

Curbside News



Newsletter for Republic Services® and High Country Disposal

City of Sisters

Winter 2019

Happy Holidays!

Important Holiday Collection Schedule

High Country Disposal collects every holiday except Christmas Day and New Year's Day. This year our city of Sisters customers will be affected by our holiday collection schedule.

CHRISTMAS DAY: There is no service on Christmas Day. Wednesday customers will be serviced Thursday.

NEW YEAR'S DAY: There is no service on New Year's Day. Wednesday customers will be serviced Thursday.

Please have your carts out by 7:00 a.m. For questions regarding the holiday collection schedule, contact 541-548-4984.

New 2020 Commingle Recycling and Yard Debris Collection Calendar

Watch for your new 2020 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.



Before you throw out that used item, you can help support your local thrift stores by donating clothes and other good condition / working household items.

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, bandannas, and the 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 at the Sisters Recycle Center at no charge through 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.

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.

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.

Electronics:

Remember to recycle your old electronics. Take them to Negus Transfer Station in Redmond or Deschutes Recycling, located at Knott Landfill in Bend. TVs, computers, monitors, desktop printers, keyboards and 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, and holiday catalogs.

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

Liners and tissue paper from shopping bags and shoe/gift boxes, ribbon, foil backed wrapping paper, plastic bags, and wrappers. Reuse when possible.

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Winter Weather Guidelines

Your safety and our driver's safety are 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.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Residents can bring their Christmas tree to Sisters Recycle Center for recycling at no charge December 26 through January 31, 2020. Trees must be free of ornaments, lights, tinsel, and flocking.

Customers can also recycle their Christmas tree by cutting it down to smaller pieces and placing in your yard debris cart. Wreaths are accepted if all wire framing and decorations are removed.

Trees will be recycled so please have trees cleaned of all lights, decorations, and tinsel.

Recycling Preparation Guide

95-Gallon Commingled 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 such as yogurt containers, butter tubs, sour cream and cottage cheese containers. Nursery plant pots 4 inches or larger. Plastic buckets of 5 gallons or less, milk jugs (not flattened).
 - Non-Acceptable Plastics: Bags and film, foam/expanded plastics, large items (i.e. toys), bottle & tub lids, trays, 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.

Recycling Tips

- Glass and motor oil will continue to be recycled at Sisters Recycle Center.
- 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.

Yard Debris Roll Cart

- Grass clippings, brush, weeds, pine needles, plant prunings, branches no larger than 2" in diameter and 36" in length.
- Raw fruits and vegetables

Recycle Depot Locations

- Sisters Recycle Center
- Deschutes County Transfer Stations
- Deschutes Recycling, located at Knott Landfill

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. co.deschutes.or.us/solidwaste	541-317-3163
Bend ReStore bendhabitat.org	541-312-6709
Redmond ReStore redmondhfh.org	541-548-1406
Sisters ReStore sistershabitat.org	541-549-1621