



Metro Archives and Special Collections

How to search Metro's Collections

Metro preserves and makes available the official records of its legislative and administrative operations, parks, facilities, visitor venues, and departments. This includes the agency's archives and special collections.

Accessing Metro's archives and collections online

When starting your research:

- Begin by visiting Metro's Archives and Special Collections website, where you will find guidance documents and gain a better understanding of how the agency's records of enduring value are organized.
- Browse Metro's collections by topic. As Metro continues to process additional archival materials and special collections, more topics will be added to the website.
- Look through Metro's finding aids which include historical information, timelines, an inventory of collection records, and other related resource information. Keep in mind that the finding aids reflect only a portion of Metro's permanent and historical records.
- Use Metro's online search tool – [Metro Online Records](#) - to enhance your research. Please note:
 - Not all of Metro's records are digitized or accessible through the search tool.
 - Metro Online Records is not Google; simple keyword searches may not always return the results that you expect. See the Metro Archives and Special Collections document – Tips on How to Use Metro Online Records.



- Check out the archival holdings of other organizations for relevant information. Click on the Other Recourses tab on the Metro Archives and Special Collections page as a starting point for outside research.

Accessing Metro's archives and special collections in-person

Keep in mind that many of Metro's records are not available online, so you may need to visit Metro. Here are some helpful tips:

- In advance of your visit to Metro, please contact Metro's Records and Information Management (RIM) program as the records you are looking for may not be available on-site.
- If you are unable to visit, submit a public records request to obtain copies of the records.
- Metro's RIM program staff can provide research assistance. However, we do not have dedicated researchers on staff to do the research for you. For more detailed information on available services, see the Metro Archives and Special Collections document – Research and Services.

Ready to start your research?

Here are the options available to you:

- See the Metro Archives and Special Collections website for more information about what we have.
- Use Metro's online search tool – [Metro Online Records](#) - to search digital records.
- To view records that are not accessible via Metro Online Records, contact Metro's RIM program at records@oregonmetro.gov

Questions about Metro Archives and Special Collections?

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