

# REDUCE • REUSE • RECYCLE

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## BEYOND CURBSIDE RECYCLING

*Beyond curbside recycling, what can you do to get other discards into the reuse or recycling stream?*

**FLUORESCENT BULBS** can be separated into glass, metal, and mercury, which have some value in the marketplace. Some charge a fee.

Both tubes and compact bulbs can be taken to:

- Metro Central, 6161 N.W. 61st, Portland or Metro South, 2001 Washington St., Oregon City. (\$5)
- Total Reclaim, 5805 N.E. Columbia Blvd., 503 281-1899. Also takes **incandescent bulbs**.
- Lowe's, Orchard Supply Hardware, Green Century Electronics, or Batteries Plus stores.
- Home Depot accepts only compact fluorescent bulbs. Drop off at returns.

**PACKAGING PEANUTS & BUBBLE WRAP** are accepted for reuse at many companies providing mailing services or shipping fragile products. Check with your local mailing service, or call Metro at 503 234-3000 for the site nearest you.

**HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES** shouldn't be landfilled.

- Batteries Plus stores for customers or a fee
- Rechargeables: Far West Recycling, Radio Shack, Home Depot, Whole Foods, Lowes.

**ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT** such as computers and TVs can be donated for reuse or recycling at no charge. Printers, copiers, fax machines, VCRs, stereos, phones, computer disks, and CDs may also be accepted.

- Goodwill donation sites.
- Free Geek, 1731 S.E. 10th, 503 232-9350.
- Green Century Electronics Recycler, 2950 N.W. 29th, 503 764-9963.
- Far West Recycling, 4950 SE 26th, 503 238-1640.
- Junk It Store It, 9519 S.W. Barbur Blvd., 503 397-5865
- Recycle Salvage, 6535 S.E. 51<sup>st</sup>, 503 775-0652

**BOOKS** that cannot be sold or donated to a charity can still be recycled.

- Goodwill or Far West Recycling sites.
- Paper Chase Shredding, 7911 N.E. 33<sup>rd</sup> Dr., 503 282-7415

**CLOTH PRODUCTS**—worn-out clothing, drapes, and bedding—should not be thrown away. If the cloth is at least 50 percent cotton and 13 inches square, it can be made into a cleaning rag. Other textiles will be sent overseas for reuse or recycling.

- Pioneer Rag Company, 10707 N. Lombard St., 503 226-6057.
- Far West Recycling and Goodwill sites.

**ATHLETIC SHOES**, even worn out ones, can be recycled.

- Nike and Foot Traffic stores.
- Portland Running Co., 800 S.E. Grand, 503 232-8077

**UNTREATED WOOD, PAINT, CARPET, OR DRY WALL**

- Contact Metro.

**TIRES** (small fee)

- Les Schwab Tire Centers.
- RB Recycling, 8501 N Borthwick Ave, Portland, 503 283-2261.
- Recology, 4044 N. Suttle Rd. & 6400 SE 101st., 503 285-8777.
- Metro transfer stations

**BIKE TIRES AND INNER TUBES**

- Community Cycling Center, 1700 NE Alberta, 503-287-8786

**CAR SEATS**

- Far West Recycling sites, 503 643-9944

**MATTRESSES**

- PJ's Sleep Shop, 1625 S.E. Hawthorne, 503 232-5222

**EYE GLASSES**

- Oregon Lions, 1010 N.W. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 503 413-7399
- OneSight Lloyd Center, 1-888-935-4589

**For other materials, contact Metro at 503 234-3000 or on the Web.**