



Recycling Right: What we can do

We know that Beaverton residents are proud of their recycling efforts and want to do the right thing because we are often asked: **what can we do?**

Recycle the right way

The most important thing you can do to help maintain our recycling system is to stop putting in materials that should not go into your recycling. Reducing contamination will help ensure that the materials that should be in your recycling are actually recycled.

More isn't always better

Rest assured that you are doing the right thing when you put items that are on the "NO" list into the garbage. Just because you want something to be recycled, does not mean it can be sorted from other materials and turned into something new in a cost-effective way.

Free yourself from recycling number confusion

Do you look for a number or the recycling symbol to decide whether something goes into your recycling or not? Give yourself a break and ignore the numbers — they indicate plastic resin type for manufacturers, not recyclability. Oregon's recycling facilities sort containers based on size and shape.



When is "compostable" not compostable?

Items labeled "compostable" or "biodegradable" belong in the garbage. The labels are well-intentioned, but they're not always accurate. Many products that are labeled "compostable" or "biodegradable" don't break down at composting facilities. Do not put them in your recycling, compost, or food scraps bins.

Follow the list and relax

Need a recycling refresher? The recycling list has not changed in about 10 years. See pages 2-3 for the most common NO list and a complete YES list on pages 4-5.

Still have questions?

Give us a call! Together, we can make **Every Day Recycling Day!**



RECYCLING INFORMATION:

RecyclingMail@BeavertonOregon.gov
BeavertonOregon.gov/recycling
503-526-2665



WHEN MORE ISN'T BETTER

Sometimes doing the right thing means putting a little more into your trash. Check the list and make sure that none of these “NO” list items are ending up in your recycling.



No

Plastic bags and wrap

Plastic bags and plastic wrap cannot be recycled at home. Please put them in the trash.

These plastics can create big problems. If they end up as litter, they impact our environment. If they find their way to the sorting facilities, they prevent the equipment from properly sorting your recycling.



No Batteries



They can cause fires at recycling centers and should always be disposed of properly. Learn more at OregonMetro.gov/FindaRecycler.



Styrofoam



This big, bulky block foam packing material does not belong in your recycling bin. Put it in your trash or visit OregonMetro.gov/FindaRecycler for recycling drop off options.



Frozen food boxes

These are often lined with plastic so they hold up in the wet, cold freezer environment. They belong in the trash.



To-go containers and cups

These are either lined with plastic or they're made of plastic that cannot be recycled. They should go in the trash.

Help reduce your waste by using a reusable coffee mug.



Make sure to:



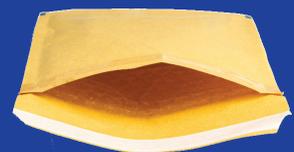
Keep glass separate. Place glass bottles and jars in your red glass recycling tote.



Keep recycling clean. Empty and rinse all containers.



Donate gently-used clothes and textiles. If they're in bad shape, put them in the trash.



Reuse padded shipping envelopes. If they cannot be reused, toss them in the trash.

Beaverton Recycles!

Mix together in your Recycling Container

PAPER

Newspaper
 Cardboard (flattened)
 Magazines and junk mail
 Paper bags
 Milk, juice and soup cartons (rinsed)
 Shredded Paper (in a paper bag)

PLASTIC

Bottles, tubs, jugs and jars
 Nursery pots (larger than four inches)
 Buckets (five gallons or less)
 Empty and rinse
 Six ounces or larger in size
 Ignore numbers on containers; they indicate plastic resin type, not recyclability

METAL

Aluminum, tin and steel food cans
 Metal paint cans
 Aerosol cans and aluminum foil
 Scrap metal (smaller than 30 inches and less than 30 pounds)
 Empty and rinse
 Do not flatten cans
 Can tops are OK if crimped inside can



In your Compost Roll-Cart

FOOD SCRAPS and YARD DEBRIS

All food scraps, including:

Meat, bones, eggshells
 Cheese, dairy products
 Breads, pasta, other grains
 Fruits, vegetables
 Coffee grounds, filters, tea bags
 Spoiled food

Leaves and flowers

Grass clippings and weeds
 Tree and shrub trimmings

Do not include:

- "Compostable" containers
- Beverage cups, fast food wrappers
- Takeout containers
- Plastic items or plastic bags
- Garbage, diapers or pet waste



In your separate Glass Container

GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS

- Empty and rinse
- Remove lids
- All colors together

Place non-container glass items in a garbage container, such as:

- Dishware, cookware or Pyrex
- Broken glass
- Windows and mirrors
- Light bulbs



On the Side

MOTOR OIL

Set used motor oil next to your glass bin

- In a one gallon, see-through, unbreakable container with a screw-top cap
- Single-family customers only; not at apartments or businesses



In your Garbage Container

Plastic bags



Foam trays and block foam



To-go cups and containers (paper and plastic)



Frozen food containers



Glassware, ceramics and light bulbs



Also in your garbage: carpet, containers labeled compostable, pet waste, soiled diapers, broken glass and used clothing and textiles.

