



Recycling Steering Committee

Modernizing Oregon's recycling system, with support from Oregon Consensus

MODERNIZING OREGON'S RECYCLING SYSTEM

Key Functions of a Future System

The Recycling Steering Committee's goal is to help create a recycling system that optimizes benefits for the environment, is strong and adaptable to change, and restores and maintains public trust.

To help evaluate potential options for Oregon's future recycling system, the Recycling Steering Committee has identified the following key functions that will inform their recommendations.

WHOLE SYSTEM DESIGN

- Optimizes the benefits of recycling considering life cycle impacts and costs
- Resiliently adapts to changes in material supply and end market demand
- Provides sustainable and equitable financing for stable operations and capital investments
- Integrates system components to achieve overall system goals
- Includes mechanisms to reduce upstream impacts of materials
- Designs for equity – examining the burdens and benefits across the state

RESPONSIBILITY

- Shares responsibility for the system among players including residents and businesses, producers, state and local governments, and recycling industry

GOALS AND MEASURES

- Uses goals and metrics to measure progress and support ongoing improvement

EDUCATION, OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

- Educates and encourages residents and businesses to use the system properly
- Engages the public to understand the benefits and the costs of recycling, preventing waste and reducing impacts of materials throughout their life cycles

MATERIALS COLLECTED

- Identifies beneficial materials acceptable for collection programs

COLLECTION SYSTEM

- Collects clean, acceptable materials for processing

MATERIAL PROCESSING

- Ensures processing facilities receive clean materials and in sufficient volumes
- Produces quality materials that reach end markets

TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- Ensures materials are managed responsibly from collection through end markets
- Ensures all players in the system perform responsibly

LEARN MORE

To learn more about the Recycling Steering Committee, visit <https://go.usa.gov/xmYYe>.

ALTERNATIVE FORMATS

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