



# Curbside News

Newsletter for Bend Garbage & Recycling

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## Reduce \* Reuse \* Repair

### Reduce Contamination in the Recycling

Help keep contaminants out of your recycling cart by following your local recycling program. Plastics bags and plastic wrap are among the top contaminants. Plastic bags and some plastic film can be recycled at participating grocery stores. If not, please dispose of the plastic bags and plastic film / wrap in the trash.

Contact our office if you'd like to receive a recycling guide or download one at [bendgarbage.com](http://bendgarbage.com).

### Reduce Wasted Food

The average American family throws out one fourth of all food purchased. By implementing simple strategies, you can reduce the amount of food wasted while saving on groceries and garbage.

Visit [savethefood.com](http://savethefood.com) for food waste prevention tips in your kitchen.

### Reuse

Before throwing out that old item, help support your local thrift store by donating clothes and

other good condition – working household items. Habitat ReStore is also a great resource for clean building materials and other household items that are still in good condition.

### Free Repair Cafe

The Environmental Center is hosting their free spring Repair Cafe on Thursday, April 5 from 5:30pm-7:30pm at Ensworth Elementary School (2150 NE Daggett Lane, Bend).

This is a great time to bring in your broken item and give it more life. Volunteers will be on hand to attempt to repair your broken items, for FREE! Items to bring include clothes, outdoor gear, electronics and small appliances, jewelry, small furniture and household goods. You may bring multiple items, but only 1 item will be repaired at a time.

For more information about Repair Cafes and other ways to help reduce your waste, visit [rethinkwasteproject.org](http://rethinkwasteproject.org) or call The Environmental Center at 541.385.6908.

## Pick Up Your Compost Today



Healthy Soils make Healthy Plants! Compost is crucial to any gardening or landscaping endeavor. Central Oregon soils

are naturally poor in quality and lack organic matter, which can be the source of many plant problems. Deschutes Recycling offers compost and other products to help with all of your lawn and garden needs.

Our compost products carry the US Composting Council Seal of Testing Assurance to ensure quality and reliability.

Deschutes Recycling is located at Knott Landfill in Bend and offers self-haul or convenient delivery. Compost is available by the yard and cubic foot bags. You can also pick up the compost bags at our Bend Garbage & Recycling office.

We have knowledgeable staff to help you choose the right products for your gardening and landscaping projects. For more information, contact 541-388-1910.



## Junk Removal and Cleanup Needs

We Remove it,  
Clean it up and Recycle

Bend Garbage & Recycling can pick up any extra items that won't fit in your trash cart or you want to recycle for a reasonable fee.

We also provide on-site cleanup services including garage cleanouts, junk piles, and more.

Recyclable items will be taken to a facility for recycling. Remember to reuse and recycle whenever possible.

For more information, please call 541-382-2263.

## FireFree Event

The annual FireFree yard debris recycling event at Knott Landfill is Saturday, May 5 – Sunday, May 13, 2018. You can do your part to create a defensible space around your home and property and help reduce the risk of wildfire. Redmond, Sisters and La Pine Transfer Stations event is Friday, May 18 and Saturday, May 19.

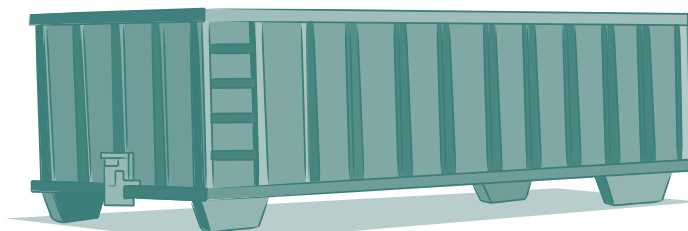


Sod, manure, stumps and construction materials are not included in the free recycling event. For additional information about FireFree, visit [www.firefree.org](http://www.firefree.org) or call 541-322-7129.

## FIREFREE = FREE DISPOSAL GET A DROP BOX!

If you have a large amount of yard debris or want to work together as a neighborhood, consider renting a drop box during the FireFree event. Drop box loads of clean brush, limbs, grass, leaves, pine needles, and weeds can be disposed of for free during the FireFree event at Knott Landfill.

We deliver the container, you load it up and we haul it away. It's that easy! **Loads must be free of rocks, dirt, plastic bags and garbage to qualify for free disposal.** For more information and rates, call 541-382-2263.



## Deschutes Recycling Summer schedule

Beginning May 1 – October 31, 2018, Deschutes Recycling will be open 7 days a week, 7:00 am – 5:00pm. Deschutes Recycling, located at Knott Landfill, is closed for all major holidays.



## Help Support CAN Cancer

Community Assistance for Neighbors with Cancer. Look for your CAN Cancer envelope in your March billing statement asking for your support.

CAN Cancer helps local families manage day-to-day non-medical expenses not covered by insurance, including fuel, travel and food costs while receiving cancer treatment. 100% of the money stays local and goes to the patient.

Our communities have raised over \$310,000, providing support to so many of our neighbors throughout Central Oregon battling cancer. The demand continues to increase and more help is needed. Your donations can make a difference.

For more information and to make a donation online, visit [www.cancancer.org](http://www.cancancer.org).

**Donate Today!**

Thank you for your support!

## Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, April 21, 2018 – come celebrate Earth Day with the Earth Day Fair at the Environmental Center (Kansas Avenue in Downtown Bend) 11:30am – 3:00pm. Stop by our booth for free compost samples, reuse information and more! For more information visit [envirocenter.org](http://envirocenter.org).

**Please remember to have your carts out by 6:00 a.m. on your collection day or the night before.**

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



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