♻️	♻️						♻️	♻️	♻️	♻️	♻️		\$	
<b>Forest Grove Transfer Station</b> 503-249-8078, press 1	♻️				♻️						\$	♻️			\$
<b>Goodwill Stores &amp; Drop-offs</b> 503-649-5424 goodwill.org												♻️	♻️		
<b>Grimms Fuel Company</b> , Tualatin 503-692-3756 www.grimmsfuel.com			\$	\$											
<b>Home Depot</b> , Beaverton, Hillsboro, Sherwood & Tigard www.homedepot.com								♻️	♻️						
<b>Landscape Products &amp; Supply</b> , Hillsboro 503-846-0881			\$	\$											
<b>Lowe's</b> , Hillsboro & Tigard www.lowes.com		♻️						♻️	♻️						
<b>Metro Transfer Stations</b> , Portland & Oregon City 503-234-3000 www.oregonmetro.gov	♻️	♻️	\$	\$	♻️	\$		♻️			♻️	♻️			\$
<b>Nature's Needs</b> , North Plains 503-647-9489 www.thecompoststore.com or www.naturesneeds.com			\$	\$											
<b>Northwest Environmental Recycling</b> , Cornelius 503-357-6090 www.nercompost.com			\$	\$											
<b>Pride Disposal</b> , Sherwood 503-625-6177 www.pridedisposal.com	♻️	♻️		\$		\$	\$	♻️	♻️	\$	\$	♻️			\$
<b>Salvation Army</b> www.salvationarmyusa.org												♻️	♻️		
<b>Simply Marvelous Recycling</b> , Hillsboro 503-841-0452 computers-recycling.com	♻️					♻️		♻️	♻️		♻️	\$			
<b>Tualatin Valley Waste Recovery/Hillsboro Landfill</b> 503-640-9427 www.wmnorthwest.com	♻️		\$	\$	♻️				♻️	♻️	\$	♻️			\$
<b>Willamette Resources Industry</b> , Wilsonville 503-570-0626 www.republicservices.com	♻️	♻️									♻️	♻️			
<b>WoodCo Fuel</b> , Aloha 503-649-5430 www.woodcofuel.com			\$	\$											

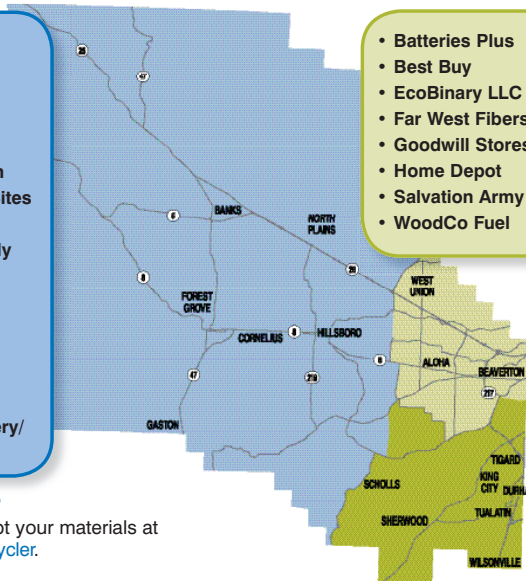
- American Landscape Supply
- Best Buy
- Best Buy in Town
- EG Metals
- Far West Fibers
- Forest Grove Transfer Station
- Goodwill Stores & Drop-off Sites
- Home Depot
- Landscape Products & Supply
- Lowe's
- Nature's Needs
- Northwest Environmental Recycling
- Salvation Army
- Simply Marvelous Recycling
- Tualatin Valley Waste Recovery/Hillsboro Landfill

- Batteries Plus
- Best Buy
- EcoBinary LLC
- Far West Fibers
- Goodwill Stores & Drop-off Sites
- Home Depot
- Salvation Army
- WoodCo Fuel

- Batteries Plus
- Best Buy
- C&M Recyclers
- Goodwill Stores & Drop-off Sites
- Grimms Fuel Company
- Home Depot
- Lowe's
- Pride Disposal
- Willamette Resources Industry

- Additional Regional Facilities**
- Metro Transfer Stations (Oregon City & Portland)

**Can't find what you need?**  
Locate a facility that will accept your materials at  
[www.OregonMetro.gov/findarecycler](http://www.OregonMetro.gov/findarecycler).



# Manage Your Yard & Garden

## Yard Debris Collection

In urban Washington County, yard debris collection is part of regular residential collection service.

Call your collection company for your schedule or find a collection calendar online\*.

