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2023 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 also determined by a vote of PSSI employees. This award is given to a commercial recycler that does an outstanding job in recycling or has made significant improvements in their recycling efforts over the past year.

The employees of Pendleton Sanitary Service voted unanimously and selected Backfire Station as Pendleton's Commercial Recycler of the Year for 2023.

Backfire Station began recycling corrugated cardboard when they opened in January 2022. In 2023 Backfire recycled over 156 cubic



yards of cardboard! They also recycle cans and bottles with local distributors. Their remaining tin cans and glass are all recycled at PSSI's recycle center, going a step above and beyond to recycle everything possible. FANTASTIC job of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

Backfire does an excellent job producing clean, uncontaminated recycling. They consistently

maintain high quality recyclables which simplifies PSSI's processing, minimizes contamination and associated waste going to the landfill.

Pendleton Sanitary Service would like to congratulate and thank Backfire Station and their employees for their outstanding efforts in recycling!

Recycling Changes Coming in Pendleton

The Oregon Legislature passed Senate Bill 582 in the 2021 Legislative session, also known as the Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act (Recycling Modernization Act or RMA). The legislation is complex but was created to update and modernize Oregon's recycling system.

The RMA is a model based on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) recycling systems. Although Oregon's model is uniquely designed to fit Oregon's needs, there are EPR programs currently operating in Canada and Europe. Oregon's model bases the financial responsibility for packaging (paper, plastic, etc.), its sustainability, and recyclability more directly on the packaging producers. This model is new in the United States; in addition to Oregon, the states of California, Maine and Colorado are also in the beginning phases of implementing EPR recycling systems.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR PENDLETON?

Although the RMA is extremely complex, the biggest change Pendleton will see is the implementation of commingled (mixed together) recycling service for residential customers beginning in 2025. The law calls for all cities over 4,000 in population to provide curbside commingled recycling service to residents beginning July 1, 2025. (Continued inside)

UMATILLA COUNTY
RECOVERY RATE FOR 2021

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality has released recycling data for calendar year 2021 (DEQ's latest data). Umatilla County's Recovery Rate was 31.3% in 2021, compared to 28.3% in 2020. Umatilla County's recovery goal is 20% so we continue to exceed that goal, thanks to your recycling efforts!

PENDLETON
RECYCLING
2023 vs. 2022

PRODUCTS	2023	2022
Newspaper, Office Paper, Magazines & Phone books	110 TONS	140 TONS
Cardboard	1,451 TONS	1,216 TONS
Wood Waste	683 TONS	1,286 TONS
Appliances	617 TONS	644 TONS
Non-Ferrous Metals	151 TONS	425 TONS
Glass	34 TONS	65 TONS
Plastics	19 TONS	19 TONS
Used Motor Oil	1,419 GALS	1,304 GALS
Batteries	362 EACH	327 EACH
Yard Waste	908 TONS	1,017 TONS
Compost	954 CU YD	1,186 CU YD
Electronics	33 TONS	27 TONS
Organics/ Food Waste	185 TONS	146 TONS



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 610 SW Emigrant 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, 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!

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

PLASTIC MILK JUGS (transfer station only)
Plastic milk jugs only, remove lids & rings. NO OTHER PLASTICS PLEASE!

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

APPLIANCES
Fee is \$10.35 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 \$32.10/ton, minimum \$3.90 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.

*AT THE CURB ON GARBAGE COLLECTION DAY

Attached below is your annual FREE COUPON. The coupon cannot be redeemed for cash, but its disposal value is \$35.50. This coupon is just one of our ways of saying “THANK YOU” to our valued customers. We hope it helps with your spring cleaning.

You may use your coupon
any time after you receive this
newsletter through
SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024.



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 \$12.85 surcharge.

Coupon is valid through Earth Week, ENDING APRIL 27, 2024
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.

Recycling Changes Coming in Pendleton CONTINUED

Although plans for this service are preliminary given the rules are not yet finalized, commingled recycling service in Pendleton would look something like this:

- Each PSSI cart customer (32 & 96 gallon cart customers only) would receive a 96 gallon cart for commingled/mixed recycling.
- Service would likely be every other week pickup.
- Solid waste collection rates for 32 & 96 gallon cart service will increase across the board to cover the increased cost for this service.
- One potential benefit to customers may be that they'll recycle more at home and be able to reduce the size of their existing garbage container.
- Under the RMA – Oregon will have a standardized list of what is commingled recycling – called the Uniform Statewide Collection List (USCL). Here is the draft list of commingled recycling materials DEQ is currently proposing (again, this MAY change):
 - o Corrugated cardboard, brown kraft paper, paperboard packaging (cereal/cracker boxes), molded pulp packaging (egg cartons), polycoated cartons (milk cartons, aseptic cartons), tissue paper, non-metalized gift wrap, office paper, newspaper, magazines, telephone books, junk mail, paperback books, aluminum food and beverage cans, steel/tin cans, scrap metal weighing less than 10 lbs. and 18” in length (no tangles - wire, bicycle chains, etc.), plastic bottles and jugs that measure at least two inches in each of two or more dimensions made of clear PET #1 or natural or colored HDPE #2 or Polypropylene (PP) #5, plastic tubs (cottage cheese) 6 oz or larger made of PET #1, HDPE #2, LDPE #4 or PP #5, plastic nursery packaging HDPE #2 and PP #5 only, plastic buckets, pails, storage containers HDPE #2 or PP #5. NO GLASS WILL BE ALLOWED IN PSSI COMMINGLED RECYCLING.

• Items such as glass, aluminum foil, plastic film and other items not allowed in the commingled recycling will have depot/drop off options available for recycling.

As the rules for this legislation are finalized, PSSI will provide more information about implementation and the exciting changes coming to Pendleton to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Compost more, all for the betterment of our environment!

