

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.

RIGID FOAM, typically used to package electronic equipment, should be packaged in a clear plastic bag. It will be densified and sent to other companies for recycling into plastic products like VCR tapes.

- Far West Recycling, 10750 SW Denny Rd., Beaverton; Hillsboro, 503 643-9944

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 Fibers, 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, 6932 SW Macadam Ave, 503 998-5357.
- Far West Recycling, 4950 SE 26th, 503 238-1640.
- Standard TV and Appliance stores

- EcoBinary, 8260 SW Nimbus Ave, Beaverton, 503 352-4991.

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

- Goodwill or Far West Recycling sites.

CLOTH PRODUCTS—worn-out clothing, drapes, and bedding—should not be thrown away. If the cloth is at least 50 percent cotton and 12 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.
- Goodwill sites.

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

- Nike and Foot Traffic stores.

CLEAN CONSTRUCTION WOOD can be taken to a number of sites in the metropolitan area. Contact Metro for the one that fits your needs.

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

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- Call Metro for the site closest to you.

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