

Beyond Curbside Recycling

Why we care

There are many items that can't be collected at the curb, but are still recyclable. Once you learn where you can take these items, you can keep even more waste out of your trash can.

Simple, positive steps

Learn the locations of these depots for multiple items:

- [Far West Fibers](#) accepts books, shoes, electronics, appliances, cell phones, non-curbside plastics, rechargeable batteries, carpet padding, cooking oil, and styrofoam (SE Portland, Beaverton, and Hillsboro sites for the latter).
- [Metro transfer stations](#) accept appliances, electronics, fluorescent lights, construction wood, batteries, and paints.
- [Recology](#) accepts styrofoam, electronics, appliances, mattresses, wood, carpet pad, and tires.
- [Total Reclaim](#) accepts electronics, fluorescent lights, batteries, and styrofoam.
- Goodwill drop-off sites accept electronics plus books and cloth items that can't be reused.

Other sites

- **Fluorescent lights** can be dropped off at Lowe's or Batteries Plus. Home Depot will take compact bulbs only.
- **Packaging peanuts & bubble wrap** can be reused at your local mailing service store.
- **Household batteries** can go to Batteries Plus stores and rechargeables to Radio Shack, Whole Foods, Lowes, or Home Depot.
- **Electronics** (TVs, computer equipment, phones, etc.) might be reused or recycled. Check Metro's website below.
- **Athletic shoes** might become sports surfaces if delivered to Nike or Foot Traffic stores.
- **Untreated construction wood** might be reused if you take it to [The Rebuilding Center](#). If not accepted there, check Metro's website below.
- **Tires** can be dropped off at Les Schwab Tire Centers or [RB Recycling](#).
- **Wine corks** can be dropped off at Whole Foods stores.
- For **mattresses, car seats, ink cartridges, dry wall, and roofing** see Metro's website below.

For more information about hard-to-recycle items, visit [Metro's website](#) or call the Metro Recycling Hotline at 503-234-3000.

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