

Portland Curbsider

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Recycle or Not?

How to sort the most confusing items



You can make a difference! Learn how to recycle right

Because so many people in Portland recycle, together we are making an impact. But trash in the recycling is causing problems here in Oregon and around the world. Take a few minutes to learn what can and can't go in your recycling bin:

- 1. Ignore recycling symbols on items**
These symbols do not mean you can recycle the item in Portland.
- 2. Check the recycling guide (next page)**
Be sure to follow Portland's guide, since recycling can be very different in other places.
- 3. If you're not sure, put it in the trash**
It may feel wrong, but you're protecting the environment by keeping trash out of your recycling bin.

Some things are better in the trash

These items can jam the recycling sorting machines or are too difficult to make into new products:

- ✗ Plastic bags
- ✗ Plastic lids
- ✗ Take-out containers
- ✗ Envelopes with bubble wrap

Caution: Don't put these in your bins

Batteries and things with batteries in them — like **tools, watches, toys and "singing" cards** — can start fires or explode in trash or recycling, so they should be dropped off for safe disposal. Electronics like **old laptops, computers and TVs** must be dropped off for safe disposal (it's state law).

There are lots of drop-off locations — find one near you
www.oregonmetro.gov/findarecycler

Not sure? Send a pic!

Next time you aren't sure about an item, send a photo to [@recycleornot](https://www.instagram.com/recycleornot) on Instagram.

Or visit RecycleOrNot.org to see some of the most confusing items and find out where they belong. It's new and made just for Portland-area residents.

Para español, visite ReciclarONo.org o envíe una foto del artículo que usted quiere reciclar a [@reciclarono](https://www.instagram.com/reciclarono) en Instagram.

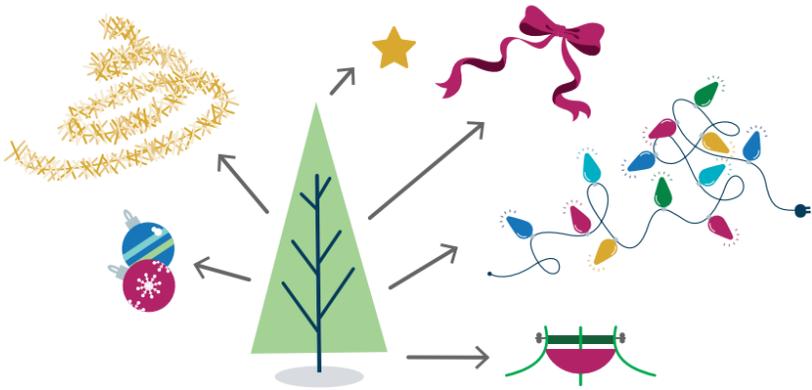


WINTER TIPS & SCHEDULE CHANGES

Holiday trees

Prepare trees for pick-up as compost. *Artificial trees and trees "flocked" with fake snow should be put at curb for pick-up as garbage (\$5).*

1 Remove trimmings



2 Set out whole tree or cut into pieces



Extra and bulky garbage

Set out extra bags or cans (32 gal and 55 lbs max) for \$5 each. Renters, ask your property manager before setting out extra garbage and bulky items.



Holiday delays

If your pick-up day is Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, expect a one-day delay after Christmas and New Year's.



Snow or ice

Pick-up may be delayed; leave bins at the curb. Your garbage company will come as soon as they can.



Never miss a pick-up

Sign up for email reminders at www.garbageadayreminders.com.



Holiday schedule change information online

Información en línea sobre el cambio de programa para los días festivos

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- **Funding:** Informs how billions of dollars are distributed for critical public services including roads, schools, and hospitals.

April 1, 2020 is national Census Day. By this date, every home will receive an invitation to participate. Once the invite arrives, you can respond online, by phone, or mail.

Get involved and shape the future of your community:

www.2020census.gov

YOUR CURBSIDE GUIDE

GARBAGE

every-other-week or every-four-weeks

COMPOST

every week

RECYCLE

every week

GLASS

every week



GARBAGE Coffee cups/lids/pods, paper/plastic plates, take-out food containers/wrappers, drink cups/straws, cutlery, frozen food packaging/trays, plastic caps/lids, plastic bags, facial tissue, painted/stained wood, plywood, incandescent light bulbs, garden hoses.

FOOD SCRAPS Meat, poultry, seafood, bones, cheese, eggshells, bread, pasta, grains, beans, nuts, fruits, vegetables, coffee grounds, spoiled food.

PLASTIC Bottles with a neck (6 oz. or larger), tubs (6 oz. or larger), plant pots (4" diameter or larger), buckets (5 gal. or smaller).

GLASS BOTTLES & JARS Place in yellow bin or other plastic container with a "glass only" sticker.



MUST BE BAGGED Pet waste, cat litter, diapers, feminine hygiene products, ashes, sawdust, packaging peanuts, broken glass.

YARD DEBRIS Weeds, leaves, vines, grass, small branches, flowers, house plants, plant clippings.

METAL Aluminum, tin and steel food cans, empty dry metal paint cans, empty aerosol cans, aluminum foil, scrap metal (shorter than 30" long and less than 30 lbs).

MOTOR OIL Put in a leak-proof, clear plastic jug with lid and place next to carts for recycling.



PLACE IN SEALED CONTAINER Kitchen fats, cooking oil, grease.

OTHER Paper napkins, paper towels, coffee filters, tea bags, pizza delivery boxes.

PAPER Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, phone books, flattened cardboard boxes, scrap paper, cartons (milk, juice, soup), shredded paper (in paper bag).



NO: Computers, monitors, TVs, batteries, compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs), hazardous waste, chemicals.

NO: "Compostable" or "Biodegradable" containers, household garbage, pet waste, diapers, plastic bags, lumber, dirt, ashes, rocks, branches larger than 4" thick and 36" long.

NO: Plastic bags, plastic caps/lids, diapers, propane cylinders, coffee cups/lids/pods, plastic "clamshells," Styrofoam™, plastic containers under 6 oz., prescription medicine bottles.

NO: Light bulbs, drinking glasses, vases, broken glass, ceramics, Pyrex.



NEW POLICIES REDUCE WASTE

As of October 1, the City of Portland requires businesses to ask before giving customers plastic straws, stirrers, utensils or individually packaged condiments. Learn more:

www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/reduceplastic

Starting January 1, grocery and retail stores across Oregon will no longer offer single-use plastic check-out bags and will charge 5 cents for paper bags.

These city and state policies join local and global efforts to reduce plastic waste, litter and the energy and resources needed to make items that are only used once.

WANT TO DO MORE?

Bring your own reusable bags, cutlery and straws.



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Only 2 of these
go in your recycle bin.
CAN YOU SORT IT OUT?

Find answers inside!

Or go to Instagram to find out:



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