

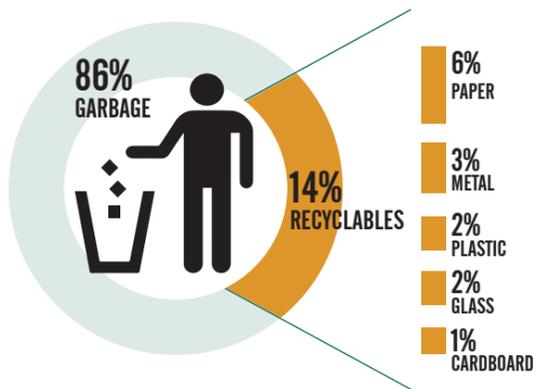
Clackamas County's recycling progress

NEW RECYCLING GOAL!

In 2013, Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties met our previous goal to recycle and recover 58% of our waste. This year, Oregon updated the 1991 recycling and recovery goals. Our new regional recovery goal is 64% by 2025!

BETTER SORTING CAN HELP US REACH OUR NEW GOAL

An easy step towards achieving the 64% recovery goal is to avoid tossing acceptable recyclables in your garbage. A recent regional study found that almost 15% of what single-family households in Clackamas County put in the garbage was recyclable--about 42 pounds per person in each year. Paper, plastic bottles/tubs, metal and glass in our garbage can be recycled and repurposed again.



RECYCLABLES IN RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE BY PERCENT

Source: Single-family Recycling and Waste Compostion Studies, July 2015, Metro

REMEMBER - THESE ITEMS DON'T BELONG IN RECYCLING:

If it's not on the Recycle Guide, it's not recyclable at home. Resist the temptation to add other items that seem similar or recyclable to you. According to the same study, 9% of the material in our recycle carts doesn't belong. Two of the most problematic materials remain **plastic bags** and wrap (otherwise known as plastic film) and **glass**.



Please leave plastic bags and film out of your recycle cart! Reuse them or take them to a recycle center.

Plastic bags can be reused to collect pet waste, tossed in the garbage or taken to a collection point (see page 8). These

bags, when placed in the recycle cart, mess up the sorting systems and cause other recyclables to be trashed at the sorting facilities. Please: do not put plastic bags or film in your recycle cart. The only plastics accepted for recycling at the curb are bottles, jugs, buckets and tubs (see page 9). If you're unsure, call the regional Recycling Hotline at 503-234-3000 or go online to oregonmetro.gov/findarecycler to find reuse and recycling options.

Don't forget glass is collected in a separate recycling container.

Glass should be recycled in your separate glass bin, but never in the recycle cart.



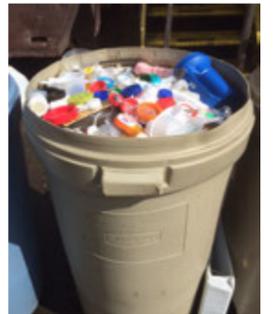
Master Recycler Spotlight: Denise Slattery

Simple actions add up. Just ask Denise Slattery, a Master Recycler volunteer in Clackamas County.

As a Master Recycler, Denise is part of a growing group of residents who have gained expertise in getting rid of waste through recycling, composting, reuse, repair and thoughtful consumer habits. Master Recyclers take an eight-week course, benefit from these practices at home and work, and then volunteer in their communities.

Denise has reduced her household's garbage to just one small bag a month. At home, Denise found simple and clever ways to avoid the landfill through careful recycling and an eye towards buying recyclable products. For example, she collects a number of items and drops them off at her local recycling depot center, Far West Recycling.

Right: Denise's family's lids, caps and other rigid plastics saved for recycling at a depot.



"As much as I try to avoid it, there's still a surprising amount of plastic that comes into the house! Honestly, it takes very little effort to separate this stuff—like clam shells, empty prescription containers, lids, hard plastic packaging, etc.," said Denise. "The thing I most enjoy is when I know I've shared information about recycling and waste reduction that is valuable to someone else."

Sound interesting? Join the spring 2016 Master Recycler course hosted in Oregon City. Visit masterrecycler.org or call 503-742-4463 to learn more. Registration opens in January.

