



Curbside News

Newsletter for Bend Garbage & Recycling

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Winter 2017

Happy Holidays from all of us at Bend Garbage & Recycling

Important Holiday Collection Schedule

Please note the changes at right for the upcoming holiday collection schedules for curbside service.

CHRISTMAS DAY: There is no service on Christmas day. Service during the week of December 25-29 will be one day late.

NEW YEAR'S DAY: There is no service on New Year's day. Service during the week of January 1-5 will be one day late.

Please have your carts out by 6:00 a.m. For more information on the holiday collection schedule, please contact 541-382-2263.

DECEMBER 25 - 29, 2017

If your collection day is:	Mon. 25	Tue. 26	Wed. 27	Thu. 28	Fri. 29
Your holiday collection day will be:	Tue. 26	Wed. 27	Thu. 28	Fri. 29	Sat. 30

JANUARY 1 - 5, 2018

If your collection day is:	Mon. 1	Tue. 2	Wed. 3	Thu. 4	Fri. 5
Your holiday collection day will be:	Tue. 2	Wed. 3	Thu. 4	Fri. 5	Sat. 6

New 2018 Commingle Recycling and Yard Debris Collection Calendar

Watch for your new 2018 collection calendar in your December billing. You can also print a collection calendar directly from our website at bendgarbage.com or call to have one mailed at 541-382-2263.



Reduce Waste over the Holidays

It's estimated that between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, more than 1 million tons of additional waste is generated each week nationwide – and that doesn't even take into account all the waste and resources used upstream to make all that new stuff we're buying.

Here's a list of ideas to help reduce waste:

Send eCards or recycled-content cards

Recycle paper cards and send electronic holiday cards to reduce paper waste.

Give the gift of togetherness

Consider making a charitable donation in someone else's name. Or, give an experience or an event to remember, such as: Tickets to a concert or sporting event or memberships to a museum or zoo.

Take reusable cloth bags on shopping trips

Thousands of bags end up in our landfills during the holidays. Reduce the number of bags by bringing reusable shopping bags for holiday gift shopping.

Use earth-friendly gift wrapping alternatives

Try the following instead of traditional wrapping paper:

Scarves, handkerchiefs and bandannas, old posters and maps, newspapers (the comic sections works great), etc.

Use rechargeable batteries

About 40 percent of all battery sales occur during the holiday season. Rechargeable batteries reduce the amount of potentially harmful materials thrown away, and can save money in the long run.

Turn off or unplug holiday lights during the day

This saves energy and lights last longer.

Electronics

Remember to recycle your old electronics at Deschutes Recycling, located at Knott Landfill in Bend. TVs, computers, monitors, desktop printers, keyboards and mice can be recycled for free. Other electronics can be recycled for a nominal fee.

Recycle your live Christmas tree

Bring yours to Deschutes Recycling at no charge or have The Boy Scouts pick it up and make a donation. City customers with curbside yard debris service can recycle Christmas trees in their yard debris cart. Cut the tree down to smaller pieces to fit in the yard debris cart.

Recycle Right

We all want to try and recycle as much as we can and that can sometimes lead to 'wishful recycling', which is putting an item into a recycling container that doesn't belong, wishing it will be recycled. Any item that is dirty or not on the list of materials accepted for recycling leads to contamination.

A large portion of the recycling material collected from the west coast is shipped to China and they are cracking down on the quality of materials they receive.

Here in Central Oregon, the commingled recyclables collected curbside are baled and sent to a Material Recovery Facility (MRF), where they are sorted using machinery and people. The MRF's are slowing down their lines to try and do a better job of removing contaminants (plastic bags, plastic film, clamshells, garbage, etc.).

For now, nothing has changed with your local recycling program. Residents are encouraged to continue recycling,

but only put items in your carts that are accepted in your recycling program.

It is so important to keep the recycling as clean as possible. A good mantra to follow is, 'when in doubt, find out.' Remember plastic bags and plastic film of any kind do not go in the recycling cart.

Contact Bend Garbage & Recycling at 541-382-2263 for a recycling guide or to find out about a specific item.

Winter Weather Guidelines

Your safety and our driver's safety is the number one priority at Bend Garbage & Recycling. Here are some reminders that you, our customer, need to know.

- Please maintain access to roll carts, containers and enclosures by clearing snow and ice. Our drivers are generally working by themselves and icy conditions or areas not shoveled can make it impossible for them to provide service.
- Bag wet waste to help prevent garbage from freezing to the bottom of your roll cart.
- Fireplace ashes must be COLD. Warm ashes can flare up in our trucks.
- Bag packing peanuts, cold ashes, kitty litter and any other debris that could easily blow around while your roll cart is being emptied.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Local Boy Scout troops will be collecting and recycling Christmas trees in your community the weekends of December 30 & 31 and January 6 & 7. Requested donation is \$5-\$10. 100% of money raised will go directly to the individual scout troops.

