

Metro guide

Solid Waste Transfer Stations

Ask Metro

For questions about

- additional recycling locations
- hazardous waste disposal
- transfer station rates
- tips to lighten your load and pay less for disposal
- options for items that Metro does not accept
- ways to reduce waste

Ask Metro at
503-234-3000 or
[oregonmetro.gov / garbage](http://oregonmetro.gov/garbage)

Online: watch a video for a behind-the-scenes look at Metro's transfer stations.

Metro protects our clean air and water by ensuring the things we can't reuse or recycle are safely disposed.

Metro owns and operates two solid waste transfer stations where you can take trash and recyclables. Metro also operates two hazardous waste facilities next to each transfer station.

METRO CENTRAL STATION

6161 NW 61st Ave., Portland
Recorded information line: 503-223-6788

From Northwest St. Helens Road (Highway 30) or Yeon Avenue, turn east onto Kittridge Avenue and left (north) onto Front Avenue. Go one mile to NW 61st Avenue and turn left. Facility is on the right.

Metro Central hours:
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

Household hazardous waste hours
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Saturday, closed Sundays
Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's

METRO SOUTH STATION

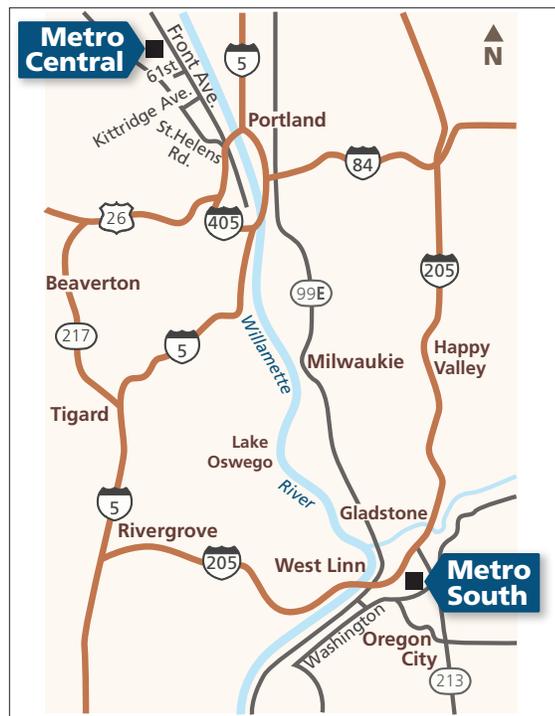
2001 Washington St., Oregon City
Recorded information line: 503-657-2872

Take I-205 to the Oregon City/Molalla exit (exit 10). At the first traffic light, turn right onto Prairie Schooner Way and turn left onto Washington Street. Facility is on the right.

Spring/summer hours (March 1 to Sept. 30)
Metro South: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily

Fall/winter hours (Oct. 1 to Feb. 28)
Metro South: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily

Household hazardous waste hours
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RATES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Covered loads

Covered/tarped loads of mixed waste are charged \$94.98 per ton plus a \$12 transaction fee. Minimum charge is \$28 for 340 pounds or less.

Rate for covered yard debris and clean wood loads is \$51.56 per ton plus a \$12 transaction fee. Minimum charge is \$21 for up to 340 pounds. Must be free of dirt, sod, stumps, rocks, metal, glass, garbage and plastic bags. Wood must be free of all hardware (nails OK). Total fees will be rounded to the nearest dollar (e.g., \$30.49 is rounded to \$30, \$30.50 is rounded to \$31).

Uncovered loads

Uncovered/untarped loads of mixed waste are charged \$119.98 per ton plus a \$12 transaction fee. Minimum charge is \$32 for 340 pounds or less.

Uncovered/untarped yard debris and clean wood loads are charged \$76.56 per ton plus a \$12 transaction fee. Minimum charge is \$25 for up to 340 pounds. Must be free of dirt, stumps, sod, rocks, metal, glass, garbage and plastic bags. Wood must be free of all hardware (nails OK).

Compostable organics

Covered/tarped loads of residential organics are charged \$60.45 per ton plus a \$12 transaction fee. Minimum charge is \$22 for up to 340 pounds.

Covered/tarped loads of commercial organics are charged \$66.23 per ton plus a \$12 transaction fee. Minimum charge is \$23 for up to 340 pounds.

Can my cleaners be cleaner?



