

HOW TO

RECYCLE RIGHT IN OREGON



Do your part to reduce, reuse and recycle right

Did you know that



9%
or more of what Oregonians put in their recycling bin is trash?

Recycling the wrong stuff can turn valuable materials into trash. Know what belongs in your bin, and when in doubt, find out!

How to recycle right

Know what items are accepted in your local recycling program—recycling rules differ around the state.

Only put clean, empty, dry materials in your bin. Items with a lot of food or grease can ruin an entire load of materials.

Remember that recycling is only one way you can help!

First

REDUCE

What you buy in the first place

Second

REUSE

What you already have

Third

RECYCLE

Do it right and make it count

Why is recycling so important?

Recycling provides materials for industry, which reduces environmental impacts caused by extracting virgin resources. It also saves energy, creates jobs and reduces pollution.

In 2017, Oregonians recycled 1,500,000 tons of materials!

WHICH IS KIND OF LIKE



REDUCING 3.2 MILLION

metric tons of CO2 from being released in our atmosphere



REMOVING 679,000

passenger cars from the road every year



POWERING 380,000

homes for a full year!

Did you know that ...

Making new products with recycled paper uses



less energy than cutting down trees?

Using recycled aluminum requires



less energy than mining for ore?

Oh, and recycling also accounted for

757,000

jobs in the U.S. in 2015!



To learn more about how to reduce, recuse and recycle right, visit www.oregon.gov/deq/recycling

Resources

- <https://www.oregon.gov/deq/recycling/Pages/Survey.aspx>
- <https://www.oregon.gov/deq/FilterDocs/mm-chinaqf.pdf>
- https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-07/documents/2015_smm_msw_factsheet_07242018_fnl_508_002.pdf

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