









Recycling Acceptance Lists: March 6, 2023, update

During the Oregon Recycling Council’s meeting on Aug. 18, 2022, DEQ introduced initial recommendations regarding materials for inclusion in two different recycling acceptance lists: one for local governments and one for PROs. The Council consulted on these lists in August, October and December 2022. These lists will be established by administrative rule in 2023, and will define which materials local governments and PROs must collect for recycling.

DEQ is recommending requiring local governments to collect the following materials under their Opportunity to Recycle obligations:

Uniform Statewide Collection List

To be collected at depots and on-route collection, and suitable for commingled collection:

<p>Corrugated cardboard (uncoated and recycle-compatible coated; clean pizza boxes OK)</p>		<p>All kraft paper (brown paper bags, mailers)</p>	
<p>Paperboard packaging (e.g., cereal, cracker and medicine boxes)</p>		<p>Molded pulp packaging (e.g., egg cartons, but not food serveware or flower pots)</p>	
<p>Polycoated cartons (e.g., milk cartons), aseptic cartons, and polycoated paper cups</p>		<p>Tissue paper used as packaging (not facial or sanitary tissue)</p>	


<p>Non-metalized gift wrap (no ribbons or bows)</p>		<p>High-grade office paper (e.g., white and colored ledger)</p>	
<p>Newspaper/newsprint</p>		<p>Magazines, catalogs and similar glossy paper</p>	
<p>Telephone directories</p>		<p>Other printing and writing paper (e.g., envelopes, "junk mail", cards)</p>	
<p>Paperback books</p>		<p>Aluminum food and beverage cans</p>	
<p>Steel cans, including empty/dry paint cans</p>		<p>Scrap metal less than 10 pounds in weight and 18 inches in length; excluding sharp items and "tangles" (e.g., bicycle chains, wire)</p>	
<p>Paper "cans" with metal ends (e.g., snack, nut and coffee cans)</p>		<p>Plastic bottles and jugs, 6 ounces and larger, made of clear PET (#1), natural or colored HDPE (#2) or LDPE (#4), or clear or colored polypropylene (#5) (caps OK if screwed on)</p>	

<p>Plastic tubs (e.g., cottage cheese), 6 ounces or larger, made of PET (#1), HDPE (#2), LDPE (#4), or polypropylene (#5)</p>		<p>Nursery (plant) packaging: HDPE (#2) and PP (#5) only</p>	
<p>Plastic buckets, pails, storage containers and other bulky HDPE (#2) or polypropylene (#5) plastic packaging that fit loosely in the provided on-route collection container</p>		<p>Clear plastic cups, made of PET (#1) or polypropylene (#5), but no other plastic food serviceware</p>	

Only at depots and collected segregated from other materials (not commingled):










<p>Motor oil</p>		<p>Scrap metal including large appliances and other items not on the Uniform Statewide Collection List</p>	
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Metro region only:

<p>Glass packaging (bottles, jars): non-residential on-route only</p>	
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PRO acceptance lists

DEQ recommends requiring PROs to provide for recycling of the following materials under separate collection services as required by ORS 459A.914(1)(b) and ORS 459A.896(1):

Steel and aluminum aerosol packaging		Single-use liquid fuel canisters and other pressurized cylinders	
Aluminum foil and pressed foil products		Glass packaging (e.g., bottles and jars)	
Shredded paper		Polyethylene film	
Plastic buckets and other bulky HDPE (#2) or polypropylene (#5) packaging		HDPE package handles (such as 6-pack handles)	
Polyethylene and polypropylene lids		Block white expanded polystyrene	

Other materials and next steps

DEQ proposes to recommend the materials included above for the 2023 material acceptance list rulemaking (lists will go into effect July 1, 2025). Materials not on any of the lists described above have either not been evaluated by DEQ, or have been evaluated and set aside as not recommended for inclusion on acceptance lists at this time.

As part of the consultation with the Recycling Council mandated by ORS 459A.914(1), DEQ invites feedback from Council members on all materials, both those recommended for placement on an acceptance list, and those not.

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