

Portland Curbsider

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Oregon's recycling system is getting its biggest upgrade in decades

For the first time, businesses that make packaging and paper products will help pay for recycling. Their funding will upgrade local recycling facilities and make recycling available in more parts of the state.

These improvements are part of Oregon's Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act, a new state law designed to make recycling more efficient, environmentally responsible, and consistent across all Oregon communities. The law also encourages companies to design smarter packaging because less packaging means lower costs for companies and less waste for everyone.

At first, many improvements will happen behind the scenes, like upgrading equipment and building better systems to track materials, so it may take a few years to see changes. But soon, Oregon will have a stronger, more effective recycling system that's easier to use, better for the environment, and fairer for workers and communities across the state.

More opportunities to recycle

Better options for hard-to-recycle items are on the way. In the next few years, you'll see new drop-off sites and collection events for things like Styrofoam™ and plastic bags.

Recycling access is expanding across Oregon. Many rural communities don't yet have full recycling service, but that's changing. Over the next three years, more than 150,000 households will get curbside service and over 100 new drop-off sites will open statewide. Soon, all Oregonians will be able to recycle the same materials we can in Portland.

A stronger recycling system you can trust

The new law strengthens Oregon's existing requirements to ensure your recyclables are turned into new products. Recycling facilities must track where materials go after sorting, follow health and safety rules, and pay fair wages. These improvements mean you can recycle with renewed confidence.

Oregonians care deeply about the environment and have long been national leaders in recycling. With the Recycling Modernization Act, Oregon is once again setting a new standard.

Learn more at www.portland.gov/RecyclingModernization.

What you can do

Check Portland's recycling guide to make sure you're putting the right things in the bin.

What's allowed in your recycling bin is mostly staying the same for now. It may take a few years before new items are added, as Oregon upgrades facilities and expands recycling services statewide.

Recycling right keeps the whole system running smoothly. When we all do our part, recycling works: It saves energy and water, prevents pollution, and supports our local economy.

Check the guide

Take five minutes to review the recycling guide on the next page.

Or find the full list at www.portland.gov/Recycle.

Stay in the know

Sign up for garbage day reminders and we'll let you know when things change — like new drop-off sites for hard-to-recycle items.

www.portland.gov/GarbageDay



2025-26 COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Look up your collection day
www.portland.gov/garbage

 Recycling |
  Glass & Batteries |
  Compost |
  Garbage |
  Holiday pick-up delayed one day

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* Every-four-week garbage customers, your garbage collection weeks are shown with an asterisk.
 ⌚ Set bins at the curb before 6 a.m. Bring them back to your house within 24 hours.

Never miss garbage day again: Get free reminders!

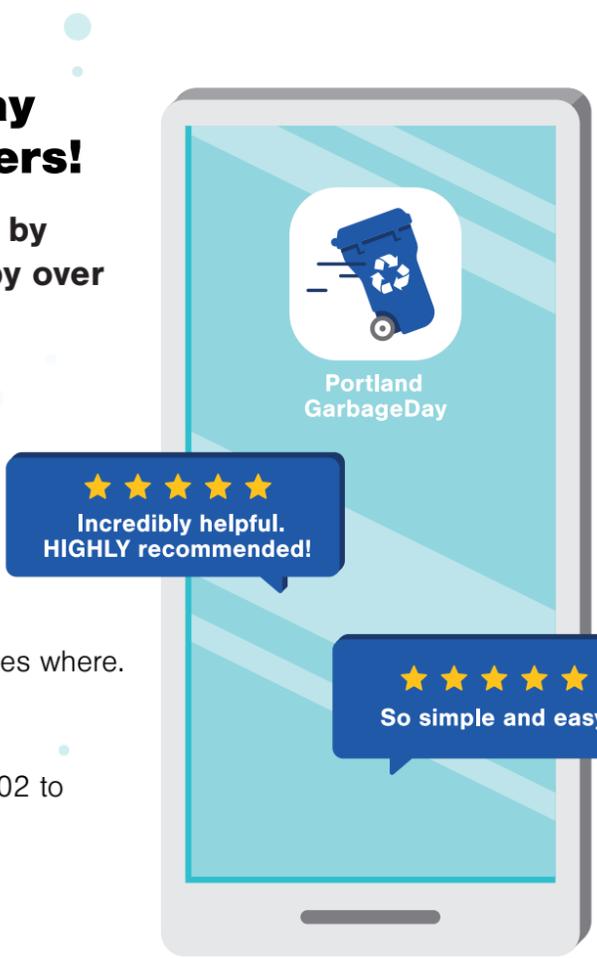
Get weekly day-before reminders by app, email, text, or call—trusted by over 50,000 Portlanders.

