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Electronic resource conservation and recycling newsletter for state agency resource coordinators



State Government Recycling Program "Recycling Starts with You"

It is the policy of the State of Oregon to conserve and protect its resources. State agencies are responsible for collecting, separating and disposing of recyclable materials. All state agencies are required to comply.

Our state waste paper collection program includes:

Office and mixed paper: letterhead, copy paper, forms, tablet paper, colored paper, sticky notes, legal paper, manuals, manila folders, pamphlets, envelopes, magazines, forms, soft cover books and newsprint.

Other products collected include: beverage containers, glass containers, plastic bottles, batteries, tin cans and toner / printer cartridges.

How the State Recycling Program Works:

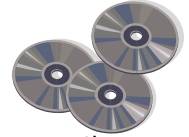
State employees collect office paper, newsprint, etc., (normally in blue containers/barrels). The custodial staff delivers the barrels to the building loading dock.

Garten Services picks-up the containers and delivers them to their site for processing. They sort, weigh, bale and market the material. Red barrel documents are kept locked and secure prior to shredding.

Corrugated cardboard (collected by area trash hauler)

Recycling Questions: Call or e-mail the Statewide Resource Coordinator (see below).

Recycle Old CDs



Old CDs that are protected against re-burning and old jeweled CD cases (remove the paper liner) can be recycled. Place a collection container in a central area. When full, put the CDs in a plastic bag and place it on top of a full paper barrel for Garten Services to pick up. As long as the CDs are bound together, separate from the paper, they can be placed on top of a paper blue barrel for pick-up.

Remember to Recycle Print Cartridges

All agencies can recycle their used toner and ink cartridges by sending them directly, by shuttle, to DAS Publishing & Distribution, 550 Airport Road SE, Salem, OR 97301, Attn: Sean Lowen.

P&D will arrange a weekly pick-up of the toners cartridges by Step Forward Activities, Inc.

By recycling used toner cartridges, we are helping to reduce the amount of industrial plastics going to landfills.



Remember to Close the Blinds

Close the window blinds to the morning and afternoon sun to keep the direct sunshine out of your work area and in common areas (lunch rooms). Within the next few months we have an opportunity to conserve energy and reduce costs with proper blind operation.



Bottle Bill turns 35

The Oregon Bottle Bill, signed into law in July of 1971, has defined how Oregonians think of themselves and their environment.

The original intention of the Bottle Bill was to control the growing litter problem in the State of Oregon and only included carbonated and malt beverages which were the most common containers tossed along Oregon highways.

From the start of the 1971 legislative session HB 1036 was one of the most intensely lobbied bills in the history of the Oregon Legislature. In spite of the intense lobbying by the container and beverage industries, HB 1036 passed the House by 54-6 and the Senate by 22-8. The bill was signed into law by Governor McCall on July 2, 1971.

<http://www.deq.state.or.us/solwaste/bottlebillanniversary>

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