

SOLID WASTE
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
Residential Service

AR 5.15-2000 through 2065

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5.15 – 2000 Purpose

To implement the residential service standard as set forth in Metro Code Chapter 5.15 and as required by the Regional Waste Plan to ensure a comprehensive and consistent level of recycling service for the region.

Effective: April 3, 2021

5.15 – 2005 Legal Authority

1. Metro's solid waste planning and implementing authority is established under the Metro Charter, the Constitution of the State of Oregon, and ORS Chapters 268 and 459.
2. These rules are issued under the authority of Metro Code. These rules are in addition to all other requirements and provisions in Metro Code Chapters 5.10 and 5.15.

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5.15 – 2010 Definitions

Unless otherwise specifically defined below, all terms used are as defined in Metro Code Chapter 5.00.

Acceptable recyclable materials are a type of source-separated recyclable as defined in Metro Code Chapter 5.00. For the purposes of these administrative rules, ~~acceptable recyclable materials include~~ [the same as the Local Government Recycling Acceptance List in OAR 340-090-0630\(2\) plus additional materials approved by the Department of Environmental Quality pursuant to ORS 459A.914\(4\)\(b\) or OAR 340-090-0630\(7\).](#) ~~the following:~~

Mixed waste paper	Steel cans
Newspaper	Aluminum
Magazines	Scrap metal
Corrugated cardboard	Plastic bottles and jars
Kraft paper	Round plastic containers/tubs
Aseptic containers	Glass bottles and jars
Yard debris	Motor oil

Minimum service means the lowest amount of acceptable recyclable material, glass, yard debris, and garbage collection service volume to be in compliance with residential service standard.

Bulky waste means [any useless, unwanted or discarded item used in or around a household and generated by a household that does not fit inside a standard 35-gallon garbage or recycling receptacle, or that is longer than 36 inches in any one direction. This term includes items such as furniture, appliances, electronic devices, outdoor patio and garden items, personal vehicle items, doors, cabinets, toilets, or](#)

sinks. This term does not include household hazardous waste, construction and demolition debris, acceptable recyclable materials, gas cylinders, or any waste that can fit within a standard 35-gallon receptacle.

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5.15 – 2015 Applicability of Rules

The requirements of the Regional Waste Plan’s residential service standard apply to all portions of Clackamas, Washington, and Multnomah Counties within Metro’s jurisdictional boundary. For areas of Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties outside of Metro’s jurisdictional boundary, the performance standards are recommendations.

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5.15 - 2020 Glass Separation Requirement

For all residential customers, a local government must require that glass is kept separate from all other acceptable recyclable materials in collection receptacles and on collection vehicles.

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5.15 - 2025 Single-Family Residential Service Standards

For all single-family residential customers, a local government must:

1. Provide at least one receptacle, with capacity of at least 60 gallons, for the collection of all acceptable recyclable materials except glass, yard debris and motor oil.
2. Provide at least one receptacle for yard debris collection. The receptacle must have a capacity of at least 60 gallons.
3. Provide at least one receptacle for source-separated glass collection. The receptacle must have a capacity of at least five gallons.
4. Provide weekly collection of acceptable recyclable materials, ~~glass~~, motor oil, and yard debris on the same day of the week as garbage, unless exempted under administrative rule 5.15-2030 or administrative rule 5.15-2035.
5. Provide at least every-other-week collection of glass on the same day of the week as garbage.
- ~~6. Provide at least one receptacle for yard debris collection. The receptacle must have a capacity of at least 60 gallons.~~
6. Residential food scraps with yard debris can be offered at weekly or every other week frequency. Every other week collection of residential food scraps mixed with yard debris is allowed only if approved in advance by the processing facility receiving the material and acceptance does not violate any other government ordinance, regulation, permit, health, or safety code.
7. Provide bulky waste collection service.

8. Ensure that property owners and managers provide access to on-site garbage and recycling collection service to renters of single-family residential properties.

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5.15 - 2030 Exemption to Single-Family Yard Debris Service Standard

1. A local government may exempt rural service areas from regular on-route collection of yard debris provided that the local government distributes informational material to rural customers at least annually that provides options for proper management of yard debris, including instructions to not place yard debris in solid waste receptacles destined for disposal.
2. A local government may define “rural service areas” for purposes of solid waste collection and must provide its definition to Metro. A local government must notify Metro of any changes to that definition.

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5.15 - 2035 Exemption for Single-Family Every Other Week Recycling and Yard Debris Collection Programs

A local government with an every-other-week recycling and/or yard debris collection program in place as of January 1, 2019 meets the residential service standard. A second recycling collection receptacle of at least 60 gallons capacity must be provided to every-other-week customers upon request and at no additional charge.

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5.15 - 2040 Multifamily Residential Service Standards

For all multifamily residential customers, a local government must:

1. Implement a minimum service volume of 20 gallons per unit per week for garbage collection service.
2. Implement a minimum service volume of 20 gallons per unit per week for acceptable recyclable materials and a minimum service volume of one gallon per unit per week for source-separated glass.
3. Ensure all material streams are collected at least weekly. On call services are exempt from collection frequency and minimum service volume requirements.
4. ~~Ensure provision of regularly-occurring bulky waste collection service by July 1, 2025~~ Implement bulky waste collection service, available no less than two weeks from request by July 1, 2027. Rates for service must be upfront and transparent.