Inclement Weather Reminder: Garbage and recycling service can be disrupted by bad weather.

Contact your garbage company to see if collection has been postponed due to unsafe road conditions. Go to clackamas.us/recycling/garbage.html to find contact information.



Bridging the gap between awareness and action by motivating people to reduce waste in their homes and workplaces.

Fall 2015 Oregon Green Schools in Clackamas County!

At schools across Clackamas County, students, teachers and staff are making a difference in their communities with programs to recycle, reduce waste, save energy and conserve water. Please join us in recognizing the following certified Oregon Green Schools for their outstanding commitment!

PREMIER

- Deep Creek Damascus (Damascus)
- Gladstone High (Gladstone)
- Hallinan Elementary (Lake Oswego)
- Kelso Elementary (Boring)
- Oak Creek Elementary (Lake Oswego)
- Rex Putnam High (Milwaukie)

MERIT

- Athey Creek Middle (Wilsonville)
- Boeckman Creek Primary (Wilsonville)
- Cedaroak Park Primary (West Linn)
- Forest Hills Elementary (Lake Oswego)
- Lakeridge Jr. High (Lake Oswego)
- North Clackamas Christian (Oregon City)
- Redland Elementary (Oregon City)

- Sunset Primary (West Linn)
- Trillium Creek Primary (West Linn)
- Westridge Elementary (Lake Oswego)
- Willamette Primary (West Linn)

GREEN

- Ardenwald Elementary (Milwaukie)
- Candy Lane Elementary (Oregon City)
- Cascade Heights Public Charter (Clackamas)
- Clackamas High (Happy Valley)
- Gardiner Middle (Oregon City)
- Jennings Lodge Elementary (Oregon City)
- Lowrie Primary (Wilsonville)
- Molalla River Academy (Molalla)
- Mt. Scott Elementary (Happy Valley)
- Oregon Trail Elementary (Happy Valley)
- Rural Dell Elementary (Molalla)



- Springwater Environmental Sciences (Oregon City)
- Spring Mountain Elementary (Happy Valley)
- St. John the Apostle (Oregon City)
- View Acres Elementary (Milwaukie)
- Verne Duncan Elementary (Happy Valley)

Oregon Green Schools is a nonprofit organization dedicated to energizing and engaging students through student-driven activities that advance their understanding and ownership of sustainability.

You can do it! Are you motivated to reduce the environmental impact of your school? Teachers, administrators, parents, are you interested in seeing your school become certified? Contact Laurel Bates, Waste Reduction Education Coordinator, for free resources and assistance at lbates@clackamas.us or 503-742-4454

Recycling at Home and Work

Recycling and Reuse locations in Clackamas County

The locations listed on this page are among the most frequently utilized for recycling or reuse in Clackamas County. Call or visit websites of these organizations for the most up-to-date information about hours of operation, currently accepted materials and potential fees.

Not sure where to take something? For information about where to take non-curbside recycling, donate for reuse or dispose of materials call Metro's Recycling Hotline: 503-234-3000 or look up items on the Find A Recycler website: OregonMetro.gov/FindaRecycler.

Rigid Plastics

Take non-curbside bulky plastics and rigid plastics to a recycle depot. Bulky plastics include: lawn furniture, crates and storage bins. Rigid plastics include: clean take out trays, containers and cups.

- **Far West Recycling**
503-200-5411
FarWestRecycling.com
341 Foothills Rd., Lake Oswego
- **Far West Recycling**
503-238-1640
FarWestRecycling.com
4930 SE 26th Ave., Portland



Plastic Bags, Film and Wrap

A variety of plastic film can be returned to **retail stores** that have bins for plastic bags. Some recycling depots also take this material. Accepted plastic includes produce and bread bags, dry cleaning bags, case wrap, newspaper bags, plastic wrap and air pillows. *Note: Metro South only accepts clear plastic bags and film.*

- **Far West Recycling**
503-200-5411
FarWestRecycling.com
341 Foothills Rd., Lake Oswego
- **Metro South Transfer Station**
503-234-3000
2001 Washington St., Oregon City



Bulky Items

Options for getting rid of bulky items, such as furniture and appliances.

