



Disposal Concurrences

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What are disposal concurrences?

Oregon’s recycling laws are designed to provide residents with the opportunity to recycle to help conserve resources, energy and reduce environmental impacts. Given the unprecedented market conditions, recycling processors are now struggling to find markets to accept mixed paper or plastics. In such circumstances, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, working closely with representatives from the recycling industry and local governments, has developed a short-term concurrence process to help alleviate the backup of material throughout the collection and processing system. This process requires collaboration and oversight for local governments to ensure all other options are exhausted before disposal can happen.

Everyone wants to see recyclable materials recycled, and DEQ is committed to protecting the integrity of Oregon’s reuse and recycling systems and maintaining recycling collection and processing where possible. DEQ will continue to provide updated information as this issue evolves, and will continue to share how the state is addressing local challenges caused by this global disruption.

To date, DEQ has concurred on the following:

Organization Name	Date	Materials Type	Disposal Frequency
Central Coast Disposal	9/27/2017	Residential commingled	One time
Hood River Recycle and Transfer Station	10/19/2017	Residential commingled	Ongoing
The Dalles Transfer Station	10/19/2017	Residential commingled	Ongoing
Baker Sanitary Service	10/26/2017	Mixed Plastics	Ongoing
Southern Oregon Sanitation, Inc.	10/27/2017	Residential commingled	Ongoing
Pioneer Recycling Services	10/31/2017	Aseptic containers and cartons	Ongoing
Republic Services - Grants Pass	11/1/2017	Residential commingled	Ongoing
Rogue Materials Recovery	11/2/2017	Residential commingled	Ongoing
Klamath County Solid Waste Division	11/3/2017	Comingled, scrap paper, corrugated cardboard, rigid plastic and #3-#7 plastic	One time
Waste Pro	11/7/2017	Residential commingled	Ongoing
Rogue Disposal and Recovery	11/7/2017	Residential commingled	Ongoing
Willamette Resources Inc.	11/14/2017	Film plastic, rigid plastic containers	One time
International Paper	1/22/2018	PVC film	One time
Garten Services Inc.	2/12/2018	Rigid plastic, mixed waste paper and #3-#7 plastic	Ongoing

Total amount of materials disposed from October 2017 to the present - **6,107 tons**