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news from Allied Waste of Corvallis



Allied Staff Meets Challenge: Thanks to the drivers, customer service representatives and managers who made sure that trash, recycling and organics were picked up for more than 17,000 customers during this summer's reroute. Some of the crew is pictured above. Left to right are Joe Keen, Mike Kibble, Scot Solberg, Mike Telfer, Gary Langford, Charlie Patterson, Josh Walesby and Kevin Krieger.

## Thank You to our Customers

Most of us are creatures of habit, so changing the service day for 17,000 customers this summer could have been trouble. While there is still some fine tuning to be done, this reroute is nearly complete and customers are getting used to new service days. The reroute is a normal course correction in response to new neighborhoods, developments and street changes that occur over time. This won't happen again for quite some time and the patience displayed by customers during this process is appreciated. The end result is more efficient routes. A map showing areas of Corvallis and corresponding service days is available on the Allied/Republic website at: [corvallis.disposal.com](http://corvallis.disposal.com). If you live outside the Corvallis city limits, call 541-754-0444 to check service day information.

During the reroute we talked to a number of our customers and received valuable input. With that in mind, a survey will soon be available on the Allied/Republic website with a short list of questions to help us serve you better. Let us know what you think later this summer.

## FAQ's

Allied Waste customers are passionate about reducing waste. These frequently asked questions may help with waste reduction at your house.

### How can I dispose of paint?

Since July 2010, the Oregon Paint-Care program has provided a way for consumers to dispose of paint and paint related products in an environmentally friendly manner. Paints and stains can be taken to The Corvallis Habitat ReStore or Sherwin Williams during regular store hours year-round. Paints can still be dropped off at the Allied Waste/Republic Household Hazardous Waste Events. (See calendar on page 2 for dates.) Products will be reused, recycled or disposed of properly. There is no cost to bring paints to these locations.

### Why can't I put my food waste in plastic bags or compostable plastic bags in my home mixed organics cart?

The answer to this question has everything to do with the quality of the finished product. Most plastic does not break down in compost, leaving small pieces of ground plastic in the finished compost. Compostable bags are a big question mark too. They are not all created equally and range from breaking down in our system to not breaking down at all. Another piece of that puzzle is that they have to be opened. Imagine trying to open plastic bags from 3-5,000 carts every day. If loose food waste isn't palatable to you, we suggest layering loose organic material between paper or cardboard, mixing it with some shredded paper or even freezing it until collection day. All of these will keep carts clean and free of odors.



# Calendar

## Household Hazardous Waste Event: Aug 13, 2011

110 NE Walnut Blvd.

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hazardous materials including pesticides, herbicides, automotive fluids, paint, solvents, cleaners, fluorescent light ballasts & tubes and batteries are accepted. No charge for residential customers. Business customers must call PCS at 1-800-547-2436 for an appointment.

## Fall Compost Workshop: Oct 8, 2011

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Corvallis Farmers Market. This is the first time the annual workshop will be held at the Farmers Market. Come talk compost with OSU Extension expert, Linda Brewer, learn how to compost at home. Area residents can get answers to questions about the Mixed Organic Cart. There will also be a sample of the compost made at Pacific Region Compost.

## Household Hazardous Waste Event: Nov 12, 2011

110 NE Walnut Blvd.

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. See Aug. 13 event above for more details.

## Leaf Collection: TBA

Check the website at: [www.corvallis.disposal.com](http://www.corvallis.disposal.com) or the Gazette-Times in early fall for leaf collection dates.

## Christmas Tree Collection: Dec 26, 2011-Jan 13, 2012

Place BARE trees (no lights, ornaments, tinsel or flocked trees) at the curb on your regular service day during collection weeks.

## Looking for other ways to reduce waste?

- 1.** Get a \$500 discount on home or business insulation through the Corvallis Weatherization Incentive program. The discount is in addition to tax credits and Energy Trust of Oregon programs. For more information go to: [CorvallisEnvironmental-Center.org](http://CorvallisEnvironmental-Center.org).
- 2.** Save at the grocery store. This is an easy place to cut back on waste. Take reusable shopping bags, buy in bulk, reducing packaging (save even more with reusable produce and bulk food bags, available at most markets) and eat what you purchase. Planning meals at home reduces take out packaging, saves money and helps avoid spoiled food in the fridge.
- 3.** Donate materials from remodeling projects to a Habitat ReStore or other reuse agency.



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After hours, leave a message and we will call you back or find us on the web.

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For on-line bill pay options: [www.disposal.com](http://www.disposal.com)

To pay by phone: 877-692-9729.

## FAQ's (continued)

### How should I dispose of shredded paper?

The challenge with shredded paper and other light weight products like packing peanuts and plastic bags is getting them out of the cart and into the truck without blowing out onto the sidewalk and street. Follow the guidelines below to solve the problem.

**Shredded Paper:** place in a paper bag or cereal box in the recycling cart. Shredded paper can also go into the mixed organics cart.

**Packing Peanuts & Plastic Bags:** neither of these are allowed in the recycle cart. Plastic bags can be bundled together into one bag and tied closed, then brought to the AW recycle depot or returned at a local grocery store. Most shipping locations will take clean used packing peanuts. If you choose to throw away packing peanuts, please contain them in a bag that is closed.



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