



Metro Archives and Special Collections

What's online and what's not online

What's online

Many of Metro's records are available online (approximately 10% of the agency's holdings) and can be downloaded directly from [Metro Online Records](#). Here is a sample of what is available:

- Metro legislation and meeting records
- Advisory committee meeting records
- MERC Commission resolutions and meeting records
- Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee (SWPAC) meeting records
- Master Plans
- Metro councilor oral histories
- Special collections finding aids

What's not online

Not all of Metro's records are available to view online; some records that appear in Metro Online Record's search results may only show a record's metadata description. This is because many records have yet to be digitized and attached to the metadata entry in Metro's records database. When searching on keywords and dates to find descriptions of records you are interested in, your search results will reveal whether the records can be viewed online or not.

If a record is not viewable online, you have two options:

- Submit a [public records request](#) to request copies of the records.
- Contact Metro to schedule a visit to conduct your own research.



Looking for records that are not online can be a time-consuming process and, as with any search in archival records, there is never a guarantee of success. Many records related to the metropolitan region may not be held by Metro but by regional partners. For guidance, see the following:

- [What We Have and What We Don't Have](#)
- [Other Resources](#)

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 Records and Information Management (RIM) program at records@oregonmetro.gov

Questions about Metro Archives and Special Collections?

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