

**Solid Waste  
Administrative Rule**

**AR 5.15-2000 through 2065**

**Administrative Rule of Metro Code Chapter 5.15  
Administrative Rule Adoption Record and Findings**

**AR 5.15-2000 through 2065  
Residential Service Administrative Rules**

These administrative rules are adopted under the authority of Metro Code, which authorizes the Chief Operating Officer (COO) to adopt and amend administrative rules. In accordance with Metro Code Chapter 5.08, the COO provided an opportunity for public comment and held a public hearing on these rules before their adoption.

The COO finds that these administrative rules are necessary to implement certain provisions of Metro Code Chapter 5.15 and hereby adopts Administrative Rules Nos. 5.15-2000 through 2065. The requirements of these administrative rules are in addition to all other requirements and provisions in Metro Code Chapter 5.15. These rules have the same force and effect as any other provision of Metro Code Chapter 5.15.

It is so ordered:

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Marissa Madrigal  
Metro Chief Operating Officer

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Date

**SOLID WASTE**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**  
Residential Service

**AR 5.15-2000 through 2065**

Effective: XXXXX

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**5.15 – 2000 Purpose**

To implement the residential service standard as set forth in Metro Code Chapter 5.15 and as required by the Regional Waste Plan to ensure a comprehensive and consistent level of recycling service for the region.

**5.15 – 2005 Legal Authority**

1. Metro’s solid waste planning and implementing authority is established under the Metro Charter, the Constitution of the State of Oregon, and ORS Chapters 268 and 459.
2. These rules are issued under the authority of Metro Code. These rules are in addition to all other requirements and provisions in Metro Code Chapters 5.10 and 5.15.

**5.15 – 2010 Definitions**

Unless otherwise specifically defined below, all terms used are as defined in Metro Code Chapter 5.00.

**Acceptable recyclable materials** are a type of source-separated recyclable as-defined in Metro Code Chapter 5.00. For the purposes of these administrative rules, acceptable recyclable materials include the following:

Mixed waste paper	Steel cans
Newspaper	Aluminum
Magazines	Scrap metal
Corrugated cardboard	Plastic bottles and jars

Kraft paper  
Aseptic containers  
Yard debris

Round plastic containers/tubs  
Glass bottles and jars  
Motor oil

**Adequate service** means no overflow of garbage or recycling; receptacle lids must close. Bulky waste should not accumulate for more than seven days or impede access to service area. No bagged or overflow garbage present in recycling receptacles.

**Minimum service** means the lowest amount of acceptable recyclable material, glass, yard debris, and garbage collection service volume to be in compliance with residential service standard.

### **5.15 – 2015 Applicability of Rules**

The requirements of the Regional Waste Plan’s residential service standard apply to all portions of Clackamas, Washington, and Multnomah Counties within Metro’s jurisdictional boundary. For areas of Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties outside of Metro’s jurisdictional boundary, the performance standards are recommendations.

### **5.15 - 2020 Glass Separation Requirement**

For all residential customers, a local government must require that glass is kept separate from all other acceptable recyclable materials in collection receptacles and on collection vehicles.

### **5.15 - 2025 Single-Family Residential Service Standards**

For all single-family residential customers, a local government must:

1. Provide at least one receptacle, with capacity of at least 60 gallons, for the collection of all acceptable recyclable materials except glass and motor oil.
2. Provide at least one receptacle for source-separated glass collection. The receptacle must have a capacity of at least five gallons.
3. Provide weekly collection of acceptable recyclable materials, glass, motor oil, and yard debris on the same day of the week as garbage, unless exempted under administrative rule 5.15-2030 or administrative rule 5.15-2035.
4. Provide at least one receptacle for yard debris collection. The receptacle must have a capacity of at least 60 gallons.
5. If food scraps service is offered, provide weekly collection of residential food scraps mixed with yard debris. Every other week collection of residential food scraps mixed with yard debris is allowed if approved by the processing facility receiving the material and acceptance does not violate any other government ordinance, regulation, permit, health or safety code.
6. Provide bulky waste collection service.
7. Ensure that property owners and managers provide access to adequate on-site recycling collection service to renters of single-family residential properties.

