



# The Power of Prevention

Waste prevention, while often associated with recycling, is in fact very different. Recycling is the process of redirecting waste from the landfill and transforming it into materials that can be used for new products. Waste prevention aims to avoid creating waste in the first place by changing how and what we use.

Sharing is caring, for your wallet, friendships, and the environment. Consider swapping, borrowing, or sharing tools and other items with family, friends, and neighbors to avoid buying items that you may not need very often. This saves the resources needed to create the item.

Can't find a friend with the item you need? Many hardware stores rent outdoor and home improvement equipment. The Beaverton Main Library hosts a lending library where you can check out items from board games, tools, and kitchen blenders to a karaoke machine for your next party.



**RECYCLING INFORMATION:**  
[RecyclingMail@BeavertonOregon.gov](mailto:RecyclingMail@BeavertonOregon.gov)  
[www.BeavertonOregon.gov/recycling](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/recycling)  
503-526-2665





# Recycle more with Recycle+

Recycle+ is a new, convenient way to recycle more items. This optional service is available to single family homes with roll cart garbage and recycling service. We are working on plans to make it available to our community members living in apartments and condos.



## What items can I recycle with Recycle+?

- Stretchy plastic bags and film – e.g., produce bags, dry cleaning bags, plastic packaging around paper towels and toilet paper.
- Clear plastic #1 takeout containers – this includes hinged containers often used for takeout food, bakery goods and berries.
- Textiles – clothing, linens and rags not suitable for donation.
- Compact fluorescent light bulbs.

## How does it work?

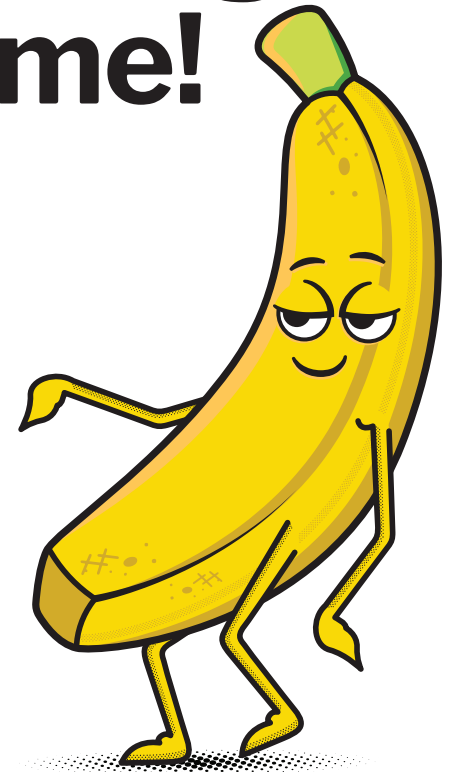
1. Sign up – contact your garbage and recycling company to enroll in the program. You will be given a purple bin for sorting and collecting materials.
2. Collect and bag items (one category per bag).
3. When your bin is full, contact your garbage and recycling company to schedule service.
4. Set out your purple bin at the curb on your scheduled Recycle+ service day.
5. For more information, please visit [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/RecyclePlus](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/RecyclePlus).

# Fighting Climate Change- One Banana at a Time!

Food is a big contributor to greenhouse gases. Preventing food waste and composting are great ways to reduce environmental impacts. It may seem like one banana won't change the world, but if every household eats the whole banana and composts every banana peel, that will have an impact.

Households waste more food than any other sector of the food system. This wasted food costs the average family over \$1,600 every year in addition to the natural resources used to grow the food.

Saving money and the environment by reducing food waste is easy! Here are a few quick tips to get started- to learn more and save more, visit [www.EatSmartWasteLess.com](http://www.EatSmartWasteLess.com).



**1. Shop with meals in mind-** Plan your meals, then make a shopping list. Shop your pantry and fridge before going to the store. Don't fall for "buy one get one free" deals. If you only need one, just buy one.

**2. Keep it fresh-** Learn where and how to store your food so that it stays the freshest the longest – like wrapping your broccoli in a damp towel and putting it in your vegetable fridge drawer.

**3. Eat what you buy-** First in, first out (FIFO), it just means eat the oldest stuff first. Try creating an "Eat this first" section in your fridge and put the leftovers, ripe fruit and other food that needs to get eaten in that area.

If you live in Beaverton and have yard waste service, you can place all your food waste into your compost cart (visit page 7 for more details). If you don't have yard waste service, consider exploring a backyard composting method. To learn more, visit [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/compost](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/compost).

## BUSINESSES & SCHOOLS DO GREAT THINGS

Beaverton's businesses and schools are helping keep food waste out of the landfill! This is great news for so many reasons; instead of rotting in a landfill and producing methane, the most potent of greenhouse gases, food waste is turned into compost and fertilizes our soil.

Reducing food waste is the best thing to do, but diverting it from landfills is also crucial to helping us reach our local and state climate goals.

