

Recycle in your Tan Cart:



Paper

Most paper products can be recycled in your tan cart. Go ahead and include:

Newspaper, magazines, junk mail, paperboard like cereal boxes, **cardboard**, **milk cartons, egg cartons, computer and copy paper, phone books** and **aseptic containers** like those that often contain soy milk or broth.

* *A note about cardboard.* Cardboard should be folded down flat and placed in your cart. If it is too large to go in your cart, cut it into smaller pieces. Large amounts of cardboard can be brought to our recycle depot.



Metal

Metal from most containers can be recycled in your tan cart.

Cans, tins, lids that are mostly metal, **clean aluminum foil, aluminum cans, empty aerosol cans** that contained non-hazardous material and pots and pans can all be recycled at the

Motor Oil can be recycled by placing it at the curb in a container with a tight fitting screw top lid on your regular service collection day.



Plastics

Don't worry about the number on plastics, but instead, recycle them by shape. Recycle the following in your tan cart:

Bottles, all plastic bottles can be recycled, except those which have contained hazardous waste. Examples include water and other beverage bottles, soap and shampoo containers, plastic condiment bottles.

Jugs are just a bottle with a handle. Examples include containers from milk, syrup, soaps, laundry soap and

Jars like those that hold peanut butter and mayonnaise can be recycled.

Tubs. This shape can include yogurt and sour cream tubs, nursery pots and buckets. They are a fairly soft and flexible plastic.

Please DO NOT place glass in your tan cart.

Glass is recycled every other week, opposite your yard debris collection. Place it at the curb in your glass bin. If you are unsure when your glass collection week is, call our office to request a calendar. We accept container glass only. No window glass, pyrex or mirrors.



Please do not place the following items in your tan commingle cart:

Styrofoam: Our material recovery facility does not have a reliable market for styrofoam or expanded polystyrene.

Sustainability Tip:

Make choices at the store about products packaged in styrofoam. Choose paper or other recyclable containers when available. By doing this, you are 'voting' for more recyclable packaging.

Plastic Bags: Plastic bags or film like shrink wrap, pose a problem at the sorting facility, where commingled recycling is separated for distribution to markets. It tangles in the machinery, stopping the sorting line and harming the equipment. Material in your commingle cart should be loose and not in a plastic bag.

Sustainability Tip:

Take plastic bags to most grocery stores for recycling or the Albany or Corvallis Recycle Depots. You can include most household plastic bags at both places. Using just one cloth or other reusable shopping bag can save 100-200 plastic bags per year.

Yard Waste: Yard waste goes to our Process and Recovery Center (PRC) and must be placed in your yard debris cart only. That way it will be delivered to the PRC for composting. Commingled recycling that is contaminated with yard debris must be processed as trash.

Sustainability Tip:

Nationally, it's estimated that 40% of material going to landfills is organic. Using your yard debris cart and or composting at home can keep tons per year out of the landfill and create a nutrient-rich humus.

Trash and other Non-Recyclables: The most efficient way to recycle is to make sure that you are putting the right material in the cart. Some common items that cannot be recycled in our curbside commingled system are:

Clear Plastic Packaging like clam shell deli and produce containers

Dishware

Batteries

Loose Shredded Paper (place in a paper bag)

Containers with food residue

Sharps

Sustainability Tip:

Containers should be rinsed for recycling to prevent contamination of paper and the health of the people who handle your recycling.



Other Reminders:

Only put your cart out on weeks when it is full or easy for you to manage to make collection more efficient.

Place cart with the handle facing the house.

Bring carts in as soon as possible after collection to keep the streets clear for bikes and vehicles.

Please don't block bike lanes with your cart.

Leave 4 ft. between carts and other objects like mailboxes and 8 ft. between carts and cars.

Be sure there is enough overhead clearance for your cart to be emptied. Don't place carts under limbs, basketball hoops and overhanging tree.