### **5.15 - 2030 Exemption to Single-Family Yard Debris Service Standard**

1. A local government may exempt rural service areas from regular on-route collection of yard debris provided that the local government distributes informational material to rural customers at least annually that provides options for proper management of yard debris, including instructions to not place yard debris in solid waste receptacles destined for disposal.
2. A local government may define “rural service areas” for purposes of solid waste collection and must provide its definition to Metro. A local government must notify Metro of any changes to that definition.

### **5.15 - 2035 Exemption for Single-Family Every Other Week Recycling and Yard Debris Collection Programs**

A local government with an every-other-week recycling and/or yard debris collection program in place as of January 1, 2019 meets the residential service standard. A second recycling collection receptacle of at least 60 gallons capacity must be provided to every-other-week customers upon request and at no additional charge.

### **5.15 - 2040 Multifamily Residential Service Standards**

For all multifamily residential customers, a local government must:

1. Provide a minimum service volume of 20 gallons per unit per week for garbage collection service.
2. Provide a minimum service volume of 20 gallons per unit per week for acceptable recyclable materials and a minimum service volume of one gallon per unit per week for source-separated glass.
3. Ensure all material streams are collected at least weekly. On call services are exempt from collection frequency and minimum service volume requirements.
4. Ensure provision of regularly-occurring bulky waste collection service by July 1, 2025.

### **5.15 - 2045 Multifamily Receptacle Colors; Signage; Informational Materials**

For all multifamily residential customers, a local government must comply with the regional standards for collection receptacles by the dates below.

1. All receptacles ordered after July 1, 2021 must comply with the color standard below and must be labeled with the correct Metro-approved regional signage.
2. All plastic receptacles for garbage, mixed recyclable materials, and yard debris and/or food scraps ordered after July 1, 2021 must contain at least 30% post-consumer recycled content.
3. Garbage receptacles must be gray, mixed recyclable materials receptacles must be blue, yard debris and/or food scraps receptacles must be green and source-separated glass receptacles must be orange by July 1, 2028. Metro will provide a list of approved receptacle colors by vendor.
4. Color standards do not apply to compactors and drop boxes.
5. As of December 31, 2023, all receptacles must be labeled with the correct Metro-approved regional decals for acceptable recyclable materials, glass, yard debris, and garbage. All previous garbage and recycling instructional decals must be completely removed from each receptacle and replaced with correct and approved regional decals.

### **5.15 - 2050 Exemptions to Multifamily Standards**

Notwithstanding administrative rule 5.15-2045, a local government may:

1. Exempt used motor oil from collection.
2. Exempt yard debris from collection if no yard debris is generated on-site, or the customer meets one of the following conditions:
  - a. Uses a landscape maintenance firm that transports yard debris to a Metro-authorized facility;
  - b. Manages its yard debris on-site such as composting or mulching;
  - c. Self-hauls its yard debris to a Metro-authorized facility;
  - d. Uses another method approved by Metro.

### **5.15 - 2055 Compliance and Enforcement**

A local government must comply with the requirements of the Regional Waste Plan's residential service standard. If a local government does not comply, Metro will withhold funding associated with the implementation of the Regional Waste Plan. Metro may also withhold discretionary funding associated with other programs and seek any remedy under its Charter, Code or applicable state law.

### **5.15 - 2060 Reporting**

As part of regular annual reporting requirements, a local government must provide the information necessary for Metro to determine compliance with the residential service standard.

### **5.15 - 2065 Funding Guidelines**

In order to receive funding associated with the Regional Waste Plan, a local government or its designated agency must comply with the requirements of Metro Code Chapter 5.15 and these rules. The local government must also enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Metro.