

Recycle together:



- PAPER:** Cardboard, junk mail, office paper, scrap paper
Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, phone books (*no plastic bags*)
Cereal, cracker, shoe-type boxes (*no liners*)
Shredded paper (*place in paper bag*)
Milk, juice, soup cartons (*rinsed & drained*)
- METALS:** Cans, foil, pie plates, trays (*unflattened*)
Empty spray cans, other scrap metal (*30 lb. max., no longer than 30 in.*)
- PLASTICS:** Bottles and tubs, 6 oz. and larger (*no lids*)
Buckets, no larger than 5 gallons
Rigid nursery pots, 4 inches across and larger (*no dirt*)

CLEAN recyclables only, please. If not clean, they go in the garbage.

When in doubt, keep it out.

If you are not sure it goes in your recycling, keep it out until you find out for sure. Putting something in because it makes you feel better cause more problems at recycling sorting centers and mills than throwing it into the garbage.

Recycle Glass on the side:



Clean glass bottles and jars go in a **SEPARATE** recycling container.



Motor oil on the side, too. Recycle in a marked, unbreakable container, no larger than two gallons, with a screw top lid. (residential only)

Watch “**Saving Little Pieces of Our Earth**”
A 13-minute local video about what happens to recyclables after they leave the curb. Visit, www.clackamas.us/transportation/recycling/ or call 503-557-6363 for a DVD to watch and return.

Not recyclable in our program:



Please keep these papers out of your recycling:

- ⊗ Paper with food on it (*pizza boxes, etc.*)
 - ⊗ Paper with a wax, plastic or foil coating or with “wet strength” in it, such as frozen food boxes, paper cups, paper plates, napkins, paper towels, tissues, pet food bags
- “Wet strength” is an additive that keeps a paper product intact when it gets wet; which means it doesn’t break down in the papermaking process.

Do not include any glass item that isn’t a bottle or jar:

- ⊗ Plates, glassware, cookware, ceramics, vases, mirrors, picture frame & window glass, light bulbs
- These kinds of glass are not made from the same “recipe” as glass bottles and they don’t mix together when melted.

Fluorescent bulbs and tubes contain mercury. For safe disposal, take them to Metro South Transfer Station, 2001 Washington St., Oregon City. 503-234-3000, www.oregonmetro.gov/hhw.

Please keep these plastics out of your recycling:

- ⊗ Plastic bags and plastic film
- ⊗ Foam (polystyrene) packaging, peanuts, trays, take-out containers
- ⊗ Any plastic bottle or tub smaller than 6 oz.
- ⊗ Clear “clamshells,” bakery containers
- ⊗ Lids, trays, cups, plates, silverware
- ⊗ Blister-pack (*tough, clear, product-shaped packaging*)
- ⊗ Toys, large plastic items
- ⊗ Biodegradable plastics
- ⊗ Plastics with food on them
- ⊗ Hazardous material and motor oil bottles
- ⊗ Any plastic not on the **Recycle together** list



To find a recycler for the plastics and materials not included in our program:

Metro Recycling Hotline, 503-234-3000
www.oregonmetro.gov/findrecycler

Why are so many plastics left out?

The many types of plastic resins have different uses and ingredients, and don’t combine together when melted. Manufacturers only want some of the many resins to make new products. If a type of plastic isn’t needed to make a new product, it’s not recyclable.

NOT by the numbers - The numbers you see on plastics are codes, required by Oregon law, to identify the resin used to make that item. It does not mean that the plastic is recyclable.