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# SPRING NEWSLETTER

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## *Congratulations* Grocery Outlet Pendleton's 2016 Commercial Recycler of the Year!

At the end of each year the employees of Pendleton Sanitary Service, Inc. (PSSI) nominate several commercial businesses or institutions for the Commercial Recycler of the Year award. The winning recipient is determined by a vote of PSSI employees, as they are the individuals who deal directly with the recycled materials, and are impacted by the quality of those materials. This award is given to a commercial recycler that does an outstanding job in recycling, and/or has made significant improvements to their recycling efforts over the past year.



The employees of Pendleton Sanitary Service voted unanimously to choose Grocery Outlet as Pendleton's Commercial Recycler of the Year for 2016.

In August of 2014, Grocery Outlet began cardboard recycling services with PSSI. Because of Grocery Outlet, and the large amount of baled cardboard they produced, through a joint effort, PSSI devised a container system which allowed us to collect baled cardboard. In 2016 Grocery Outlet generated 113 bales of cardboard totaling 50.85 tons! In addition to cardboard, Grocery Outlet makes a concerted effort to minimize waste and reduce, reuse, and recycle all items possible from their waste stream. One example is the wooden pallets that they return to distribution rather than recycling them - a terrific example of Reuse before Recycle! Grocery

Outlet also promotes Reduce and Reuse through donating food to Capeco through the Fresh Alliance program three days per week. Lastly, Grocery Outlet is very environmentally conscious, as they contract with a hazmat collection company for any chemical breakage or spills. Other items recycled from the store include aluminum cans and plastic bottles.

Not only does Grocery Outlet do an outstanding job of recycling with the significant volume of materials they produce, the quality control in their recycling effort is extraordinary, which makes a significant impact on reducing waste going to the landfill. A special thanks go to Dan Canale and the team at Grocery Outlet!! Great job!

Pendleton Sanitary Service would like to congratulate and thank Grocery Outlet and their employees for the outstanding efforts in recycling!

### 2.1 % COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL RATE INCREASE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2017

To our valued customers: Hopefully you know that we have not increased our rates since 2012. We work hard to provide your services at the most reasonable cost. However, last year Oregon passed legislation increasing landfill tonnage fees and adding requirements for recycling. All of these added fees and costs, in addition to higher labor, health insurance and other costs, have forced us to implement a 2.1% cost of living increase provided by the

City of Pendleton, to be effective April 1<sup>st</sup>. The new fees will also be implemented outside the city limits after approval by Umatilla County.

Thank you for your business and for being our customer. We hope this change will have minimal effect on you, and you can be assured we will continue to provide you with the very best possible service! Feel free to contact our office with your questions or concerns at any time.

# WHERE AND HOW CAN I RECYCLE?

Residential customers can recycle NEWSPAPER, MAGAZINES, PHONE BOOKS, ALUMINUM and MOTOR OIL at the curb on garbage collection day. Recycle depots are located at SW 18<sup>th</sup> and Byers Avenue (across from Fallen Field) and at the Transfer Station on Rieth Road. Please take a minute to review the instructions below for preparing your recyclables. **Thank you for recycling and helping to preserve our environment!**

**NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES & PHONEBOOKS:** Newspapers, magazines and phone books are all recycled together - loose at depots, bundled or bagged at the curb on garbage collection day. **Please, no string or bags in the recycle bins.**

**CARDBOARD:** Corrugated only, brown paper sacks and cereal boxes, flattened. **No waxed boxes, styrofoam, plastic or any other paper.**

**ALUMINUM:** Clean foil, pop cans, pie plates—Remember, a magnet won't stick to aluminum!

**TIN CANS:** Remove labels, rinse and flatten. **No other metals.** A magnet will stick to tin!

**PLASTICS:** #1 through #7 bottles with neck smaller than base; rinsed plastic food containers such as butter tubs, yogurt containers. **No plastic bags, styrofoam or other plastic.**

**OFFICE PAPER:** White and pastel papers and envelopes, manila and pastel file folders. **No copy paper bundle wrappers, shredded paper, bright or dark colored paper, wax or plastic coated paper, or brown paper sacks.**

**MOTOR OIL:** Place in plastic jugs with screw-on lids, one gallon or less. **No other liquids.**

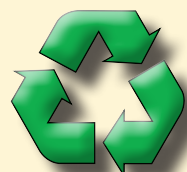
**APPLIANCES:** Please remove doors. Fee is \$9.40 per appliance at the transfer station only.

