



Curbside News

Newsletter for High Country Disposal

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Winter 2018

Happy Holidays from all of us at High Country Disposal

Important Holiday Collection Schedule

Please note the changes at right for the upcoming holiday collection schedules for curbside service.

CHRISTMAS DAY: There is no service on Christmas Day. Service during Tuesday, December 25 – Friday, December 28 will be one day late.

NEW YEAR'S DAY: There is no service on New Year's Day. Service during Tuesday, January 1 – Friday, January 4 will be one day late.

Please have your carts out by 6:00 a.m. For more information on the holiday collection schedule, please contact 541-548-4984.

DECEMBER 24 - 28, 2018

If your collection day is:	Mon. 24	Tue. 25	Wed. 26	Thu. 27	Fri. 28
Your holiday collection day will be:	Mon. 24	Wed. 26	Thu. 27	Fri. 28	Sat. 29

DEC. 31, 2018 - JAN 4, 2019

If your collection day is:	Mon. 31	Tue. 1	Wed. 2	Thu. 3	Fri. 4
Your holiday collection day will be:	Mon. 31	Wed. 2	Thu. 3	Fri. 4	Sat. 5

Plastics Recycling Questions

1. What types of plastics can I recycle in the blue commingle recycling cart?

- Plastic bottles and rigid plastic containers 6 ounces or larger (yogurt, sour cream, margarine containers) no lids, and rinse clean.
- Rigid plastic plant pots 4 inches or larger
- Plastic buckets of 5 gallons or less
- Milk jugs, (no cartons)

Anything smaller than 6 ounces is difficult to sort out and recover when the commingle material is taken to the recovery facility for sorting.

2. Does it matter what recycling number is listed on the plastic?

No, please refer to the list of plastics noted above or refer to your recycling guide for more information.

3. Can plastic clamshells (lettuce, berry and bakery containers) go in the blue commingle recycling cart?

No, our market can't accept them in the commingle stream. At this time, reuse them as a storage container or put them in the trash.

If you have a question about recycling, please contact our office at 541-548-4984.

New 2019 Commingle Recycling and Yard Debris Collection Calendar

Watch for your new 2019 collection calendar in your December billing.

You can also print a collection calendar directly from our website at highcountrydisposal.com or call to have one mailed at 541-548-4984.



Tips for the Holidays

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

It's estimated that between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, more than 1 million tons of additional waste is generated each week nationwide. Consider some of these tips and ideas to help reduce waste.

Use reusable gift wrap or alternative gift wrapping ideas

Scarves, bandanas, and newspaper (comic section) are great alternatives for gift wrap.

Send electronic or recycled-content cards

Electronic holiday cards reduce paper waste. If you are purchasing cards, look for recycled ones.

Take reusable cloth bags on shopping trips

Help reduce the thousands of bags that end up in the landfills during the holidays.

Purchase a live tree that can be replanted after the holidays

Or recycle your live tree when you are done with it. Make a donation to the Boy Scouts of America to pick up your tree or bring it to Negus Transfer Station at no charge during the month of January.

Give the gift of togetherness

Consider making a charitable donation in someone else's name. Or, give an experience or an event to remember, such as tickets to a concert, sporting event, or memberships to a museum or zoo.

Turn off or unplug holiday lights during the day

This saves energy and lights last longer.

Use rechargeable batteries

About 40 percent of all battery sales occur during the holiday season. Rechargeable batteries reduce the amount of potentially harmful materials thrown away, and can save money in the long run.

Electronics

Remember to recycle your old electronics at Negus Transfer Station in Redmond. TVs, computers, monitors, desktop printers, keyboards, and computer mice can be recycled for free.

Holiday items you can recycle

Regular gift wrapping paper (no foil), paper shopping bags, gift boxes, holiday cards and envelopes, packing paper, cardboard packing pieces, holiday catalogs.

Holiday items that can't go in your blue recycling cart

Liners and tissue paper from shopping bags and shoe/gift boxes (that you don't want to reuse), ribbon, foil backed wrapping paper, plastic bags, and wrappers.

For more ideas on how to reduce your waste over the holidays, visit rethinkwasteproject.org/reduce/reduce-waste-over-the-holidays/

Christmas Tree Recycling

Local Boy Scout troops will be collecting and recycling Christmas trees in your community the weekends of December 29 & 30 and January 5 & 6. Requested donation is \$5-\$10. 100% of money raised will go directly to the individual scout troops.

Individual troops in your area will post door flyers specifying which days they will be picking up trees in your neighborhood. Trees will be recycled so please have trees cleaned of all lights, decorations and tinsel. For more information, please call 541-385-3989.