- **Donate:** Call **503-234-3000** or go online to search Metro's Find a Recycler OregonMetro.gov/FindaRecycler.
- **Curbside pick-up** (by your garbage company). *Call for fees/details*
- **Take to a garbage facility:** Dispose of items at **Metro South Transfer Station** (503-234-3000) in Oregon City or **Clackamas County Transfer Station** (503-668-8885) in Sandy.



Prescription Medication

Keep our children and water safe. Properly dispose of unused medication. It should not be flushed down the toilet! Many police and sheriff offices within Clackamas County have a drop box for unused medications. These drop boxes may not be used by businesses or care facilities.

- **Acceptable items:** Prescription medications and samples.
- **Unacceptable items:** Thermometers, medical sharps, IV bags, bloody or infectious waste, inhalers and iodine.

Alternate medication drop site:

Metro South Hazardous Waste Facility
503-234-3000 | 2001 Washington St., Oregon City



Electronics

OregonCycles.com
1-888-5-ECYCLE

Oregon E-cycles is a free recycling program for computers, monitors, printers, keyboards, mice and TVs. Take up to seven E-cycles items at a time to a collection site for free recycling.

Locations in and around Clackamas County include: **Goodwill, Salvation Army, Teen Challenge Thrift Store, Deseret Thrift Store, Free Geek** and many other recycling depots.



Paint

PaintCare.org
503-234-3000

Residents and Oregon-based businesses that have small quantities of leftover paint can drop off extra containers of paint, no larger than five gallons, for free at PaintCare locations. Paint must be in its original container, have a label and a secured lid.

- **Accepted:** house paint and primers, stains, sealers, and clear coatings (e.g., shellac and varnish), but we do not accept aerosols (spray cans), solvents, and products intended for industrial or non-architectural use.



Donate Your Stuff

Many materials can be recycled or reused in your community.

- **Evergreen Thrift**, Milwaukie
503-653-7510
- **Red White & Blue Donation Center**, Gladstone
503-655-3444 | redwhiteandbluethriftstore.com
- **Deseret Industries**, Happy Valley
503-777-3895 | deseretindustries.lds.org
- **Habitat Restore**, Canby
503-263-6691 | nvwrestore.org



Yard Debris

These facilities in Clackamas County accept yard debris, branches, untreated wood and other materials for a **fee**.

West Linn Dan Davis Recycling Center (operated by Recology)
503-655-1928
4001 Willamette Falls Dr., West Linn

McFarlane's Bark
503-659-4240
13345 SE Johnson Rd., Milwaukie

Metro South Transfer Station
503-234-3000
2001 Washington St., Oregon City

S & H Landscaping Supplies
503-638-1011
20200 SW Stafford Rd., Tualatin



About Trash Talk

Trash Talk pages are provided by Clackamas County's Resource Conservation & Solid Waste Program, on behalf of the Clackamas County Recycling Partnership: a cooperative of Clackamas County, the cities of Barlow, Canby, Damascus, Estacada, Gladstone, Happy Valley, Lake Oswego, Milwaukie, Molalla, Oregon City, Sandy, West Linn and Wilsonville, and local garbage and recycling companies.

Contact

Clackamas County Resource Conservation & Solid Waste
503-557-6363 | wasteinfo@clackamas.us
clackamas.us/recycling

Recycling at Home and Work

Mix only these items in your Recycling Container

PAPER

- Newspaper
- Cardboard (flattened)
- Magazines and phone books
- Mail and catalogs
- Scrap paper
- Paper bags
- Cartons: milk, juice, soup (rinsed)
- Shredded paper (in a paper bag)



PLASTIC

- Bottles
 - Jugs
 - Tubs
 - Nursery pots (larger than four inches)
 - Buckets (five gallons or less)
- Ignore numbers on containers; they indicate plastic resin type, not recyclability*
- Empty and rinse containers*
- Six ounces or larger in size*