**SCRAP METAL:** Present to transfer station attendant for sorting.

**WOOD WASTE:** Clean pallets and lumber. **No painted or treated wood.**

**YARD WASTE:** Grass, limbs, leaves, brush at the transfer station only. **No stumps, dirt or rocks.** Fee is \$29.35/ton, minimum \$3.50 at transfer station.

**ELECTRONICS:** Televisions, desktop and laptop computers, computer monitors, keyboards, mice & printers are all recyclable at no charge at the transfer station only. **No stereos, microwaves, etc.**



## PENDLETON RECYCLING SUMMARY

PRODUCTS	2016	2015	2014
NEWSPAPER, MAGAZINES & PHONE BOOKS	359.9 TONS	436 TONS	434 TONS
CARDBOARD	1,052.2 TONS	1,635 TONS	1,049 TONS
OFFICE PAPER	130.6 TONS	167 TONS	122 TONS
WOOD WASTE	2,444.3 TONS	2,258 TONS	2,125 TONS
APPLIANCES	653.4 TONS	552 TONS	503 TONS
NON-FERROUS METALS	610.9 TONS	407 TONS	470 TONS
GLASS	126.2 TONS	379 TONS	220 TONS
PLASTICS	164.6 TONS	119 TONS	74 TONS
USED MOTOR OIL	2,845 GALS	1,859 GALS	5,599 GALS
BATTERIES	303 EACH	230 EACH	273 EACH
YARD WASTE	971.46 TONS	953 TONS	963 TONS
COMPOST	537 CU YDS	264 CU YDS	280 CU YDS
ELECTRONICS	37.29 TONS	42 TONS	52 TONS
ORGANICS/FOOD WASTE	226 TONS	130 TONS	99 TONS

## UMATILLA COUNTY RECOVERY RATE FOR 2015

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality has recently released recycle data for calendar year 2015. Umatilla County's Recovery Rate increased to **29.4%** in 2015, compared to 27.5% in 2014. Umatilla County's recovery goal is 20% so we continue to exceed that goal, thanks to your recycling efforts!

# FREE CLEANUP COUPON

Attached below is your annual FREE COUPON. The coupon cannot be redeemed for cash, but its disposal value is \$32.30. This coupon is just one of our ways of saying "THANK YOU" to our valued customers. We hope it helps with your spring cleaning. Please feel free to use your coupon any time after you receive this newsletter through Saturday, April 22, 2017.



Please read instructions carefully, and remember that identification will be required.



# DISPOSAL COUPON

This coupon allows only the customer named on the reverse side (identification will be required) to deposit one load of residential trash, yard waste or appliances up to one thousand (1,000) pounds at the Pendleton Transfer Station at no charge. Tires, demolition debris and commercial or industrial waste will be charged at the regular rates. ALL LOADS MUST BE TARPED. Any load that is not tarped properly will be charged at regular rates, plus an \$11.75 surcharge.

Coupon is valid through Earth Week, ENDING SATURDAY APRIL 22, 2017 Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. • Coupon is NOT transferable.

PLEASE RECYCLE ALL MATERIALS BEFORE USING THIS COUPON. ANY LOADS CONTAINING RECYLABLES WILL BE REQUIRED TO RECYCLE FIRST.

## TEN GREAT REASONS TO REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE AND COMPOST:

1. It costs you less
2. It sets a good example for our children
3. It conserves natural resources and protects wildlife
4. It saves energy
5. It saves landfill space
6. Aluminum cans and plastic bottles deposit in Oregon will be TEN CENTS effective April 1, 2017
7. You help to improve our environment by reducing pollution
8. You will help to create a sustainable future
9. You can be very proud of your efforts
10. IT'S JUST THE RIGHT THING TO DO!

## PLEASE REMEMBER the Environmental Hierarchy...

