

S.O.S. Recycling Efforts-2022

As the recycling markets continue to recover from multiple challenges over the past few years, Southern Oregon Sanitation has remained committed to recycling as many materials as possible. In addition, we have worked to make sure that all our recyclables are processed here in the Pacific Northwest. In 2022 we were able to recover and recycle **7,425,222** pounds of material from the waste streams in our Josephine and Jackson County service areas. In our curbside recycling, this included corrugated cardboard, newspapers, plastic bottles and jugs, tin and aluminum cans. Our transfer stations recovered these items as well as, used motor oil, glass, and e-waste.

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- Schools • Businesses
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Visit our website to learn ways to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle in our community.

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Recycling Make Your Effort Count!



NEW!
More Materials Accepted!



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Mixed Waste Paper Returns to Curbside Recycling

Great news for everyone who recycles. Your recycling content has been expanded to include more than newspaper; mixed papers can now be accepted. Items like office papers, paper egg cartons, magazines, cereal and cracker boxes (remove plastic liners), paper towel and toilet paper cores, paper bags, even pizza boxes! But remember, pizza boxes that have grease and food residue will contaminate, so be careful.



Why the Recycling Change?

The reason for the change is simple. We promised you that we would recycle materials like mixed papers as soon as there was a stable recycling market. Southern Oregon Sanitation has worked hard to help move the market to a better recycling effort and we are happy to announce this great news. Mixed paper items makes up the largest portion of municipal solid waste – which means it also offers a better opportunity to recycle. These listed items are just a few examples – for a larger list of mixed paper recyclables, visit our website or download our free mobile application.



Why Recycling is Important?

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

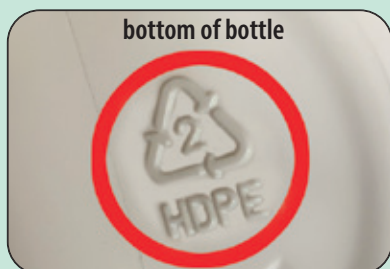
To ensure a viable recycling product is delivered to recycling markets, it is necessary to eliminate all contamination in recycling. Contamination of recycling can be caused by items such as; food scraps, lids, plastic bags, coffee pods, straws, to-go containers, Styrofoam, trash or any other "non-program" 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.

NOTE: Our Recycling Depot also takes the mixed paper recyclables.

How to properly identify accepted plastics



- ✓ Check the shape – bottle and jugs only
- ✓ Check the base – larger than the neck
- ✓ Check the number – #1 or #2 only



Look on the bottom of the plastic container and you will see a recycle triangle with a number in the center.

How to properly prepare for recycling



- ✓ Remove lids
- ✓ Remove contents
- ✓ Rinse thoroughly

Still a bit confused? Let our Waste Wizard help out!



Download our FREE mobile app or visit our website for an easy-to-use waste directory! Search a material and see which cart it should go in, where it can be recycled or dropped off for reuse.

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Materials Accepted at Curbside

• Leave 5 feet between carts

• Place cart out when full



Plastics



Bottles & Jugs only.
Rinse thoroughly - no lids



Mixed Paper Products

Accepted items



Some of the most common papers are magazines, paperback books, paperboard, cereal boxes, cracker boxes, scrap paper, index cards, junk mail, file folders, egg cartons (paper only, no Styrofoam or plastic), wrapping paper (non foil, plastic wrap or tissue paper)



Corrugated Cardboard



Remove all banding and strapping tape used in shipping.



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



PIZZA BOXES ARE ONLY ALLOWED IF NO FOOD RESIDUE OR OILS ARE VISIBLE

Remember, clean recycling is the best method to help keep the recycling process going.

Newspapers and Inserts



Anything that came with your newspaper can be recycled.

If contaminants are on the papers such as paint or oils, please throw them in your trash



Tin Cans and Aluminum Cans



Rinse cans thoroughly and toss lids in the garbage

Some mixed paper products have been added, however there are still plenty of paper types that contaminate and we cannot accept them.

The list of mixed waste paper recyclable items is extensive, but there are still plenty of items that can't be recycled and will contaminate the other items in your cart. Some of the common contaminants are candy wrappers, waxed cartons, frozen food packaging, paper plates and cups, paper towels and napkins, shredded paper, tissue paper, food contaminated residues.



Used Motor Oil



Set your PURE used oil into non-breakable gallon containers with tight fitting screw caps. Do not mix with water, antifreeze, fuel or any other liquid. Place jugs NEXT TO your recycle cart.

Southern Oregon Sanitation Recycling Depots:

1381 Redwood Ave., Grants Pass
42 Ball Rd., Eagle Point
905 Kerby Mainline Rd., Kerby



*Items that can be recycled at our depots:

*Residential volumes only

- Glass Bottles and Jars
- Newspapers/Mixed Papers
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Tin and Aluminum Cans
- eCycle Computer towers, Monitors & TV's
- Used Motor Oil



Additional Glass-Only Recycle Location
Rays Food Place, 1100 Hwy 62, Eagle Point



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