



Recycling rules are inconsistent and confusing

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Recycling Services

There is no curbside recycling program in Hermiston, but there are free Recycling Centers in the community which provide customers with the opportunity to recycle.

They are located at:

- 81144 N. Hwy 395 &
- 220 W Harper Road, near Cost Less Carpet

Lack of transparency of where stuff goes, how it's managed and who is impacted



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And producers of materials have not been required to have a role in what happens to materials when they reach the end of their usable life.

Plastic Pollution & Recycling Modernization Act

- 1. Increased responsible recycling.** Make recycling easier, expand access to recycling services, upgrade the facilities that sort recyclables, and create environmental benefits while reducing social and environmental harms.
- 2. Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR).** Producers and manufacturers of packaging, paper products and food serviceware will pay for many necessary improvements and help ensure Oregon's materials are recycled successfully.
- 3. The recycling list is changing in 2025.** The act will create a uniform collection list that will allow individuals and businesses to recycle the same items across the state. Some materials may shift from home collection to a convenient drop off location to reduce contamination, support more recycling and ensure materials go to responsible end markets.

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Greater Portland wants the modern recycling system our communities have been asking for.

- Opportunity to recycle more than our current system and trust and confidence it is managed responsibly.
- Culturally responsive and relevant, easy-to-understand and accessible information in multiple formats and languages.
- Recycling is convenient, accessible, equitable and efficient.
- Support upstream waste prevention efforts
- Leverages producer support to reduce rate payer impacts
- Stable and resilient system - least disruptions to operations and produces high quality materials.
- Responsible end markets where people work in safe conditions and are paid wages and benefits that support their families. Items are recycled with the least amount of social and environmental impacts.

Extended Producer Responsibility

“If you make it, you take it.”



Safe Medicine Drop
Consumer Drug Take-Back Program