Ask Metro about a safer home.

oregonmetro.gov/cleaners
503-234-3000 | Metro



Questions about recycling?

Ask Metro
at 503-234-3000
between 8:30 a.m.
and 5 p.m. Monday
through Saturday or
oregonmetro.gov



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Rates continued

Car tires

Minimum charge is \$12 for first tire. Each additional tire is \$2 off rim or \$4 on rim. Tires 21 inches and larger not accepted. Bicycle tires, motorcycle tires and solid core tires are accepted as garbage at the garbage rate. Once the per tire fee exceeds the tip fee minimum (\$28), loads will be weighed and charged the mixed-waste rate. Limit of 15 tires per day per customer. The per-ton rate applies if tires are brought in with a garbage load.

Coolant appliances

All appliances built to contain coolants – such as air conditioners, freezers, refrigerators, etc. – \$30.

Other appliances

Other appliances may be accepted free of charge. See “Free recycling” below for more information. (The per-ton rate applies if tires or appliances containing coolant are brought in with a garbage load.)

Recyclables

There is no charge to drop off source-separated recyclables. See “Free recycling” below for specifics.

Railroad ties

Railroad ties 4 feet or less in length are accepted in small numbers from noncommercial customers at the garbage rate. Railroad ties longer than 4 feet are not accepted.

PAYMENT

Cash, Visa, MasterCard, American Express, debit cards and checks accepted. Personal checks must be presented with a valid driver's license matching the check. Signer must be present.

PREPARING YOUR LOAD

Sort it, save money

Reduce costs by separating recyclable materials from garbage in your load. Get \$3 off your bill for recyclables weighing a total of less than 100 pounds or \$6 off for 100 or more pounds.

Make it safe

Certain materials (such as pool and spa chemicals, sharps and hazardous waste) cannot be accepted at the transfer stations and should not be mixed with other garbage. Take these materials to Metro's hazardous waste facilities, open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Be prepared

Upon arrival, be prepared to discuss the contents of your load with the scalehouse attendant. If you have separated your recyclables, hazardous waste and appliances, you will be directed to the area for those materials. Then you will dispose of the remainder of your load inside the transfer station.

FREE RECYCLING

You can recycle the following free of charge:

Aluminum – clean all containers

Appliances – metal dishwashers, water heaters, washers, dryers, stoves; No plastic appliances

Copper and ferrous metals

Batteries – automobile (secure leaking batteries in leakproof containers)

Cardboard – corrugated. Paper grocery bags, too

Electronics – Computer CPUs, monitors, televisions, laptops, keyboards, mice and desktop printers are accepted for free to anyone bringing seven or fewer items at one time.

Glass – jars and bottles only; Rinse and sort by color, recycle caps with tin cans

Magazines

Motor oil and antifreeze – limited to 20 gallons per customer per day. Must be in 5-gallon or smaller unbreakable containers with screw-on lids.

Newspaper – no strings or paper bags

Plastic film – includes shrink wrap, pallet wrap, shopping bags, dry-cleaner bags and bubble wrap

Plastic milk jugs, bottles with neck or threaded opening – remove lids, rinse, flatten

Plastic tubs – containers for yogurt, cottage cheese, salsa, margarine, etc., cat litter buckets, laundry-detergent buckets and rigid nursery pots. Rinse and remove metal handles, and recycle them with scrap metal. Recycle tubs and buckets in same bin as plastic bottles and jars. Plastic lids and plastic handles are OK.

Scrap paper – includes junk mail, cereal boxes, etc.

Tin cans

Metal wire fencing may be accepted for recycling. Cyclone fencing must be neatly rolled and uncontaminated with other material (plastic slates, concrete, etc.). Barbed wire is accepted as garbage.

HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITIES

Only Oregon residents can dispose of household hazardous waste at Metro's hazardous waste facilities. Common types of household hazardous waste include paint, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, solvents, medical sharps, pesticides, fertilizers, poisons and aerosol spray products.

If you live outside Metro boundaries or have business-generated waste, call 503-234-3000 for options.

Hours

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Saturday
Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's

Hazardous waste fees

Metro has reinstated the \$5 fee to dispose of up to 35 gallons of waste. This fee is in addition to any waste disposal fee already paid.

Sharps

Syringes, IV tubing with needles, scalpel blades, etc., from residential users are accepted when disposed of in a red state-certified sharps container. Sharps must be delivered to one of the hazardous waste facilities.