



# Solid waste transfer stations

Metro protects our clean air and water by ensuring the things we can't reuse or recycle are safely disposed. Metro owns 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 info. line: 503-223-6788

### **Transfer station 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

## **Metro South Station**

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

### **Transfer station hours:**

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

### **Fall/winter hours**

(Oct. 1 to Feb. 28)  
7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily

### **Household hazardous waste hours:**

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Monday to Saturday,  
closed Sunday

Transfer stations and household hazardous waste facilities are closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

## **HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITIES**

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

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

### **Hazardous waste fees**

There is a \$5 fee to dispose of up to 35 gallons of hazardous waste. This fee is in addition to any waste disposal fee already paid.

## **ASBESTOS PAPERWORK REQUIRED FOR CONSTRUCTION WASTE**

To protect the health and safety of our employees and customers, Metro cannot accept materials containing asbestos. Metro's transfer stations screen all loads of remodeling, construction and demolition waste for materials that may contain asbestos. Proper paperwork for loads with suspect materials is required from all customers.

Visit [oregonmetro.gov/asbestosrules](http://oregonmetro.gov/asbestosrules) or call 503-234-3000 for more information on how to protect your health and safety in dealing with asbestos.

## **RATES**

Rates cover the costs of providing safe disposal and reclamation of materials and are adjusted every year. The minimum fee applies to loads up to 360 pounds. Additional fees will be added to rates for uncovered loads.

Loads over 360 pounds are charged a proportion of the per-ton rate plus a transaction fee of \$10 per load to recover the costs of processing each load.

### **Rates per ton (covered loads)**

Trash/garbage <i>minimum fee</i>	\$97.45 28.00
Wood/yard debris mixed, engineered wood <i>minimum fee</i>	97.45 28.00
Clean wood <i>minimum fee</i>	57.84 20.00
Clean yard debris <i>minimum fee</i>	49.62 19.00
Residential organics <i>minimum fee</i>	67.08 22.00
Commercial organics * <i>minimum fee</i>	66.23 22.00

## **PAYMENT**

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

\* Commercial organics are not accepted at Metro South Station.

## SAVE MONEY, PREPARE YOUR LOAD

**Be prepared:** Upon arrival, be prepared to discuss the contents of your load with the scalehouse attendant.

**Reduce the number of trips you make:** Bigger loads are cheaper by the pound, so you save money by combining trips.

**Sort and separate your recyclables:** This can result in a \$3 rebate on your disposal charge for less than 100 pounds of recyclables, or a \$6 rebate for 100 pounds or more.

**Cover your load:** Loads of municipal solid waste or clean wood or yard debris that are not covered with a tarp or other covering are charged an additional \$25 per ton (\$4 extra for minimum loads). Uncovered loads cause potential danger to other vehicles on the road as well as environmental hazards and can result in a littering fine. Metro does not accept uncovered loads of commercial or mixed-residential organics.

**Make it safe:** Materials such as pool and spa chemicals, sharps and hazardous waste should not be mixed with other garbage. Take these materials to Metro's hazardous waste facilities.

## YARD DEBRIS AND WOOD

Yard debris and wood must come in separate loads. Yard debris must be free of dirt, sod, stumps, rocks, metal, glass, garbage and plastic bags.

Wood must be raw dimensional lumber, pallets or packing crates free of paint, stain and other treatments and free of strapping, shrink wrap, shipping labels and hardware (nails OK). Engineered wood (plywood, oriented strand board, particle board), laminated wood and paneling, and painted, treated, stained or varnished wood will be charged at garbage rates.

## 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.

## CAR TIRES

Minimum charge is \$10 for first tire. Each additional tire is \$2 off rim or \$4 on rim. Tires 21 inches and larger in diameter are 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 garbage rate. There is a 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 and refrigerators, are accepted for \$30 per appliance.

## OTHER APPLIANCES

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

## 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.

## 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
- Batteries – automobile (secure leaking batteries in leakproof containers)
- Cardboard – corrugated. Paper grocery bags, too
- Copper and ferrous metals
- 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 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 slats, concrete, etc.). Barbed wire is accepted as garbage.