**Over 120 Beaverton businesses and nearly all Beaverton schools are composting their food scraps.** For more information or resources visit [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/compost](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/compost) or [www.FoodWasteStopsWithMe.org](http://www.FoodWasteStopsWithMe.org).

Thank you to all who are helping to make a difference by participating in the Beaverton Food Scraps Program.




# QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE |



Find more items, or the latest updates, at:  
[www.BeavertonOregon.gov/recycling](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/recycling) | 503-526-2665


## Garbage



All garbage, including plastic bags, to-go containers, lids, and packaging

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No TVs, computers, batteries, or hazardous waste



## Recycling



Empty and rinsed plastic bottles and plastic round containers (six ounces or larger and five gallons or less), metal, paper, and flattened cardboard

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No plastic bags or wrap, lids, glass, garbage, or block foam



## Compost



Food scraps, yard waste, food soiled napkins and paper towels, tea bags, and pizza delivery boxes

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No plastic bags, compostable containers and utensils, to-go containers, or pet waste



## Glass



Bottles and jars only, empty and dry, placed in a glass bin

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No lids, lightbulbs, caps, ceramics, or broken glass

## Batteries



Include alkaline, button cell and rechargeable batteries. Tape ends of all batteries, except alkaline. Put in a one-quart zip-sealed plastic bag and place on top of glass bin. Single-family customers only; not available at apartments or businesses.

## Motor Oil On the Side



Set motor oil next to bins in a clear plastic jug with a lid. Use a one-gallon, see-through, break-resistant bottle with a screw top lid; Single-family customers only; not available at apartments or businesses.



# Beyond the Curb

Many materials can be recycled or reused, even if they cannot go into your mixed recycling. For information about where to take materials for recycling or reuse “beyond the curb,” contact us at [recyclingmail@BeavertonOregon.gov](mailto:recyclingmail@BeavertonOregon.gov), **503-526-2665** or visit Metro’s Find A Recycler website at [www.OregonMetro.gov/FindARecycler](http://www.OregonMetro.gov/FindARecycler).

### Far West Recycling

**FarWestRecycling.com • 503-643-9944**

Far West Recycling has a public recycling depot where you can drop off hard-to-recycle items that are not accepted in your recycling.

### Household Hazardous Waste

**OregonMetro.gov/HHW • 503-234-3000**

Metro has two drop-off facilities that are open all year. A \$5 fee may be required for up to 35 gallons of material. Free neighborhood events may be held at select locations.

### Electronics

**OregonEcycles.org • 1-888-5-ECYCLE**

There are more than a dozen Oregon E-cycles free drop-off locations in and around Beaverton.

### Paint

**PaintCare.org • 1-855-724-6809**

PaintCare is a free paint recycling program. Paint must be in its original container, have a legible label, and a secured lid. No open or leaking cans are accepted.

### Large Items

**BeavertonOregon.gov/Recycling • 503-526-2665**

You have several options to consider for bulky waste items, such as furniture and appliances. Cost of disposal varies.

### Other Items

**OregonMetro.gov/FindARecycler 503-234-3000**

For up-to-date information about special items, such as plastic bags, fluorescent light bulbs, block foam, or foam peanuts.

### Medications

**MedTakeBackOregon.org • 844-482-5322**

There are many free, safe and secure disposal options for unwanted medications. Never dispose of medications down the drain—take them to a safe take-back location.

### Deposit Containers

**BottleDropCenters.com**

BottleDrop is the most convenient way to redeem your Oregon beverage containers at one of their redemption centers, retailers, or grocery stores.

# Feed yourself, then the soil!

Whether it’s the banana peel or restaurant leftovers you forgot about, we all end up with food stuff we can’t or didn’t eat. While preventing wasted food is the highest priority, composting what’s left is the next best thing.

Compost helps feed our soil by providing nutrient-rich fertilizer for local farms, gardens and landscapes. Compost also acts as a sponge, retaining water better than soil without it.

