



Metro Archives and Special Collections

What we have and what we don't have

What we have

Metro is home to thousands of records, both contemporary and historical. The Metro archives and special collections contains records from various Metro facilities and departments such as parks, cemeteries, solid waste facilities, visitor venues (including the Oregon Zoo), Metro's Planning and Development Department, and the administrative and executive branches of the agency. Because of this, Metro's records cover a broad variety of topics such as:

- Metro Council ordinances and resolutions
- MERC resolutions
- Meeting records
- Regional Parks Master Plans
- Regional Solid Waste Management Plans
- Budgets
- Land use planning records

Some of our earliest records are the Historic Cemeteries records which date back to the mid-1800s. However, the majority of our archival records date back to the mid-1960s and 1970s, including Metro's predecessor agencies, the Columbia Region Association of Governments (CRAG) and the Metropolitan Service District (MSD). See the Metro Archives and Special Collections website for more information about what we have.

While most of our records are in paper format, we also have photographs, audiovisual and sound recordings, maps and plans, posters, objects, and digital records. Some of our digital records are available



online, but to see other records you will need to submit a [public records request](#).

Many of Metro's records are open to the public; however, some are not because they may contain sensitive information about individuals or information that was shared confidentially with the agency. For information on why certain records are exempt from public disclosure, please see Metro's guide on Public Records Requests and [Oregon Public Records Law](#).

What we don't have

Metro does not have the types of records listed below. To access these records, you should contact the appropriate local government agency. See our page on Other Resources for additional assistance.

- Birth or marriage certificates
- Adoption records
- Electoral registrations
- Local businesses and employers
- School records
- Tax records

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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