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5.15 - 2045 Multifamily Receptacle Colors; Signage; Informational Materials

For all multifamily residential customers, a local government must comply with the regional standards for collection receptacles ~~by the dates below.~~

1. All [new](#) receptacles ~~ordered after July 1, 2022~~ must comply with the color standard below and must be labeled with the correct Metro-approved regional signage.
2. All [new](#) plastic receptacles for garbage, mixed recyclable materials, and yard debris and/or food scraps ~~ordered after July 1, 2022~~ must contain at least 30% post-consumer recycled content.
3. Garbage receptacles must be gray or black, mixed recyclable materials receptacles must be blue, yard debris and/or food scraps receptacles must be green and source-separated glass receptacles must be orange by July 1, 2028. Metro will provide a list of approved receptacle colors by vendor.
4. Color standards do not apply to compactors and drop boxes.
5. ~~As of December 31, 2023,~~ All receptacles must be labeled with the correct Metro-approved regional decals for acceptable recyclable materials, glass, yard debris, and garbage. All previous garbage and recycling instructional decals must be removed from each receptacle and replaced with correct and approved regional decals.

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5.15 - 2050 Exemptions to Multifamily Standards

Notwithstanding administrative rule 5.15-2045, a local government may:

1. Exempt used motor oil from collection.
2. Exempt yard debris from collection if no yard debris is generated on-site, or the customer meets one of the following conditions:
 - a. Uses a landscape maintenance firm that transports yard debris to a Metro-authorized facility;
 - b. Manages its yard debris on-site such as composting or mulching;
 - c. Self-hauls its yard debris to a Metro-authorized facility;
 - d. Uses another method approved by Metro.

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5.15 - 2055 Compliance and Enforcement

A local government must comply with the requirements of the Regional Waste Plan's residential service standard. If a local government does not comply, Metro will withhold funding associated with the implementation of the Regional Waste Plan. Metro may also withhold discretionary funding associated with other programs and seek any remedy under its Charter, Code or applicable state law.

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5.15 - 2060 Reporting

As part of regular annual reporting requirements, a local government must provide the information necessary for Metro to determine compliance with the residential service standard.

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5.15 - 2065 Funding Guidelines

In order to receive funding associated with the Regional Waste Plan, a local government or its designated agency must comply with the requirements of Metro Code Chapter 5.15 and these rules. The local government or its designated agency must also enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Metro.

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SOLID WASTE
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
General Education

AR 5.15-5000 through 5020

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5.15 – 5000 Purpose

To implement the general education standard as set forth in Metro Code Chapter 5.15 and as required by the Regional Waste Plan to ensure a comprehensive and consistent level of education and assistance for garbage, recycling, composting, waste prevention, and reuse education and assistance for all customers in the region.

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5.15 – 5005 Legal Authority

1. Metro's solid waste planning and implementing authority is established under the Metro Charter, the Constitution of the State of Oregon, and ORS Chapters 268 and 459.
2. These rules are issued under the authority of Metro Code. These rules are in addition to all other requirements and provisions in Metro Code Chapters 5.10 and 5.15.

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5.15 – 5010 Definitions

Unless otherwise specifically defined below, all terms used are as defined in Metro Code Chapter 5.00 and administrative rule 5.15-2010.

Culturally-responsive means adapted to maximize the respect and relevance to the beliefs, practices, culture and linguistic needs of diverse consumer populations and communities.

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5.15 – 5015 Applicability of Rules

The requirements of the Regional Waste Plan's general education standard apply to all portions of Clackamas, Washington, and Multnomah Counties within Metro's jurisdictional boundary. For areas of Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties outside of Metro's jurisdictional boundary, the standard is a recommendation.

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5.15 -5020 General Education Performance Standard

A local government must:

1. Provide comprehensive education and assistance for waste, recycling and reuse services to all customers. Education and assistance must be provided at least annually and contain the following:
 - a. Information about waste prevention, reuse, recycling, yard debris, [bulky waste](#) and food waste.
 - b. Instructions about the proper preparation of materials for recycling, composting and disposal.
 - c. Contact information for customers to receive additional information or assistance.

2. Provide education and outreach resources that are accurate, culturally-responsive, and reflect local conditions. Ensure that all information provided by collection service providers meets this standard.
3. Ensure collection service providers give direct performance feedback to individual customers regarding any contamination of acceptable recyclable materials.
4. Provide timely inclement weather notifications to customers in multiple languages and through a variety of media.

A local government should:

5. Use regional education and outreach resources, campaigns and programs as developed by Metro including, but not limited to:
 - a. Implement regionally-consistent contamination reduction efforts to improve material quality, including education, sorting instructions, and customer feedback methods.
 - b. Utilize Metro's Recycling Information Center to serve all residents in the region as a clearinghouse for prevention, reuse, recycling and disposal information.

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