

# Interesting Facts:

## Newspapers



## Recycle To:

egg cartons



fruit containers



paper products



construction materials (Drywall)



even kitty litter!



AND MUCH MORE!

### Paper

■ Recycling 1 ton of paper saves 17 mature trees, 7,000 gallons of water, 3 cubic yards of landfill space, 2 barrels of oil, and 4,000 kilowatt hours of electricity. This is enough energy to power the average American home for 5 months.

### Plastic

- One million to two million plastic bags are used every minute around the world!
- Enough plastic is produced in the United States each year to shrink wrap Texas. **Think about using an alternative reusable bag instead of the plastic bag you get in the grocery stores.**
- Approximately 88 percent of the energy is saved when plastic is made from plastic rather than from the raw materials of gas and oil.
- Enough plastic bottles are thrown away in the United States each year to circle the Earth four times. **One reusable bottle can save thousands from being used!**

### Water

- A running faucet wastes 2.5 gallons of water each minute.
- A dishwasher uses 11 gallons of water per use.
- 75 percent of all water used in the household is used in the bathroom. **Turn off the water while brushing your teeth.**
- A full bath tub uses 70 gallons of water.
- A 5 minute shower only uses 10-25 gallons.

### Metal

- Recycling steel and tin cans saves 74 percent of the energy used to make them. **95% less energy producing an aluminum can.**
- Americans throw away enough aluminum every month to rebuild our entire commercial air fleet.
- Americans throw out enough iron and steel to continuously supply all the auto makers in the entire nation.
- Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a 100 watt light bulb for 20 hours, a computer for 3 hours, and a TV for 2 hours.

\*Sources: [www.zerowasteamerica.org/Statistics.htm](http://www.zerowasteamerica.org/Statistics.htm) • <http://www.visy.com.au/> • <http://earth911.com/> • VARIOUS excerpts taken throughout reliable internet sources.



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Recycle what you can!

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Buy Smarter!

3.  
Reuse what you buy!



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# Why Recycle?

When we recycle, used materials are converted into new products, reducing the need to consume as much additional natural resources. For example: an aluminum can uses 95% less energy to make out of recycled materials than one from new aluminum.



## What are some of the benefits of recycling?

- Uses less energy
- Reduces fuel use
- It saves money
- Saves landfill space
- Helps air and water qualities
- Conserves natural resources

1  
**Recycle What You Can!**

Recycling efforts extends the life of our natural resources.

2  
**Buy Smarter!**  
By making smart shopping decisions, we can reduce our impact on the environment by reducing the amount of waste we produce.

3  
**Reuse What You Buy!**  
Reuse food containers for storing food and packed lunches. Margarine tubs for home freezing. Boxes and packing cases can also be used for your own parcels and storage.



**Re-using** – When you use an item that extends itself as a multiple use, it is considered a 2nd generation product. Extending a product's life is a successful way to help the recycling process. If you no longer have a use for something, donating it will extend the product's life.

**Reducing Waste** – If you have a limited use for an item, try renting it rather than buying. Ditching single-use items are a great way to begin.



## S.O.S. Recycling Efforts-2015



**Recycling** – The recycling efforts of 2015 was another successful year. In Josephine and Jackson Counties, Southern Oregon Sanitation removed **over 12 million lbs. of**

**materials from the waste stream.** This includes recyclable materials such as cardboard, paper, plastic, glass, wood waste, e-waste and used oil.

# Special Events To Consider



Each year there are several events held at various locations.

It's a way for you to help the recycling process and a way to safely dispose of toxic or hazardous products you may have collected over time.

For specific dates and times, visit our website at:

[www.sosanitation.com](http://www.sosanitation.com)

Some events may have last minute changes so we suggest checking frequently. Timing of events are approximate.

## Events to watch for in the Rogue Valley:

- Spring Leaf Pickup
- Prescription Drugs Take Back Collection City Based City Hall - call
- Earth Day Spring Clean-up GP only
- Household/Hazardous Waste Collection



RECYCLING CART OK

NEXT TO CART ONLY OR RECYCLING DEPOT

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YARD DEBRIS CART OR RECYCLING DEPOT

RECYCLING DEPOT ONLY

NEWSPAPERS

PLASTICS

CARDBOARD

CANS

PHONE BOOKS

USED OIL

METALS

GLASS

YARD DEBRIS

E-WASTE

# Curbside Recycling

With convenient commingled recycling, there is no need to sort through your recyclables. Just place them in your blue curbside recycling cart.



**COMMINGLED GLASS INSIDE YOUR CARTS ONLY ALLOWED FOR CITY RESIDENTS OF EAGLE POINT, GOLD HILL, SHADY COVE and BUTTE FALLS. OTHER AREAS: PLEASE NO GLASS IN CARTS.**

## Curbside Recycling Made Easy!

Here's a simple guide of what is allowed in your blue recycle cart.

- **Plastics:** Bottles, jugs and small tubs such as; a butter tub. NO LIDS, NO TAKE-OUT CONTAINERS, PLEASE CLEAN AND RINSE THOROUGHLY. NO PLASTIC BAGS. Anti-freeze and other plastics that have contained hazardous materials will not be accepted.
- **Paper:** Cardboard, newspaper and all that comes with it. Magazines, junk mail, cereal and shoe boxes, phone books, paper, fiber towel and toilet paper cores. NO REFRIGERATED OR FROZEN FOOD BOXES DUE TO PLASTIC COATING.

- **Tin & Aluminum Cans:** Please rinse tin and aluminum cans thoroughly, aluminum pie plates and foil are also accepted.
- **Glass Bottles & Jars:** (Eagle Point, Gold Hill, Shady Cove and Butte Falls customers only), just put them in your blue commingled recycling cart.

*Clean recycling helps the process!*

- **Motor oil** must be poured into a non-breakable gallon container with tight fitting screw caps. (Plastic gallon milk or bleach jugs work best).



Place used motor oil jugs ON THE GROUND BESIDE THE CART.

## Contaminants Hurt The Recycling Process

You recycle almost everything! However, if you put items in the cart not listed in our area it causes contamination. Thus, you run the risk of ruining the material and not having the material 100% recycled.



**IT DOESNT BELONG!!**

- CLAMSHELLS!
- FOOD!
- PLASTIC BAGS!
- PILL BOTTLES!
- PLASTIC CUPS!
- STYROFOAM!

*At our Depot: The bottom of the barrel shows recycling contaminants that are detrimental to the recycling process. Please be mindful when you are recycling.*

*For those who don't have curbside service, we encourage you to recycle at the recycling depot locations.*

### Southern Oregon Sanitation Eagle Point Recycling Center:

42 Ball Rd, Eagle Point



Watch for special recycling and solid waste events posted on our website throughout the year  
[www.sosanitation.com](http://www.sosanitation.com)

## Curbside Recycling NO NO's



**NO BAGS!**

**Plastic Bags Are Not Allowed In The Curbside Recycling Cart**

Portions of the recycling load are handled in different ways. The curbside program allows commingled recycling. This is collected and sorted as it is going through various conveyors and machinery. Plastic bags get caught in the machines causing problems. **RETURN/RECYCLE YOUR PLASTIC BAGS AT YOUR LOCAL GROCERY STORES.**

## Another NO NO Is STYROFOAM