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**YES**

**ACCEPTED IN YARD DEBRIS:**

- Leaves
- Grass clippings
- Garden waste
- Prunings no greater than 4" in diameter and 36" long
- Weeds
- Branches
- Garden vegetables and fruit

**NO**

**NOT ACCEPTED IN YARD DEBRIS:**

- Plastic bags+
- Garbage
- Food waste
- Plastic or wire ties
- Dirt, sod or rock+
- Metal+
- Stumps+
- Animal waste
- Lumber+
- Ashes

+ Take these items to a yard debris or recycling drop-off facility (see chart inside).

### MAXIMUM WEIGHT FOR RECYCLING AND YARD DEBRIS CARTS:

- 150 lbs for 90-96-gallon roll cart
- 100 lbs for 60-65-gallon roll cart
- 75 lbs for 32-35-gallon roll cart
- 45 lbs for over 20-gallons, up to 32-gallon roll cart
- 40 lbs for Kraft paper bags or bundles

\* [www.WashingtonCountyRecycles.org](http://www.WashingtonCountyRecycles.org)

## Home Composting

You can manage your yard and garden waste by turning it into compost, a nutrient-rich soil amendment. Backyard composting generates a dark, crumbly mixture of decomposed organic matter that can be used to control weeds, provide nutrients to plants, improve soil and save water.

You don't need a large outdoor area. Successful composting can be accomplished in a 3-foot square space with easy access to turn the pile regularly to allow air to help breakdown the organic matter. A simple recipe to start your compost pile mix is below:



### RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

- One-part 'greens' (grass clippings, leaves, fruit/vegetable waste, coffee grounds, etc.)
- Two-parts 'browns' (straw, woody prunings or dead leaves)
- Add moisture as needed to resemble the wetness of a wrung-out sponge

**DON'T HAVE A BACKYARD?** Consider a vermicompost system (worm bin) to manage your fruit and vegetable scraps. This compost system is a great solution for compact living spaces and can be as simple as a covered plastic tote kept under the kitchen sink or in the garage. Worms will dine on your vegetative food waste and will produce nutrient-rich compost for your house plants, container gardens and planting beds.

### HOME COMPOSTING RESOURCES

- Learn more about the various at-home composting methods.
- Download home composting publications to keep your compost system operating smoothly.
- Learn where to buy or how to construct a compost bin.

Metro Recycling Information Center 503-234-3000  
[www.OregonMetro.gov/compost](http://www.OregonMetro.gov/compost)

## Natural Gardening

Enjoy growing your garden and lawn the natural way! Metro's Natural Gardening program has teamed up with OSU Extension Service to provide residents with free expert advice, workshops, learning gardens, videos, guides and more!

Using safer alternatives to toxic chemicals can make a difference in the garden:

- Use compost and mulch to foster fertile soil and reduce the need for water.
- Use tools and a little elbow grease to keep weeds and pests at bay without the need for chemicals.
- Use pest- and disease-resistant native plants to avoid common garden problems.
- Newer less toxic products—iron phosphate slug bait instead of poisonous metaldehyde, for example—can tackle slugs without the use of harmful chemicals.

### HOTLINE AND ONLINE RESOURCES:

**OSU Master Gardeners – Washington County** 503-821-1150  
[www.MetroMasterGardeners.org](http://www.MetroMasterGardeners.org)

Learn how to better care for your yard, including diagnosing plant problems, landscape advice, and tips and techniques to maintain your plants without toxic chemicals.

### Metro Natural Gardening

[www.OregonMetro.gov/garden](http://www.OregonMetro.gov/garden)  
For a wealth of natural gardening insight, such as pesticide disposal information, free natural gardening presentations, how-to videos, e-news, learning gardens, family programs and more.

### Grow Smart, Grow Safe Guide

[www.GrowSmartGrowSafe.org](http://www.GrowSmartGrowSafe.org)  
Protect your plants from bugs, weeds and diseases. Learn how to identify the lowest-hazard option pesticide that will get the job done.



## Prevent Waste

While recycling is great, **preventing waste in the first place is even better!** With a little work and forethought, you can trim the amount of waste your household generates. Here are some suggestions to get you on the path to waste prevention.

**Borrow/trade/share** – Before you discard unwanted, gently used housewares or equipment, consider whether they can be donated to a charitable organization, traded for something you need or shared among friends and family. This helps to provide a resource for those who want it and allows housewares, clothing or equipment to be 'used up' before they are thrown out.

**Reusables** – Select a variety of well-made items that can be used and reused many times, such as cups, bags, containers and more!



**Thoughtful consumption** – Think ahead before you purchase something. Do you need it? Can you borrow/rent it or find it used at half the cost? Will you use it all before it goes to waste? Could you share it with a charitable organization, food bank or friend? Does it just need a little elbow grease to repair it to working condition? Taking a moment to reconsider can result in saving yourself money and storage space.

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