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Community Recycling & Waste Services News and Information

New Recycling Guidelines



Corrugate Cardboard
(the kind with the wavy center)



Newspaper and Inserts
(no magazines or other paper)



Milk Jug-style Containers
(clear or white; no lids)



Tin and Aluminum Cans
(no lids)

Tips for Recycling Right:

- Make sure that all materials are empty, clean and dry before placing them in the cart
- Keep it simple and remember, when in doubt throw it out!
- Do not bag your recyclables; just toss them directly in the cart
- In Oregon, we don't sort plastics based on their number, so don't pay any attention to it
- Do not include any lids; labels do not need to be removed

**For more information visit,
www.RepublicServices.com/grants-pass**

Leaf Collection

Leaf season is right around the corner! Remember, there's no need to take time bagging up those leaves anymore; customers in the City of Grants Pass can simply place them loose in the yard debris for weekly pick up during the weeks of **November 1 - December 14**. After that, continue using the cart on your regular bi-weekly schedule. To help with this collection, here are some helpful tips:

- Place loose, unbagged leaves in the cart for pick up.
- Compaction of material may occur throughout the week so check back to see if more will fit in the cart before pick up.
- For an additional charge, excess leaves will be picked up but they must be placed in paper yard bags. No material in plastic bags will be accepted.
- Customers may bring excess leaves to the Transfer Station at no charge, 1749 Merlin Rd. If customers don't have a yard debris cart but would like one, call to see if services are available.

Save the Date - Annual Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Commercial Customers October 19 (by appt only)
Residential Customers October 20, 8am - 4pm
Location: 1920 NW Washington Blvd



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Cleaning Up Our Recycling Act

With requirements changing in the world market, it's critical that our recycling is as clean as possible. This not only means making sure materials are empty, clean and dry, but also that only the right materials are going in the cart. A contaminant is anything that isn't recyclable and therefore should not be in the recycle cart. Below is a list of common contaminants found in the recycle cart, with information about why they shouldn't go in and how to properly dispose of these items. Remember that the cleanliness and quality of recycling is of the utmost importance, so when in doubt, throw it out. Thank you for recycling!

What	Why	Where Can it Go
Paper milk/juice cartons, paper broth containers, paper coffee cups	These have tiny plastic fibers embedded in them, which are difficult to separate from the paper fiber for recycling	These items should go in the trash. Try to reassess purchasing habits and find products with less packaging or more recyclable material
Nursery Pots	There currently are no markets for this plastic.	Trash, or reuse for other plants or creative activities
Clamshells	No market currently exists for this low-grade plastic. End of life phase.	Place in trash cart. Avoid purchasing when possible.
Plastic Bags	Plastic bags mixed with other recyclables can jam the sorting equipment at the sorting facility	Many local grocery stores have collection bins for plastic bags too.
Garden hoses	Hoses can wrap around machinery at the sorting facility, which could cause damage	Place in the trash if it can't be repaired for reuse
Chain & Other Scrap Metal	These items can get caught in machinery and cause harm to workers	Bring to the scrap metal bin at the transfer station or to a scrap metal buyer
Clothing	Clothing wraps around machinery and can cause friction fires	Donate; repair; repurpose as rags; or place in trash
Garbage	Garbage is not recyclable and only contaminates the good material being placed in the recycle cart	Placed garbage in the trash cart or bring to landfill. Call the office if you need a bigger cart
Styrofoam	Breaks into tiny pieces when compacted in the recycle truck, no local recycling facility, uneconomical to transport.	Place in trash. Avoid purchasing items in excessive packaging when possible.
Plastic cups, plates and silverware	No market currently exists for this low-grade plastic. End of life phase.	Place in trash cart. Swap out for durables when possible.

Holiday Service Schedule

Remember! The local office & transfer station will be closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Drivers work all holidays, except Christmas and New Year's Day. Service will be one day late after the holiday and for the rest of that week. Please be sure to put carts out to the curb by 6a.m. on your service day, or the night before.



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