



Spring Newsletter

Quarterly Sanitation & Recycling Newsletter Serving the Communities of Baker County, Oregon

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RECYCLING TIPS FOR SPRING

Spring is a great time to reorganize your home. Below are a few ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle as you declutter your home.

REDUCE:



Why Start Composting in Spring?

Spring is an ideal time to start composting. As the weather warms, microbial activity in the compost bin increases, leading to faster decomposition of materials. This is the season when gardening activities resume, providing an abundance of green waste from pruning, and lawn maintenance that can be composted instead of discarded. Click on the link below for more information.

[Spring Composting 101: Beginner's Guide to a Greener Garden - Backyard Focus](#)

REUSE:



Donate Unwanted Items

Our Local Recycling Resource guide lists various businesses within our community that provide opportunities to reduce, reuse, and recycle. Scan the QR code below to view our Local Recycling Resource guide for more information on local recycling options.



RECYCLE:



E-Waste Recycling

You can recycle up to seven or fewer personal computers, monitors, laptops, tablets (greater than 4"), keyboards, mice and cell phones at a time to our depot at Baker Sanitary Service.

Cardboard Recycling

Large quantities of cardboard can be dropped off on Tuesdays between 8-12 p.m. at our depot. Please check in at our office first before dropping off large volume loads.



REMINDERS FOR RECYCLING AT BAKER SANITARY SERVICE



- Please read the label, and only put in what is allowed in each bin.
- The magazine/newspaper bin has seen the most contamination lately, please keep different material separated. No brown packing paper in this bin.
- Tin and steel cans are magnetic, aluminum is not. If you don't know, please check in with the Main Office.
- Only HDPE#2 Plastic can be recycled.
 - There is one bin for the translucent bottles like milk jugs, vinegar jugs, etc.
 - There is a second bin (in the gated area) for all the colored bottles like laundry detergent or cat litter.
- A-D batteries are no longer recyclable. Please tape the FRONT & BACK of all flat batteries. 9-Volt batteries, hearing aid, and rechargeable batteries come to the Main Office. We also accept lithium batteries at our office. Car type batteries are accepted in our E-Waste drop off at our depot.

BAKER SANITARY SERVICE

Main Office: 541-523-2626 | Office Hours 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. | 3048 Campbell Street Baker City, Oregon 97814

Mailing Address: P.O. BOX 169 Baker City Oregon 97814 | www.bakersanitary.com

Email Us At info@bakersanitary.com

Spring Seasonal Reminders

Garbage pickup

Remember to set your roll cart out the night before your scheduled pickup day to avoid missed pickups.

As moisture in roll carts will freeze, we recommend bagging all trash so that it does not freeze in the bottom of the cart. This will prevent it from not emptying all the way on your service day. Light items such as styrofoam, and grass clippings tend to get stuck as well. These items should be bagged, and placed at the top to ensure your roll cart empties all the way.

Landfill

Our landfill is open year-round for large waste disposal. Please expect potentially challenging conditions with snow and mud. It is recommended to use a 4X4 vehicle.

Grass clippings and yard debris can be taken to the landfill for free, but no large stumps over 12 inches in diameter. Courtesy passes are **NO** longer needed at the landfill. You are still required to be weighed in and out.

Composting

We have started composting animal carcass, and yard debris at our landfill. From January-May Baker County provides a dead animal pick up program in the Keating/Richland/Halfway area. Contact our office for more information: 541-523-2626

Baker Sanitary Service is now offering a scholarship to Baker County residents pursuing Automotive or Diesel Mechanic programs. Please visit our website <https://www.bakersanitary.com/> (homepage) for more information.

GOT HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE?

First Wednesday Of Every Month

Call Our Main Office to Set Up Your Appointment: 541-523-2626

What is considered Household Hazardous Waste?

Flammable liquids, corrosives, chemicals, pesticides - even fluorescent tubes, PCB ballasts, batteries, non-recyclable paint or spray paint. The only wastes which can't be accepted are radioactive materials, explosives, certain very reactive materials, and "acutely hazardous wastes."*

HHW is FREE for individuals. Businesses do have to pay a fee, and have to fill out a CEG packet prior to appointment which can be found on our HHW page online.

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS BY RECYCLING LOCATIONS:

Bins Available 24/7 at Baker Sanitary Service Recycling Depot: 3048 Campbell Street Baker City, OR 98714

- Aluminum Cans/Foil
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Glass Bottles/Jars
- Magazines/Newspapers
- HDPE #2 Natural (translucent)
- Tinned/Steel Cans

Bins Available 9 A.M. - 4 P.M. at Baker Sanitary Service Landfill: 39144 W. Sutton Creek Road Baker City, OR 98714

- Aluminum/Tin
- Glass Bottles
- Milk Jugs
- Magazines/Newspapers

Bins Available M-F 8 A.M. - 4 P.M. at Baker Sanitary Service Recycling Depot: 3048 Campbell Street Baker City, OR 98714

- Car Batteries - Depot
- CFL Bulbs - Office
- Fluorescent Lights - Office
- E-Waste (Electronic Waste) - Depot
- Metal - Depot
- Motor Oil - Check with Office
- HDPE #2 Colored Bottles - Depot
- Shredded Paper - Depot
- Batteries - 9 volt, hearing aid, and rechargeable batteries - Office
- Plastic bags, shrink wrap, bubble wrap, and styrofoam are not recyclable at our locations.

