

S.O.S. Recycling Efforts-2017



In Josephine, Jackson and Douglas Counties, Southern Oregon Sanitation recovered over 5,999,540 million pounds of materials from the waste stream.

SOS Offers Recycling Education

- Schools
- Businesses
- Community Organizations

Learn ways to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle in our community. This education is available at no cost. Contact our Recycling & Educational Outreach Associate.

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Helping Our Community

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Recycling During The Holidays



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Holiday Tips To Reduce Waste

- Avoid traditional wrapping paper. Instead use newspaper or cloth sacks, or reusable gift bags.
- Keep It simple: One thoughtful gift may mean more than six wrapped packages.
- Give the gift of experience: Music lessons, massage, tickets to a play or a sporting event.
- Discontinue your holiday catalogs. Call their customer service to remove your address and shop online instead.
- Send electronic Christmas cards.
- Donate unwanted gifts to charity.
- Set your holiday table decor with reusable place settings.
- When shopping, use reusable shopping bags.

TIPS



Waste Hierarchy

The Waste Hierarchy ranks waste management options from the most environmentally friendly to the least.



REDUCE takes priority! Avoiding unnecessary consumption of goods and services will not only save you money, but it is the most effective way in conserving our natural resources and saving space in our landfills. A simple way to make a big impact and save money is using a reusable water bottle instead of one-time use plastic water bottles.

REUSE gives a product a second-life! Reusing common items can be done by repairing, sharing, and upcycling.

RECYCLING can turn a used material into a raw material to create a new product.

Why Recycle?

Recycling's purpose is to divert the use of virgin materials from being used and reduce the overall environmental impact. Together, we can make an impact in reducing our communities carbon footprint! Our curbside Recycling Program is easy and is included with your trash service at no additional charge. [See Curbside Recycling Mix].



Make Your Recycling Count

A Note About Contamination

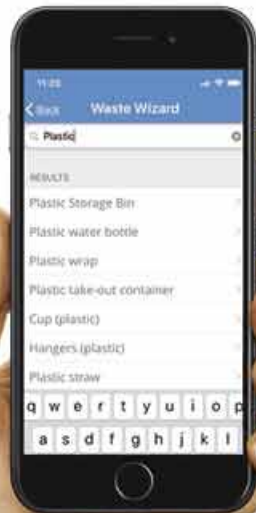
To ensure a viable recycling product is delivered to recycling markets, it is necessary to eliminate all contamination in recycling. Contamination of recycling can be caused by items such as; food scraps, lids, plastic bags, coffee pods, straws, to-go containers, Styrofoam, trash or any other "non-program" material. Unfortunately, "wishful" recycling (the hope that a material is recyclable *somewhere*) can have serious consequences for your haulers, the recycling programs offered, and the overall recycling markets such as, **an entire truck load of recycling getting rejected** and sent to the landfill.

Can you identify the contamination* items in this cart? (answers below)

Some contamination items include:

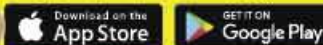
Yogurt tubs · clamshell containers · food scraps · greasy pizza boxes · glass · greasy french fry boxes · waxy papers · The list of contaminants continue.

When in doubt, let the WASTE WIZARD help!



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*answers: everything in the cart is a contaminant

Curbside Recycling

Only these following items are allowed in your recycling cart.



Corrugated Cardboard

If it is not "wavy", it does not belong



Milk Jug Style Containers

Clear or white - no lids

Newspapers and Inserts

No magazines



Tin Cans and Aluminum Cans

Rinse thoroughly - no lids

#1 and #2 Plastics

Bottleneck styles only



Clean Office Papers

No plastics or coatings

Only put out carts when they are full.

Keep it loose! Do not bag your recyclables.

Just toss them directly into your cart.

Recycling Used Motor Oil:

NOTE: PURE used oil must be poured into non-breakable gallon containers with tight fitting screw caps. Do not mix with any other solvents such as water, antifreeze, old fuel, etc. Place jugs **NEXT TO** your recycle cart and call our office by 4pm the day before your pick up, so that we can make your driver aware that you have motor oil.



Reedsport Recycling and Transfer Station:

300 Reedsport Landfill Rd., Reedsport
Wed. - Sat., 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Free of Charge Recyclables

*Residential volumes only

Corrugated Cardboard

Metal

Auto Bateriaes

Used Motor Oil

Stay informed!

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