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## Dave's Chevron

### 2025 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 Dave's Chevron as Pendleton's Commercial Recycler of the Year for 2025.

Dave's began recycling corrugated cardboard in April 2004. In 2025 Dave's recycled over 832 cubic yards of cardboard for the year. FANTASTIC job of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

Dave's Chevron 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 Dave's Chevron and their employees for their outstanding efforts in recycling!

## Curbside Commingled Recycling Coming In July

At last, recycle cardboard, packaging boxes, food and beverage cartons, newspaper, magazines, office paper, mail, tin, aluminum and plastics conveniently at home. Over the last couple of years, Pendleton Sanitary and other Umatilla County Cities have been working closely with DEQ and Circular Action Alliance (CAA), Oregon's Producer responsibility Organization to prepare for the implementation of commingled (mixed together) recycling service for residential customers. Carts will be delivered in June and service will start sometime around July 6, 2026.

### Curbside Commingled recycling service in Pendleton will look like this:

- Each PSSI cart customer (32- & 96-gallon cart customers only) will receive a 96-gallon cart for commingled/mixed recycling.
- Will be collected every-other week on the same day your garbage is collected.
- Oregon will have a standardized list of commingled recycling called the Uniform Stateside Collection List-USCL - details on our website, [pendletonsanitaryservice.com](http://pendletonsanitaryservice.com)
- The recycling depots started commingled collection last Oct and have these recycling boxes:
  - > Cardboard
  - > Glass
  - > USCL/Commingled Recycling

As we learn more, 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!

## UMATILLA COUNTY RECOVERY RATE FOR 2022

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality has released recycling data for calendar year 2022 (DEQ's latest data). Umatilla County's Recovery Rate was 31.3% in 2022, compared to 28.3% in 2021. Umatilla County's recovery goal is 20% so we continue to exceed that goal, thanks to your recycling efforts!

## PENDLETON RECYCLING 2025 vs. 2024

PRODUCTS	2025	2024
Newspaper, Office Paper, Magazines & Phone books	70.3 TONS	86 TONS
Cardboard	1,344 TONS	1,166 TONS
Wood Waste	833 TONS	679 TONS
Appliances & Scrap Metal	430 TONS	475 TONS
Non-Ferrous Metals	120 TONS	240 TONS
Glass	65 TONS	58 TONS
Plastics	0	19 TONS
Used Motor Oil	1,396 GALS	1,432 GALS
Batteries	571 EACH	348 EACH
Yard Waste	885 TONS	972 TONS
Compost	557 CU YD	792 CU YD
Electronics	29 TONS	31 TONS
Organics/ Food Waste	173 TONS	184 TONS



## Until the RMA and Commingled Service Is Implemented, 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 paper 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

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 \$10.70 per appliance at the transfer station only.

### ● SCRAP METAL

Present to transfer station attendant for sorting or place in yellow box at 610

### ● 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 \$33.20/ton, minimum \$4.00 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

● TRANSFER STATION ONLY

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Attached below is your annual FREE COUPON. The coupon cannot be redeemed for cash, but its disposal value is \$36.75. 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 25, 2026.



# PLEASE TARP YOUR LOAD

## 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 \$13.30 surcharge.

Coupon is valid through Earth Week, ENDING APRIL 25, 2026  
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 & COMPOST:

1 IT SAVES YOU MONEY!



2 Can & bottle deposit is 10¢ each in Oregon!



3 It sets a good example for our children



4 It conserves natural resources and protects wildlife



5 It reduces pollution



6 It saves landfill space



7 Be proud of your contribution to the environment!



8 You will generate less trash and it will cost you less



9 It saves energy



10 IT'S JUST THE RIGHT THING TO DO!



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