

Portland Curbsider

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Winter 2017

Mark your
Calendars
early this year,
some **important**
dates are very near!

December 25-January 6

Winter holidays mean garbage, recycling
and compost collection day changes

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Happy New Year!



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EXTRA HOLIDAY TRASH?

After holiday entertaining and gift giving,
you may find excess packaging and bulky
items — like Styrofoam™ — filling your
garbage container.

HERE ARE SOME OPTIONS:

- Set out an extra garbage can or bag on your collection day for a \$5 fee. Can must be 32 gallons or smaller and weigh 55 pounds or less.
- Items that are too big for your garbage container (such as appliances or furniture) can be picked up for an extra fee. Call your garbage and recycling company a week in advance for a cost estimate.
- **RENTERS:** Talk to the landlord about setting out large or bulky items or extra garbage for collection. There is a fee for these services.



Say goodbye to your HOLIDAY TREE

Easy steps and options for holiday tree removal



Prepare your holiday tree for pick-up by removing all tinsel, lights, ornaments, wire, nails, stands and other materials that cannot be composted. Trees covered in fake snow are not accepted for composting and must be disposed of as garbage.

CURBSIDE COLLECTION: TREE PIECES

- Cut the trunk and branches into pieces less than 36 inches long and 4 inches in diameter.
- Ensure that any tree pieces in your green compost roll cart do not poke above the lip of the cart. Weight limit is 135 pounds.
- Tie bundles securely with string or twine. Weight limit is 45 pounds.
- Put extra bundles or cans at the curb on your collection day for an additional \$3.75 each.

CURBSIDE COLLECTION: WHOLE TREES

- Put trees that are under 6 feet next to your green compost roll cart at the curb on collection day for \$4.85.
- Cut trees down to 6 feet to ensure driver safety.

NONPROFIT PICK-UP: WHOLE TREES

- Call Metro at 503-234-3000 to find tree drop-off locations or to arrange a pick-up by a nonprofit organization for a fee.



Photo credit: The ReBuilding Center

Give the gift of memories instead of more stuff

Everyone has at least one person on their list that's nearly impossible to choose a gift for. Perhaps you have a teenager who wants everything, but likes nothing. Maybe a busy mom who is always trying to put a homemade meal on the table. Or an uncle who says he has everything he needs, but you want to give him something fun during the holidays.

Fortunately, you can find a special something for everyone on your list and — bonus! — skip the retail lines to save your sanity, too.

DO SOMETHING TOGETHER

Wrap up cookie ingredients and include a coupon for a cookie-making playdate at your place. Make it extra special for a friend by taking care of cleanup, too. For adventure seekers, take a trip downtown together and brave the Portland underground tunnels tour.

MAKE IT!

Portland offers many ways to make it yourself. Try a woodworking class at the ReBuilding Center, or make something special at one of the many do-it-yourself workshops around Portland.

FEED THEIR MIND

Who doesn't love to learn something new? Portland offers a nearly endless number of options for classes, tours, lectures, and much more. Is your uncle a cheese lover? Save him a seat in OMSI's Design Lab where he can learn to make his own cheese. Help those busy parents in the kitchen by giving them a cooking class. And for that impossible-to-please teen? Gift a video production class at Portland Community College.

Maybe holiday goodness means something more...

www.resourcefulpdx.com/holiday

Portland's WISHFUL Recycling Problem



You know the importance of saving energy and resources by recycling as much as you can, but do you sometimes go too far? A recycling expert explains why "wishful recycling" can do more harm than good.



-Vinod Singh

Why is it important to follow the recycling list?

"Recycling is about recovering resources when making new products," says Vinod Singh, a manager at Far West Recycling, a facility that sorts Portland's mixed recycling. To be successfully recycled, materials must be collected from residents and businesses, then sorted, cleaned, processed and delivered to manufacturers for use in their products.

"Wishful recycling is really contamination to the recycling stream," says Vinod. "People put items in the recycling cart that they think might be recyclable or should be recyclable, and they may think they're doing the right thing by not putting it in the garbage. But in fact they are making it more difficult to recycle the items manufacturers actually need."

Items that are not accepted in Portland's recycling program — like plastic to-go cups, lids and bags — have historically not had strong enough demand from manufacturers to justify sorting, processing and transporting them.

Vinod's advice for passionate Portland recyclers? **Don't be a wishful recycler. Follow the recycling list. Not sure? When in doubt, throw it out!**

POP QUIZ!

Savoring the last sip of iced mocha from your takeout cup, you walk over to the garbage and recycling containers. *Where do you toss it?*

- A. In the garbage.
- B. In the recycling; they'll do the right thing with it.
- C. Why would I need a takeout cup for my iced drink? I always bring my own travel mug.

» If you chose A or C, give yourself a pat on the back: You are doing your part for the planet — and to make sure Portland's recycling and garbage system works well.

» If you chose B, you may think this cup and other one-time use items are accepted at the curb even though they're not on the accepted list.

SPOTLIGHT ON HOLIDAY WASTE

Each cart plays a part: Put materials in the right containers after the holidays.

Visit www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/carts to find a detailed list.



Compost

Q: How do I dispose of food scraps from preparing my holiday meal — and what about fruitcake?