Include the Food

Beaverton Composts!

Join thousands of Beaverton residents who are composting their food scraps. If you have individual yard debris service and live in the city of Beaverton, you can place your food scraps along with your yard debris in your composting bin.



Don't let your food scraps go to waste!

By composting you are helping to conserve our natural resources. One of the many benefits of compost is that when it is applied to gardens and farm land, it acts like a sponge, retaining water and improving soil structure.

All food:

- Meat
- Poultry
- Fish and shellfish
- Bones
- Eggs and eggshells
- Cheese and dairy products
- Bread and baked goods
- Pasta
- Rice and other grains
- Beans, nuts and seeds
- Vegetables
- Fruit (including peels, cores)
- Table scraps and plate scrapings
- Spoiled food



Food soiled-paper:

- Coffee grounds and filters
- Tea bags
- Paper napkins and towels
- Pizza boxes



Need a free kitchen pail to collect your food scraps?

Email RecyclingMail@BeavertonOregon.gov or call us at 503-526-2665.



Beyond the Curb

Many materials can be recycled or reused, even if they cannot go into your mixed recycling. For information about where to take materials for recycling or reuse "beyond the curb," call us at **503-526-2665** or visit Metro's Find A Recycler website at OregonMetro.gov/FindaRecycler.

Far West Recycling

FarWestRecycling.com • 503-643-9944

Far West Recycling has public recycling depots where you can drop off some hard-to-recycle items that are not accepted in your recycling. Check their website for locations and a list of what is accepted.



Household Hazardous Waste

OregonMetro.gov/HHW • 503-234-3000

Metro has two drop-off facilities that are open all year. A \$5 fee is required for up to 35 gallons of material. There are also free weekly round-up events at select locations in the area. Contact Metro to learn more.



Electronics

Oregon.gov/DEQ/Ecycles • 1-888-5-ECYCLE

There are more than a dozen Oregon E-cycles free drop-off locations in and around Beaverton. Check the website or call for information.



Paint

PaintCare.org • 1-855-724-6809

PaintCare is a free paint recycling program. To find the nearest drop-off location, visit the website or call. Paint must be in its original container and must have a legible label and a secured lid. No open or leaking cans.



Bulky Waste

BeavertonOregon.gov/recycling
503-526-2665

You have several options to consider for bulky waste items, such as furniture and appliances. Cost of disposal varies. Call the facility or your garbage hauler for more details.



Other Items

OregonMetro.gov/FindaRecycler
503-234-3000

For up-to-date information about special items, such as: batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, block foam, foam peanuts, or larger items like furniture -- call us or visit the website for options.





Eat Smart, Waste Less

The first step to reducing wasted food is finding out just how much is being wasted. Try measuring your family's wasted food for a week to see just how much and what is being thrown away. Then see how much you can improve the following week. Try measuring wasted food for a month to see just how low you can go.

Learn more at EatSmartWasteLess.com/measure

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Business Resources

BeavertonOregon.gov/recycling

We provide free technical assistance, educational materials and tools to make recycling easy. Contact us to learn about our free assistance and resources.



Recycle right

Educate your staff annually on waste reduction and recycling.

Business food scraps

Food service businesses can compost their food scraps. Contact us for free tools, resources and/or information.

No plastic film

Plastic bags, shrink wrap, pallet wrap and other plastics never go into your recycling.

Apartment Recycling

BeavertonOregon.gov/multifamily

Apartment residents can recycle, too! We provide free technical assistance, educational materials and reusable tote bags to make recycling easy.

Plastic bags

Plastic bags never go into your recycling. Put them in your trash.

Household items

Old lamps or small appliances should be donated for reuse or put into your trash. Call us, or talk to your apartment manager about larger items like furniture or mattresses.

Keep glass on the side

Glass bottles and jars can be recycled, but only in a separate recycling container for glass.

