Sort it out

Keep this list near your recycling bin or on your fridge to make sure you're recycling right. It won't take long, but it will make a difference for the environment.



Hazardous

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Don't see your item on the list? Send a photo of your item to @recycleornot on Instagram or visit oregonmetro.gov/ recycleathome.

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About Recycle or Not

Recycle or Not is a community resource created by Metro and local government partners in greater Portland, Oregon area. We're working to reduce waste and protect the environment by sharing information about how to recycle right.

Don't see your item on the list?

Call Metro at 503-234-3000 if you have further questions on what is and isn't recyclable or send an email to AskMetro@oregonmetro.gov.

Clackamas County

503-557-6363 wasteinfo@clackamas.us

Multnomah County

City of Gresham: 503-618-2525 Recycle@GreshamOregon.gov

City of Portland: 503-823-7202 wasteinfo@portlandoregon.gov

If you live in Fairview, Maywood Park, Troutdale or Wood Village contact Metro at 503-234-3000 or email AskMetro@oregonmetro.gov.

Washington County

Washington County: 503-846-3605 recycle@co.washington.or.us

City of Beaverton: 503-526-2665 recyclingmail@beavertonoregon.gov

Recycle or not?

How to sort the most confusing items.



Not recyclable at home or work



Plastic shopping bags



Plastic produce containers (for berries, herbs, etc.)



Hot drink cups (clean or dirty)



Wires, hoses, chains and electric cords



Hazardous

Batteries (and things with batteries in them)



Recyclable

Glass
Glass bottles and
jars (green, clear and
brown). No broken
glass. Put glass items
in a separate bin.



Plastic produce bags



Plastic wrap



Plastic takeout containers and utensils



Plastic takeout containers and chopsticks



Batteries (and things with batteries in them)



Metal
Aluminum, tin and steel cans, empty dry metal paint cans, empty aerosol cans, aluminum foil, scrap metal (shorter than 30 inches and less than 30 lbs).



Plastic lids



Square plastic snack containers



Boxes for frozen and refrigerated food



Clothes and fabric



Batteries



Plastic
Round food containers
(6 oz. or larger), jugs,
jars and bottles (6 oz.
or larger), plant pots
(4-inch diameter or
larger), buckets (5
gallons or smaller).



Takeout boxes



Envelopes with bubble wrap inside



Styrofoam



Plastic cups, lids and straws



Medical sharps (syringes, needles, etc.)



Paper
Newspapers, egg
cartons, magazines,
catalogs, flattened
cardboard boxes,
scrap paper, cartons
(milk, juice, soup).

Remember to empty and rinse items, and throw caps and lids in trash.

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