



WASTE & SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS PROGRAMS

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Overview

24 budgeted FTE; \$7.2M in FY 23-24

Funded primarily through Solid Waste Management Fund (Residential Franchise Fee and Commercial Tonnage Fee)

Additional funding from Metro IGAs and Public Environment Management Office

Some Solid Waste funding goes to climate work

Three teams:

- Sustainable Engagement (outreach, education and technical assistance)
- Policy (policy and planning around collection system, waste reduction and recycling)
- Operations (administering public trash system & collection system, coordination with haulers, compliance, and graffiti abatement)



Operations

9 FTE

- Manage the solid waste, recycling and composting collection system for residents and businesses, including franchises with residential haulers and permits for commercial haulers.
- Conduct annual residential rate review, manage franchise sales and transfers, respond to hotline calls, and facilitate complaint resolution.
- Conduct franchise review process (every 5 or 12 years—just completed).
- Enforce waste-related code and administrative rule.



Operations, contd.

- Oversee expanded public trash can program.
- Develop a Waste Collection Access and Opportunity Program that expands the number of minority and women-owned businesses operating in Portland.
- Implement community collection events focused on communities who struggle the most with bulky waste removal including multifamily properties and BIPOC communities.
- Abate graffiti through business assistance and enforcement.



Policy

5 FTE

- Waste policy and planning with an equity lens, guided by core values, Regional Waste Plan and the waste hierarchy
- Develop and plan for implementation of local policy and administrative rules and Recycling Modernization Act
- Represent the City in policy discussions at the state, regional, and local level
- Evaluate programs (e.g. collection services, waste reduction and recycling efforts)
- Low-income rate assistance program.
- Improved services and access for multifamily residents.
- Construction and Demolition waste policy development



Education & Outreach

8 FTE

Oregon's Opportunity to Recycle Act and our Regional Waste Plan drive significant investments in education and outreach for waste reduction and recycling.

- For businesses: technical assistance to support food scrap and recycling requirements
- Pacific Food Waste Collaborative: Regional partnership with grocers and their supply chains on food waste reduction and donation to help residents stretch their food dollars.
- For multifamily communities: ensure tenants have access to quality garbage, food scraps and recycling collection
- For schools: Proposing a new schools-focused staff person



Education & Outreach

- For all residents and community members:
 - Provide culturally responsive education and assistance for garbage, recycling, and waste reduction and reuse services.
 - Support community-led opportunities to rent, share, fix, and reuse goods.
 - Support Master Recycler volunteers and increase participation among BIPOC communities and youth.
 - Messaging for healthy low carbon food choices, preventing wasted food and the composting of food scraps.





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