Download the Portland Garbage Day Reminder app to:

- Get pop-up reminders to set out your bins.
- Be the first to know about service delays or changes.
- Play Recycle or Not to find out what goes where.
- And more!

No internet? No problem! Call 503-823-7202 to request free phone call reminders.

Sign up now; it's quick, easy, and free!
www.portland.gov/garbage



Other reminders

- **Holiday delays:** No collection on Christmas Day or New Year's Day. Pickup will be delayed by one day for the rest of the week.
- **Weather delays:** Snow, ice, or wildfire smoke can cause delays. Leave your bins out; they'll be picked up as soon as it's safe.
- **Early pickup on hot days:** On days forecasted to hit 95°F or higher, collection may start before 6 a.m. Set bins out the night before to avoid being missed.
- **Stay in the know:** Sign up for garbage day reminders to get real-time notifications about delays: www.portland.gov/garbage. Prefer alerts only? Select "Service alerts only."

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE



See the full list of what's allowed
www.portland.gov/recycle



Recycle



Plastic bottles (caps OK if screwed on), round containers, buckets, and rigid plant pots. Must be 2x2" or larger, empty & dry.



Flattened cardboard. Paper, mail, magazines & non-metallic gift wrap. Food & beverage cartons, empty & dry. Empty pizza delivery boxes, minimal grease OK.



Metal food cans, paint & aerosol cans, empty & dry. Scrap metal under 18" & 10 lbs.



No plastic bags, wrap or lids, glass, coffee cups, to-go containers



Compost



Meat, cheese, seafood, bones & eggshells. Bread, pasta, grains, nuts, beans, fruit, vegetables & coffee grounds. Spoiled food & plate scrapings.



Weeds, leaves, grass, flowers, house plants, plant clippings, pumpkins. Branches under 4" thick & 36" long.



Food-soiled pizza delivery boxes, paper towels, and napkins. Paper coffee filters & tea bags.



No pet waste, dirt, rocks, ashes, lumber, to-go containers



Garbage



Plastic bags, plastic lids & plastic-padded mailers. Wires, hoses, chains & electric cords. Disposable gloves & masks.



To-go containers, cutlery, cups, lids & straws (paper, plastic & "compostable"). Frozen food boxes.



Bag pet waste, cat litter, diapers, ashes, sawdust & broken glass. Put fats, oils & grease in sealed container.



No TVs, computers, batteries, paint, pesticides, flammables



Glass



Put in glass-only bin. Glass bottles & jars, empty & dry. All colors of glass. OK to leave labels on.

Redeem deposit bottles at BottleDrop Centers or recycle at the curb.



No lids, caps, ceramics, lightbulbs, broken glass



Batteries



(Do not tape batteries labeled alkaline)

Batteries must fit in a sealed 1-quart plastic bag.

1. Tape ends of batteries (unless labeled alkaline). Use clear tape.
2. Put all batteries in a clear, zip-sealed 1-quart bag.
3. Place bag on top of glass.



No batteries larger than a 1-quart bag, embedded or damaged batteries, vape pens



Other Waste



Not sure how to get rid of something? Call 503-234-3000 or use oregonmetro.gov/askmetro to find options for safe disposal, recycling, or donation.



