

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO RECYCLE

"Since the late 1980s, recycling and composting have captivated the public's attention as a solution to environmental problems associated with solid waste. But the State of Oregon and many other organizations recognize that there's an even higher priority than recycling and composting: waste prevention. In fact, Oregon law defines waste prevention as the number one priority method for managing solid waste in Oregon."

Materials Management Pyramid



The hierarchy places emphasis on reducing, reusing, recycling and composting as key to sustainable materials management. These strategies reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change.

"Waste prevention" is sometimes associated with reuse because they both reduce waste generation. Waste prevention is very different from recycling.

Recycling is a process for redirecting discards away from disposal and back into the flow of commerce, where they are transformed and used as feedstocks to make new products. In contrast, waste prevention is about not making waste in the first place – through changing what we use and how we use it.

Read More on Oregon

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) website

<https://www.oregon.gov/deq/mm/Pages/Waste-Prevention-and-Reuse.aspx>

COMPOSTING

What is compost?

Compost is that dark, crumbly, earthy-smelling form of decomposing organic matter. It is the end result of the decomposition of organic material by organisms in the soil.

Why is composting important?

Compost contains essential plant nutrients. It improves soil structure. It retains water, decreases runoff and feeds beneficial soil organisms.

**Get involved locally with the Baker County Oregon State University Extension Office for more information on composting & the Master Gardeners Program
2600 East Street Baker City, OR 97814
541-523-6418**

Read More on the Oregon State University Extension website

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening/techniques/compost-backyard>

OREGON WASTE PREVENTION OUTREACH CAMPAIGNS

Oregon DEQ has developed waste prevention campaigns to help local governments encourage waste reduction in communities.

Make Every Thread Count

an Oregon public awareness campaign that encourages Oregonians to think differently before buying clothes, make smarter choices at the register and extend the life of their clothing. Oregonians are smart, practical consumers and this campaign shows how simple steps can greatly reduce the environmental impacts associated with clothing.

Wasted Food, Wasted Money

a public awareness campaign designed to help commercial generators of food save money by reducing wasted food. This includes grocers, restaurants and commercial kitchens and campaign materials are designed to address each audience. To reduce waste, this campaign outlines four simple steps and provides tools and resources to help businesses succeed.

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BAKER SANITARY SERVICE REDUCE, REUSE & RECYCLE GUIDE

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BAKER CITY, OR 97814-0169 | 541-523-2626

MONDAY- FRIDAY 8AM-4PM

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WHAT & WHERE TO RECYCLE:

Read more specific details about our recycling services below:

Bins Available 24/7 at Baker Sanitary Service Recycling Depot 3048 Campbell Street

Aluminum Cans/Foil

Simply rinse these cans. Pop cans, Aluminum TV dinner trays, Pie Pans and Food Cans are acceptable. Other larger aluminum scrap metal can be disposed of at the landfill.

Corrugated Cardboard

Please flatten cardboard and exclude any waxed or plastic lined boxes. We only accept corrugated cardboard and brown paper grocery bags in this bin!

Glass Bottles/Jars

Food and beverage containers only. No need to remove labels or lids. Any color is ok. Simply deposit them into the window of the bin. No dishes, light bulbs, mirrors, windows, etc.

Magazines/ Newspapers

Use the slick paper feel as a guideline. NO mixed paper or books. Magazines and newspaper go in the same bin.

HDPE Natural (translucent)

Rinse the jugs and discard the lids. No other type of plastic in this bin.

Tinned/ Steel Cans

Rinse the cans and remove the labels. You can recycle the lids from the cans and metal lids from glass containers as well.

Bins Available M-F 8AM-4PM See Office for Locations

Batteries, CFL bulbs, Fluorescent lights

Please tape small, flat batteries on both sides. These items can be brought to the main office for recycling. 3048 Campbell Street.

E-Waste (Electronic Waste)

Monitors (with screens greater than 4"), computer towers, laptops, keyboards, mice, printers, and televisions.

Metal

Small mixed metal items can be placed in the brown metals bin at the Baker Sanitary Service Recycling Depot, large or heavy items can be taken to the landfill.

Motor Oil

Put your used crankcase motor oil in a "clear" non-glass container with a screw top lid. Place jug in tray at the oil collection station. Oil drop-off only available during office hours Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

HDPE Colored Bottles

For colored HDPE #2 bottles only. Bin available during office hours Monday-Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm in our gated area. Rinse the bottles and discard the lids. Call office with any questions.

Shredded Paper

White or pastel office paper only for commercial customers. Please dump out of plastic bags or boxes before placing in bin.

Household Hazardous Waste Day is First Wednesday Every Month

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

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 will have to fill out a CEG packet prior to appointment which can be found at bakersanitary.com

***Liquid recyclable paint should be take to Thatcher's Ace Hardware or Miller's Lumber to be recycled. Please call with any questions.**

WHAT IS A LANDFILL?

Landfills are the most common form of waste disposal and are an important component of an integrated waste management system.

Modern landfills are well-engineered and managed facilities for the disposal of solid waste. Landfills are located, designed, operated and monitored to ensure compliance with federal regulations. They are also designed to protect the environment from contaminants, which may be present in the waste stream.

Read More on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency website <https://www.epa.gov/landfills/basic-information-about-landfills>

BAKER LANDFILL INFORMATION

Our Baker landfill is a municipal solid waste landfill (MSWLF) which is a discrete area of land or excavation that receives household waste.

**39144 W. Sutton Creek Rd., Baker City, OR
Monday-Saturday 9am-4pm**

-Minimum charge at the landfill is \$20.00 for up to 668 lbs. All other garbage will be prorated at \$59.85/ton.

Cash, card, or check accepted.

-Yard Debris is FREE at the landfill for residence. Please haul your grass, weeds, leaves, brush, and limbs in a separate load.

-No sod, rock, dirt, or stumps/logs larger than 12 inches in diameter.

RECYCLABLES ACCEPTED OUT AT LANDFILL:

Bins Available Monday-Saturday 9AM-4PM

-Aluminum & Tin

-Glass Bottles

-Milk Jugs

-Newspaper & Magazines

ITEMS THAT NEED ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION:

-Contaminated Soil (Petroleum only)

Please call office at 541-523-2626

-Asbestos: Need to fill out an ASN4 form (2 copies needed)

For a complete list of acceptable materials, please visit us at <https://www.bakersanitary.com/landfill>