

Local Government Recycling Acceptance List

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As of July 1, 2025, Oregon local governments and their service providers will begin transitioning to collecting a consistent list of materials curbside/on-route and at depots as part of their Opportunity to Recycle obligations. The materials on this list may change over time.

Curbside/On-Route Collected Materials

This list currently coincides with the Uniform Statewide Collection List, which represents those materials that are suitable for commingled collection.





Corrugated cardboard, clean pizza boxes (No wax coating)





Paperboard packaging e.g., cereal and cracker boxes (No packaging meant for refrigeration or freezer)





Magazines, catalogs and similar glossy paper, telephone books, paperback books



Non-metalized gift wrap and packaging tissue (No ribbons or bows)

Paper



Molded pulp packaging e.g., egg cartons (No food serviceware or flowerpots)



All kraft paper, brown paper bags, mailers (Not plastic lined)



Office paper, newspaper, newsprint, other printing and writing paper e.g., junk mail, envelopes, greeting cards



Aseptic and gable-top cartons e.g., milk, juice, broth cartons

Material preparation: Empty and dry materials, flatten boxes, place loose in curbside cart





Plastic tubs larger than 2"x2", made of PET #1, HDPE #2, and PP #5 e.g., cottage cheese

Plastic

"If the lid screws on, leave it on"



Buckets, pails, storage containers and other bulky HDPE #2 and PP #5 that fit loosely in the curbside cart



Bottles and jugs larger than 2"x2", made of clear or transparent blue or green PET #1, HDPE #2, and PP #5



Nursery packaging and trays made of HDPE #2 and PP #5

Material preparation: Empty and dry materials, place loose in curbside cart





Aluminum, tin, steel cans e.g., food, beverage, pet food, and empty/dry paint cans

Metal

All scrap metal must be 10 pounds or less in weight and 18 inches or less in length.

No sharp or "tangler" items (e.g., knives, bicycle chains, wire)





Material preparation: Empty and dry materials, remove debris, place loose in curbside cart

Curbside/On-Route Contaminants

Top contaminants: Bagged materials, plastic bags/film plastic, batteries, hoses, cords, wires, food and liquid, glass (keep glass separate from commingled materials).

High risk contaminants: Syringes/sharps, medical waste/red bags, human and animal waste, batteries, mercury containing items, weapons, explosives, sharp tools, non-empty pressurized gas cylinders, non-empty containers with "Danger" on label.

Statewide contamination goals:

Zero high risk contaminants

Overall contamination: 12.5% by 2030 and 10% by 2033

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