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A Guide to Recycling in Coquille

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Curbside recycling is available in Coquille for garbage customers.

Recycling turns materials that would otherwise become waste into valuable resources. Collecting used bottles, cans, and newspapers and taking them to the curb or to a collection facility is just the first in a series of steps that generates a host of financial, environmental, and social returns. Some of these benefits accrue locally as well as globally.

Benefits of Recycling

- Recycling protects and expands U.S. manufacturing jobs and increases U.S. competitiveness.
- Recycling reduces the need for landfilling and incineration.
- Recycling prevents pollution caused by the manufacturing of products from virgin materials.
- Recycling saves energy.
- Recycling decreases emissions of greenhouse gases that contribute to global climate change.
- Recycling conserves natural resources such as timber, water, and minerals.
- Recycling helps sustain the environment for future generations.

There are many ways to produce less waste:

- **Reduce** the amount and toxicity of trash you throw away and **reuse** containers and products.
- **Recycle** as much as possible and buy products with recycled content.
- **Practice composting** by using microorganisms (mainly bacteria and fungi) to decompose organic waste, such as food scraps and yard trimmings.

In addition to those living in single family homes, apartment dwellers can become involved in curbside recycling too. Your landlord can make arrangement to have curbside recycling picked up at your location.

One on one evaluations are available to help commercial garbage customers assess their recycling needs.

Ongoing recycling awareness and education are offered through slide show presentations, recycling demonstrations, free learning materials and tours of the recycling facility. If your interested in learning more about recycling you may contact Wadsworth Garbage collection at (541) 396 – 3086.



Did you know used oil can be re-refined into base stock for lubricating oil.

If you recycle just two gallons of used oil it can generate enough electricity to run the average household for almost 24 hours.

Used motor oil should be poured into an unbreakable clear plastic container with a screw on lid. Please don't use containers one gallon or less in size. Residential motor oil only, no commercial oil or transmission fluid.



Milk and water jugs may be recycled. Please rinse thoroughly and remove the lids. Flatten the jugs. Aluminum and tins cans are recyclable by removing the labels and rinsing them clean. There is no need to flatten them. Bottles and jars made from green, brown or clear glass may be recycled. Please, no broken glass, window glass, Pyrex, china or opaque glass. Please remove bands or lids.

Sack newspapers just the way they come, in brown paper sacks. Please, no junk mail, school paper, or office paper mixed in with the newsprint. Corrugated cardboard may be flattened and bundled for recycling. Please no wax coated cardboard, toilet paper rolls, egg cartons or cereal boxes. Magazines and catalogs all must be slick or glossy paper. Catalogs must be torn down to ½ inch or less in thickness. Please, no paperback books, TV Guides or programs.

Garbage day is also curbside recycling day. Put your sorted and bagged recyclables in your basket and take them to the curb, rain or shine, by 6 a.m. on the same day your garbage is picked up.

Wadsworth Garbage Collection also provides recycling on the first Saturday of each month, rain or shine, at the former Georgia Pacific mill site on Highway 42.

The City of Coquille also provides recycling at the city shops on Highway 42. Saturdays only from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.