A: Food scraps, old leftovers and even that fruitcake can be added directly to your green composting roll cart. Cooking oil from the turkey fryer should go in a container with a tight seal and placed inside the garbage cart.



Recycle

Q: What should I do with all this holiday wrapping paper?

A: Place paper items in the blue recycling roll cart — cardboard and gift boxes, wrapping and tissue paper, catalogs, greeting cards and envelopes. Bows, ribbon and foil-lined items belong in the garbage.

Q: My holiday party includes lots of one-time use items. Can I recycle or compost them?

A: Any disposable items, from plastic ware to paper plates, go in your garbage container. Even products labeled “compostable” or “biodegradable” don’t belong in your recycling or composting roll carts. Use reusable items for your next get-together instead.



Garbage



Garbage

Compost

Q: What do I do with paper items from my holiday baking?

A: Items like parchment paper and wrappers and liners from cupcakes go in the garbage. Besides yard debris, the only non-food items accepted in the green composting roll cart are paper napkins, paper towels, coffee filters, tea bags and pizza delivery boxes.

Q: I was gifted a new tablet! What should I do with my old computer?

A: If your old one still works, donate it! Oregon E-Cycles (oregonecycles.org) offers free recycling options. Electronics do not belong in your roll carts.



Oregon E-Cycles

Q: How do I dispose of old batteries?

A: Batteries can be collected and disposed of at a local depot or hazardous waste facility. They should never be put in any curbside roll carts.



Recycling depot

Q: Can I recycle broken strings of lights?

A: Broken lights do not belong in your blue recycling roll cart. Put them in the garbage or recycle them at a local depot. Call Metro at 503-234-3000 to find a location.



Recycling depot

Have more questions for the Curbside Hotline?

www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/curbsidequestions | wasteinfo@portlandoregon.gov | 503-823-7202

Cleaning up after the holidays?

Ask Metro what you can recycle.

503-234-3000
oregonmetro.gov



IT'S FIX-IT FAIR SEASON!

Health • Home Repair and Utilities • Finances • Garden

- FREE event
- FREE childcare
- Local experts
- FREE lunch
- FREE classes in English and Spanish
- FREE simple sewing & small appliance repair

SATURDAYS 9:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.

JAN. 27, 2018
George Middle School
10000 N Burr Ave

FEB. 24, 2018
Madison High School
2735 NE 82nd Ave

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PLANNING TO SELL YOUR HOME IN 2018?

Know the score!

Learn about the **NEW** City of Portland Home Energy Score requirement

www.pdxhes.com

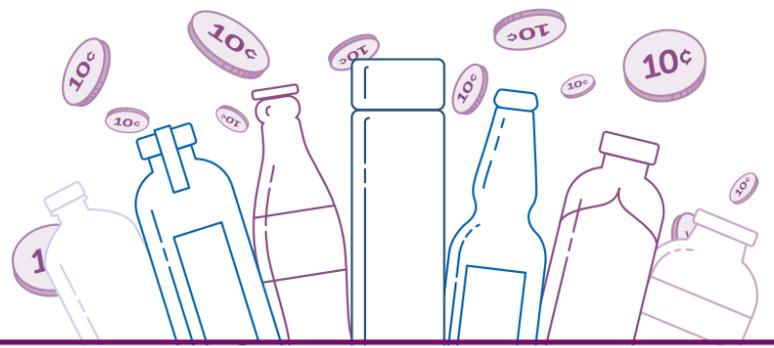


¿PLANEAS VENDER SU CASA EN 2018?

¡Conozca el diagnóstico de energía!

El diagnóstico de energía o Energy Score, es un **NUEVO** requisito que le ayuda a obtener información de el gasto eléctrico de casas en la Ciudad de Portland. Para obtener más información, visite

www.pdxhes.com



RESOLVE TO REDEEM IN 2018

Redeem more containers!

Beginning Jan. 1, 2018, more types of beverage containers will carry a 10-cent deposit. These include bottles and cans for tea, coffee, fruit juice, coconut water, hard cider and kombucha.

Beer, soft drinks and water containers will continue to be accepted at some grocery stores and bottle drop centers.

Not accepted: Wine, liquor, dairy or plant-based milk, infant formula and metal cans that require a can opener.

www.bottledropcenters.com



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- Why it's important to follow the recycling list.

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WHEN SNOW AND ICE HITS, LEAVE CARTS AT THE CURB

If extreme winter weather affects Portland again this winter, collection of your garbage, recycling and composting roll carts may be delayed. Leave your carts at the curb and your garbage and recycling company will collect them as soon as driving conditions permit. While your street may be clear, access to and from your neighborhood may not.

STAY AHEAD OF THE WEATHER

Sign up for a weekly email that includes weather messages and reminds you of your collection day at www.garbageadayreminders.com.

Questions?

Call our Curbside Hotline at 503-823-7202 or your garbage and recycling company.



Holiday schedule change information online

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

在线假期日程变更信息

Thông tin về thay đổi trong lịch nghỉ lễ hiện có trực tuyến

См. праздничные изменения расписания на сайте:

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Informații asupra schimbărilor programului de sărbători sunt pe internet

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