Individual troops in your area will post door flyers specifying which days they will be picking up trees in your neighborhood. Trees will be recycled so please have trees cleaned of all lights, decorations and tinsel.

For more information, please call the numbers listed below.

541-385-3977 for pick-up SW Bend; west of 3rd Street and south of Newport/Greenwood

541-385-2692 for pick-up NW Bend; west of 3rd Street and north of Newport/Greenwood

541-385-2672 for pick-up NE Bend; east of 3rd Street and north of Greenwood/Highway 20

541-385-3942 for pick-up SE Bend; east of 3rd Street and south of Greenwood/Highway 20

Bend Garbage & Recycling will collect your tree on your garbage day the week of January 8 - 12 for a \$5 charge. Set your tree out next to your roll cart.

For city customers with curbside yard debris service, you can recycle your Christmas tree in your yard debris cart. Cut the tree down to smaller pieces and put it in your yard debris cart.

At no charge Deschutes Recycling, located at Knott Landfill, will take Christmas trees January 2 - 31, 2018.

Recycling Preparation Guide

95-Gallon Commingle Roll Cart

- **Newspaper** - Anything that comes in the newspaper can be recycled with the newspaper.
- **Magazines, Catalogs, Phonebooks**
- **Plastics** - Rinse clean. No need to flatten.
 - Acceptable Plastics:** Plastic bottles and tubs 6 ounces or larger (except those containing hazardous products or motor oil). Rigid plastic plant pots 4 inches or larger. Plastic buckets of 5 gallons or less, milk jugs.
 - Non-Acceptable Plastics:** Bottle & tub lids, trays, bags and film, large items (i.e. toys), foam/expanded plastics, clamshells and bakery containers, food-contaminated items, "Biodegradable" plastics, cups, plates, silverware, blister packaging, any plastic containers smaller than 6 ounces.
- **Tin/Aluminum** - Cans, jar lids, foil, TV dinner trays, beverage cans. Rinse clean. No need to flatten.
- **Paper bags**
- **Corrugated Cardboard** - Flatten. No waxed or slick coated cardboard.
- **Mixed Paper, Junk Mail & Paper** - Paper, envelopes, white & colored paper, computer paper, tin can labels, wrapping paper (no foil or ribbon), shredded paper (strips only, no confetti). No paper ream wrappers, tissue paper, waxed paper, candy wrappers, snack food bags.

- **Paperboard** - Cereal/cracker/shoe boxes (discard liners), soda and beer cartons, paper egg cartons, paper towel tubes. *No frozen food boxes, paper cups/plates/towels/napkins, pet food bags.*

City Recycling Only

- **Glass (Red & Blue Bins)** - Clear and colored glass bottles and jars. Rinse clean. Labels are okay. No need to separate by color. No dishes, glasses, ceramics or window glass.
- **Motor Oil (Residential only)** - Pour into an unbreakable, leak-proof container (one gallon maximum) with a tight fitting lid. Clearly label container "motor oil" and place next to your recyclables.

Recycling Tips

- Remember glass is collected in both the red & blue bins - **every other week (same day as your commingle recycling).**
 - Plastic grocery bags are not recyclable at the curb. Please recycle at participating grocery stores.
 - Styrofoam peanuts and rigid packing pieces are not recyclable. Please bag Styrofoam peanuts before putting them in garbage roll cart.
- *Most mailing services will accept bagged Styrofoam peanuts for reuse.

Recycle Depot Locations

- Deschutes Recycling, located at Knott Landfill, accepts all items listed above.
- City of Sisters and Deschutes County Transfer Stations accept all items listed above.

Numbers & Web Sites

Bend Garbage & Recycling bendgarbage.com.....	541-382-2263
High Country Disposal highcountrydisposal.com.....	541-548-4984
Deschutes Recycling deschutesrecycling.com.....	541-388-1910
Knott Landfill Information Line	541-388-6599
Department of Environmental Quality deq.state.or.us.....	541-388-6146
The Environmental Center envirocenter.org.....	541-385-6908
Deschutes County Solid Waste Dept. deschutes.org/solidwaste	541-317-3163
Bend ReStore bendhabitat.org	541-312-6709
Redmond ReStore redmondhfh.org	541-548-1406
Sisters ReStore	541-549-1621
sistershabitat.org	



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