



# Solid waste rates

## Effective July 1, 2021

*Metro protects our clean air and water and gets more out of the materials we use in greater Portland by carefully managing the flow of garbage to landfills and reclaiming reusable materials. Metro adjusts its rates every year to cover the costs of providing its solid waste services.*

### Rates per ton (covered loads)

Trash/garbage <i>minimum fee</i>	\$115.15 \$35.00
Wood/yard debris mixed, engineered wood <i>minimum fee</i>	\$115.15 \$35.00
Clean wood <i>minimum fee</i>	\$65.23 \$26.00
Clean yard debris <i>minimum fee</i>	\$56.00 \$25.00
Residential organics <i>minimum fee</i>	\$77.99 \$29.00
Commercial organics * <i>minimum fee</i>	\$66.23 \$27.00

The minimum fee applies to loads up to 360 pounds. Additional fees will be added to rates for uncovered loads.

Loads over 360 pounds are charged a proportion of the per-ton rate plus a transaction fee of \$2.75 per load for automated scales or \$14.75 per load for staffed scales to recover the costs of processing each load.

\*Commercial organics are not accepted at Metro South.

### For each waste stream, charges include:

- a tonnage charge that covers the costs of Metro's facility operations, including sorting, re-loading, transportation and disposal costs
- a \$1 per ton community enhancement fee that pays for grants to enhance the communities that host and are directly impacted by transfer stations.

### For garbage, engineered wood and wood/yard debris mixed loads, charges also include:

- a regional system fee that pays for the costs of recycling promotion and education efforts, waste reduction and prevention programs, household hazardous waste collection programs and clean up of illegal dump sites
- an excise tax that pays for Metro's general operations and services
- a fee assessed by Oregon Department of Environmental Quality to pay for a portion of its costs in regulating the state's solid waste system.

### Ask Metro about

- additional recycling locations
- hazardous waste disposal transfer station rates
- tips to lighten your load and pay less for disposal
- options for items that Metro does not accept
- ways to reduce waste

**503-234-3000**  
**[oregonmetro.gov/garbage](https://oregonmetro.gov/garbage)**

### **How can I limit or reduce my costs?**

You can keep your disposal costs low by:

#### **Sorting and separating your recyclables**

This can result in a \$3 rebate on your disposal charge for less than 100 pounds of recyclables, or a \$6 rebate for 100 pounds or more.

**Reducing the number of trips you make to a Metro transfer station** Bigger loads are cheaper by the pound, so you save money by combining trips.

**Covering your load** Loads of municipal solid waste and clean wood or yard debris that are not covered with a tarp or other covering are charged an additional \$25 per ton (\$4 extra for minimum loads). Uncovered loads cause potential danger to other vehicles on the road as well as environmental hazards and can result in a littering fine. Metro does not accept uncovered loads of commercial or mixed-residential organics.

#### **What about household hazardous waste?**

Metro accepts paints, pesticides, solvents, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs and other household chemicals at its household hazardous waste facilities co-located with its two transfer stations. These materials must be taken to the separate household hazardous waste facility and not disposed of on the transfer station floor with garbage, organic material and recyclables. Metro will accept up to 35 gallons of household hazardous waste per visit at no charge. Small businesses and non-profit organizations are charged \$5 to help defray costs of staffing, supplies, hazardous waste transportation and disposal.

### **Where are Metro's two transfer stations?**

Metro's two transfer stations offer the most comprehensive and least expensive garbage and recycling drop-off services for residents of greater Portland, taking old appliances, remodeling leftovers and more from hundreds of thousands of customers each year.

Metro operates the only two facilities in greater Portland that take hazardous products like paint and pesticides.

#### **Metro Central**

6161 NW 61st Ave., Portland

#### **Metro South**

2001 Washington St., Oregon City

### **Where can I find out more information?**

Call Metro Recycling Information Center at 503-234-3000 or visit

[oregonmetro.gov/garbage](http://oregonmetro.gov/garbage)