Motor Oil



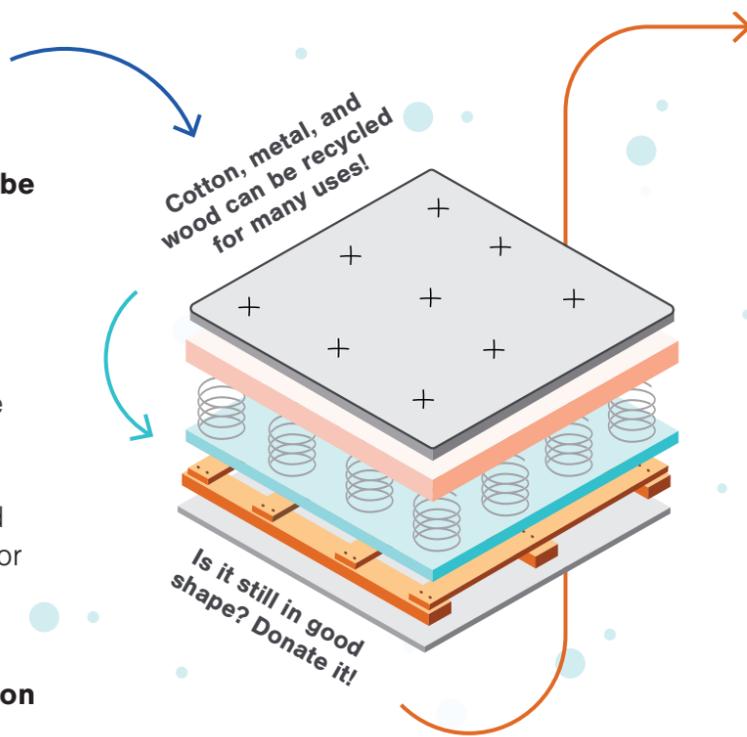
Put in a leak-proof clear plastic jug with cap. Place next to bins.

Recycle your old mattress for free!

Thanks to a new Oregon law, **mattresses and box springs can be recycled for free at participating drop-off locations.**

Did you know that up to 75% of a mattress can be recycled into new, useful products? Metal and steel are recycled into rebar and other construction materials. Cotton is repurposed as home insulation. And wood frames are turned into mulch or used as fuel for energy.

Find a drop-off site near you:
www.byebymattress.com/oregon



Even better: Donate it!

If your mattress is clean, dry, and in good shape, consider donating it.

Community Warehouse, a Portland nonprofit, accepts gently used mattresses to provide to community members overcoming adversity. In just one year, they redistributed over 3,000 mattresses and countless better nights of sleep.

Mattresses must be in usable condition and free of stains, rips, odors, and pet hair. Community Warehouse has three drop-off locations and offers pickup for a small fee.

Learn more:
www.communitywarehouse.org



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NEW: Mattress recycling!
 Plus, a recycling guide and
 12-month garbage schedule.

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Thank you, Portland!

You recycled over 20 tons of batteries last year.

By safely recycling batteries in your glass bin, you prevent fires in trucks and recycling centers.

Remember: Put batteries in a sealed quart-size bag on top of your glass bin. Some batteries must be taped for safety.

Learn more at:
www.portland.gov/batteries

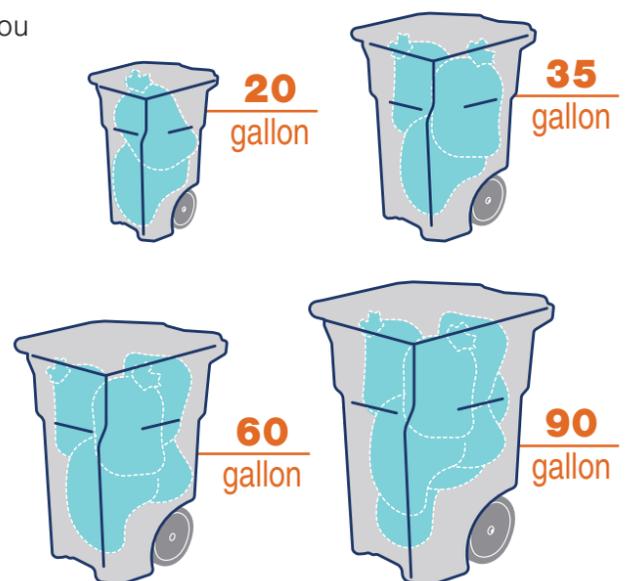


Garbage service options and rates

Need a bigger or smaller garbage bin? You have four sizes to choose from. Contact your garbage company to switch sizes.

What you pay depends on your garbage bin size. Your bill pays for the trucks and drivers who pick up your bins, the safe disposal of garbage, and turning recycling and compost into new products. Rates are reviewed yearly to keep up with service costs. New rates start July 1.

Find service options and costs at:
www.portland.gov/garbage-rates



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