High Country Disposal can collect your tree on your garbage day the week of January 7 - 11 for a \$5 charge. Please set your tree out next to your roll cart.

For city customers with curbside yard debris service, you can recycle your Christmas tree by cutting the tree down to smaller pieces and placing it in your yard debris cart.

At no charge, Negus Transfer Station in Redmond will take Christmas trees through January 31.

Syringes with hypodermic needles never belong in your recycling or garbage carts. Please contact 541-548-4984 for information on proper disposal.

Please remember to have your carts out by 7:00 a.m. on your collection day or the night before.

Winter Weather Guidelines

Your safety and our driver's safety is the number one priority at High Country Disposal. Here are some reminders that you, our customer, need to know.

- Please maintain access to roll carts, containers and enclosures by clearing snow and ice. Our drivers are generally working by themselves and icy conditions or areas not shoveled can make it impossible for them to provide service.
- Bag wet waste to help prevent garbage from freezing to the bottom of your roll cart.
- Fireplace ashes must be COLD. Warm ashes can flare up in our trucks.
- Bag packing peanuts, cold ashes, kitty litter and any other debris that could easily blow around while your roll cart is being emptied.

Recycling Preparation Guide

95-Gallon Commingle Roll Cart

- **Newspaper** - Anything that comes in the newspaper can be recycled with the newspaper.
- **Magazines, Catalogs, Phonebooks**
- **Plastics** - Rinse clean. No need to flatten.
 - Acceptable Plastics:** Plastic bottles and tubs 6 ounces or larger (except those containing hazardous products or motor oil). Rigid plastic plant pots 4 inches or larger. Plastic buckets of 5 gallons or less, milk jugs.
 - Non-Acceptable Plastics:** Bottle & tub lids, trays, bags and film, large items (i.e. toys), foam/expanded plastics, clamshells and bakery containers, food-contaminated items, "Biodegradable" plastics, cups, plates, silverware, blister packaging, any plastic containers smaller than 6 ounces.
- **Tin/Aluminum** - Cans, jar lids, foil, TV dinner trays, beverage cans. Rinse clean. No need to flatten.
- **Paper bags**
- **Corrugated Cardboard** - Flatten. No waxed or slick coated cardboard.
- **Mixed Paper, Junk Mail & Paper** - Paper, envelopes, white & colored paper, computer paper, tin can labels, wrapping paper (no foil or ribbon), shredded paper (strips only, no confetti). No paper ream wrappers, tissue paper, waxed paper, candy wrappers, snack food bags.

- **Paperboard** - Cereal/cracker/shoe boxes (discard liners), soda and beer cartons, paper egg cartons, paper towel tubes. *No frozen food boxes, paper cups/plates/towels/napkins, pet food bags.*

City Recycling Only

- **Glass (Red & Blue Bins)** - Clear and colored glass bottles and jars. Rinse clean. Labels are okay. No need to separate by color. No dishes, glasses, ceramics or window glass.
- **Motor Oil (Residential only)** - Pour into an unbreakable, leak-proof container (one gallon maximum) with a tight fitting lid. Clearly label container "motor oil" and place next to your recyclables.

Recycling Tips

- Remember glass is collected in both the red & blue bins - **every other week (same day as your commingle recycling).**
- Plastic grocery bags are not recyclable at the curb. Please recycle at participating grocery stores.
- Styrofoam peanuts and rigid packing pieces are not recyclable. Please bag Styrofoam peanuts before putting them in garbage roll cart.
- * Most mailing services will accept bagged Styrofoam peanuts for reuse.

Recycle Depot Locations

- Deschutes Recycling, located at Knott Landfill, accepts all items listed above.
- City of Sisters and Deschutes County Transfer Stations accept all items listed above.

Numbers & Web Sites

- High Country Disposal**
highcountrydisposal.com..... 541-548-4984
- Bend Garbage & Recycling**
bendgarbage.com..... 541-382-2263
- Deschutes Recycling**
deschutesrecycling.com 541-388-1910
- Knott Landfill Information Line**
..... 541-388-6599
- Department of Environmental Quality**
deq.state.or.us..... 541-388-6146
- The Environmental Center**
envirocenter.org..... 541-385-6908
- Deschutes County Solid Waste Dept.**
deschutes.org/solidwaste 541-317-3163
- Bend ReStore**
bendhabitat.org 541-312-6709
- Redmond ReStore**
redmondhfh.org 541-548-1406
- Sisters ReStore**..... 541-549-1621
sistershabitat.org



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