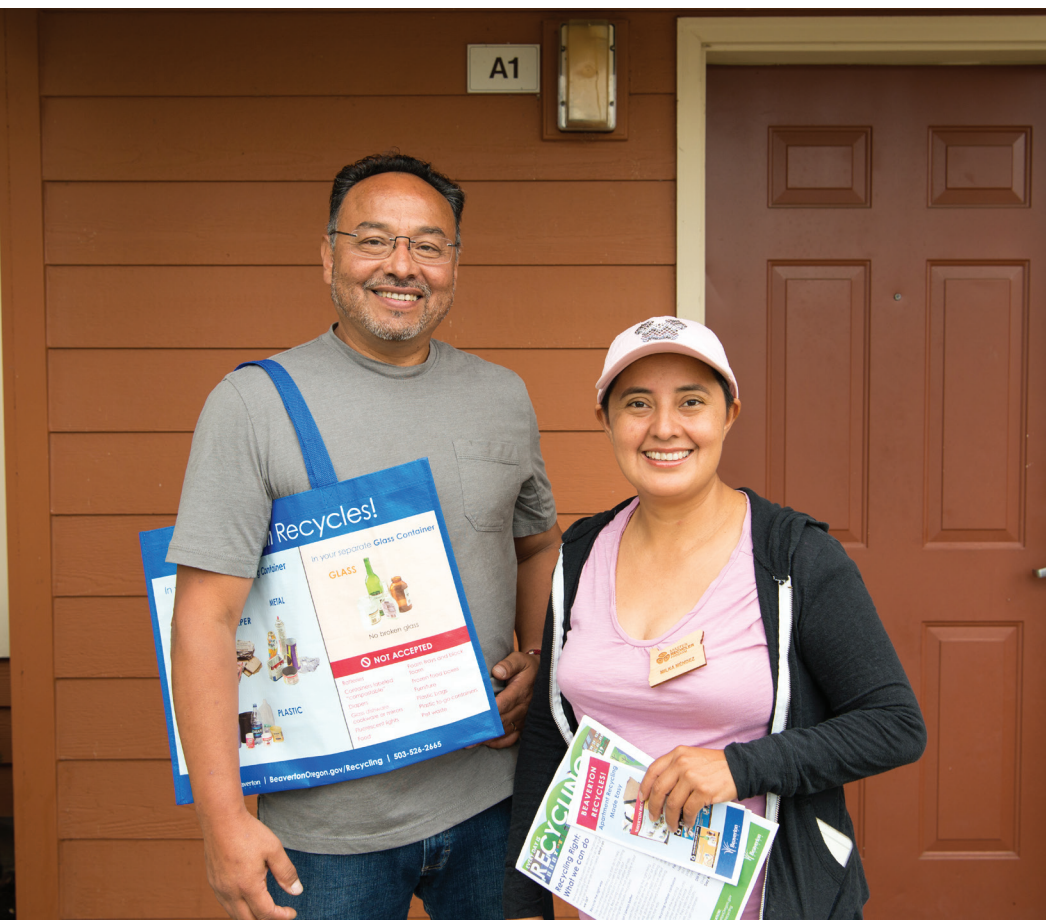
Composting in Beaverton is easy! Simply place your food scraps with your yard waste into your compost cart. Be sure to include all food items (even bones) and check the “Leave it out” list for materials that don’t belong. Visit [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/compost](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/compost).

### INCLUDE THE FOOD

with your **yard debris** (leaves, flowers, grass clippings, weeds and plant trimmings)

- All food:**
  - Meat
  - Poultry
  - Fish and shellfish
  - Bones
  - Eggs and eggshells
  - Cheese and dairy products
  - Bread and baked goods
  - Pasta
  - Rice and other grains
- Beans, nuts and seeds
- Vegetables
- Fruit (including peels, cores)
- Table scraps and plate scrapings
- Spoiled food
- Food-soiled paper:**
  - Coffee grounds and filters
  - Tea bags
  - Paper napkins and towels
  - Pizza delivery boxes

# Additional Recycling Resources



### Apartment Recycling

Live in an apartment or condominium? To help make recycling even easier, we provide free reusable recycling tote bags. Bags are printed with a recycling guide to help you know which items can be recycled and which should go into the garbage. Check with your property manager or contact us to get your free recycling tote bag.

### Business Recycling

We are here to help your business recycle successfully. We offer free technical assistance, staff training and several resources like indoor/outdoor posters. All businesses in Beaverton are required to recycle and we’re here to help make that easy for you. Contact us with questions or to set up a free recycling consultation.



# Recycle your batteries!

Recycling batteries has never been easier! Free battery recycling is available to community members with red bins for glass recycling.

Accepted batteries include Alkaline, button cell, and rechargeable.



Simply tape the ends of all batteries, except alkaline batteries, put them into a one-quart, zip-sealed plastic bag, place it on top of your glass recycling, and set it out at the curb for pickup on your regular glass recycling day.

For community members without red bins, we are working on a solution. Stay tuned and contact us to learn how to properly dispose of your batteries!

Improperly disposed of batteries can lead to fires in waste collection trucks or garbage and recycling facilities. To learn more, please visit [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/batteries](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/batteries).

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# How green can you go?

**Are you concerned about climate change?** The Beaverton Climate Challenge ([www.SustainableBeaverton.com](http://www.SustainableBeaverton.com)) is an online platform to help households choose and track changes in everyday behaviors that help reduce climate pollution. This includes actions like skipping packaging, composting kitchen waste, using more energy efficient practices, and, of course, recycling!



**SCAN TO JOIN!**



While you can participate on your own, the platform is designed to engage groups who can run friendly competitions to see who can reduce their impact the most.

### Are you part of a group that may be interested in going green?

Join the challenge with your faith group, a high school club, homeowners' association, work team, book club, or that group of neighbors you have your annual block party with. If you're interested in learning more and hosting a challenge, reach out to [www.Sustainability@BeavertonOregon.gov](mailto:www.Sustainability@BeavertonOregon.gov).