



Recycling Acceptance Lists: Dec. 15, 2022 Update

Prepared for Consultation with Oregon Recycling Council at its Dec. 15, 2022 meeting

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. These lists will be established by administrative rule in 2023, and will define which materials local governments and PROs must collect for recycling. At the Oct. 20, 2022 meeting of the Recycling Council, DEQ shared and invited feedback on an initial list of recommendations.

New recommendations

Following are DEQ's recommendations for additional materials:

Material	Local Government Recycling Acceptance List	PRO Recycling Acceptance List
Paper "cans" with metal ends (e.g., snack, coffee cans)	Yes (on-route and depot collection; suitable for commingling)	
Glass packaging (e.g., bottles and jars)	Yes (Metro region only, non-residential on-route collection only; not suitable for commingling)	Yes
PET thermoform packaging not described elsewhere	No acceptance required	
Nursery packaging (e.g., flower pots and trays)	Yes (HDPE and PP only) (on-route and depot collection; suitable for commingling)	
Block white expanded polystyrene		Yes
Polyethylene and polypropylene lids		Yes
HDPE package handles (such as 6-pack handles)		Yes
Large metal appliances (such as refrigerators, washers, and dryers)	Yes (depot collection only)	
Single-use liquid fuel canisters and other pressurized cylinders (e.g., propane canisters)		Yes









Local government acceptance lists (updated December 2022)

Combining new recommendations with those previously shared with the Recycling Council, DEQ is now 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:


Corrugated cardboard (uncoated and recycle-compatible coated; clean pizza boxes OK)		All kraft paper (brown paper bags, mailers)	
Paperboard packaging (e.g., cereal, cracker and medicine boxes)		Molded pulp packaging (e.g., egg cartons, but not food serviceware or flower pots)	
Polycoated cartons (e.g., milk cartons), aseptic cartons, and polycoated paper cups		Tissue paper used as packaging (not facial or sanitary tissue)	
Non-metalized gift wrap (no ribbons or bows)		High-grade office paper (e.g., white and colored ledger)	
Newspaper/newsprint		Magazines, catalogs and similar glossy paper	

Telephone directories		Other printing and writing paper (e.g., envelopes, "junk mail", cards)	
Paperback books		Aluminum food and beverage cans	
Steel cans, including empty/dry paint cans		Scrap metal less than 10 pounds in weight and 18 inches in length; excluding sharp items and "tanglers" (e.g., bicycle chains, wire)	
Paper "cans" with metal ends (e.g., snack, nut and coffee cans)		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)	
Plastic tubs (e.g., cottage cheese), 6 ounces or larger, made of PET (#1), HDPE (#2), LDPE (#4), or polypropylene (#5)		Nursery (plant) packaging: HDPE (#2) and PP (#5) only	
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		Clear plastic cups, made of PET (#1) or polypropylene (#5), but no other plastic food serveware	

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







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

Glass packaging (bottles, jars): non-residential on-route only	
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PRO acceptance lists (updated)

Combining new recommendations with those previously shared with the Recycling Council, 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. Discussion on these materials will continue at the Dec. 15 meeting and into early 2023.

DEQ will prepare additional documentation to support recommended placement of materials on material acceptance lists. This documentation will be posted to the [web page for the Rulemaking Advisory Committee](#) by early January. Following that, DEQ will issue a final invitation for Recycling Council members to identify any materials they wish to discuss in the context of recommended acceptance lists. These discussions must be completed early in 2023 to inform the draft administrative rules that will be brought to the Environmental Quality Commission in mid-2023.

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