METAL

- Aluminum, tin and steel food cans
 - Metal paint cans (empty and dry)
 - Aerosol cans
 - Aluminum foil and pie plates
 - Scrap metal (smaller than 30 inches and less than 30 pounds)
- Do not flatten cans*
- Labels are OK*
- Tin tops are OK if crimped inside can*
- Empty and rinse containers*



In your Garbage Container

Plastic film and bags



To-go cups and containers (paper + plastic cups and clamshells)



Frozen food containers



Glassware, ceramics and incandescent light bulbs



Also in your garbage: food-soiled paper, pizza boxes, carpet, textiles, food scraps, containers labeled "compostable," pet waste, and diapers. *Some items can be taken to a drop-off center to be recycled or reused.*

In your Yard Debris Container

YARD DEBRIS

- Leaves and flowers
- Grass clippings
- Weeds
- Tree and shrub trimmings (less than four inches in diameter and 36 inches in length)

Do not include:

- x Plastic bags
- x Household garbage
- x Metal
- x Food scraps or food-soiled papers
- x Rocks
- x Dirt or Sod
- x Ashes
- x Diapers
- x Pet waste
- x Oversized items
- x Plastic
- x Building lumber
- x Stumps



In your separate Glass Container

GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS

- Empty and rinse containers
- All colors together
- Remove caps and corks
- Labels are ok



On the Side

MOTOR OIL

Set used motor oil next to your glass bin

- Marked, see-through container with a screw-top cap
- No larger than two gallons

Single-family customers only, not at apartments or businesses.



Metro's Recycling Hotline 503-234-3000

Trash Talk

Congratulations to these Clackamas businesses newly certified as Leaders in Sustainability

These eight businesses are implementing more than 50 best practices that reduce waste, save energy, water, and money, and create a healthier workplace. Below are just a few of those practices. Find details about their experience and ideas you can adopt, at clackamas.us/recycling/lis.

Babica Hen Cafe & Gubanc's

- Compost food scraps
- Follow a sustainable purchasing and recycling policy
- Utilize prepped food for new menu items before composting
- Donate in-kind service and prepared food to the community



Danielsons

- Reused cabinetry, fixtures, and more in office remodeling
- Installed one of the first electric vehicle charging stations in Oregon City
- Allow employees to dedicate two work days per year to volunteer with and lead community organizations
- Installed LED lights throughout their entire office and soon in parking lot lights



Mary's Woods

- Compost food scraps
- Sisters, employees and residents meet monthly to explore new best practices
- Purchasing electric vehicles for resident transportation
- Installed light occupancy sensors and programmable thermostats



Centerpointe - Norris, Beggs & Simpson

- Eliminated turf, installed native plants and replaced irrigation sprinkler heads to eliminate water runoff, over-spraying/saturated areas and excessive pressure
- Annual waste audit conducted to measure progress and reduce garbage costs
- Provide tenants an annual lunch event that helps leaders and office managers to reduce their carbon footprints



Tucci Ristorante

- Purchase green cleaners
- Compost food scraps
- Grow their own produce and purchase from local farmers
- Use electronic invoicing and billing



Kyra's Bake Shop

- Compost food scraps
- Purchase Energy Star equipment and LED lights
- Purchase green cleaners and take-out products made from recycle content materials
- Offer bike parking and lockers for employees



Coffee Creek Correctional Facility

- Garden produces over 6,000 lbs of healthy organic vegetables used on site or donated to the food bank
- Monitoring and reducing food expenses by \$500,000+ by establishing serving lines & portion control
- Waste audits have saved \$1,800 on monthly garbage bills



WE COMPOST!

Congratulations to these new participating businesses...



Kaiser Permanente
Town Center Village
Jo's Place Saloon
Rose Villa

Businesses in select areas in Clackamas County can now compost their food scraps. For more info or to schedule a free consultation call Dena Hastings 503-742-4469 or email dhastings@clackamas.us.



We partner with businesses to provide:

- ▶ green purchasing options
- ▶ waste prevention ideas
- ▶ personalized guidance
- ▶ educational signage
- ▶ local recognition
- ▶ recycling boxes



Green
Your Business

Get
Certified

Be
Recognized



clackamas.us/recycling/lis | 503-742-4458 | lis@clackamas.us