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Community Recycling & Waste Services News and Information

Holiday Information

Everything You Need to Know About Upcoming Services

Leaf Pick Up

Fall is in full swing, which means it's time to start planning for leaf collection. Rake leaves into the street just before your weekly collection day. Rows should be long and narrow, and 2 feet away from the curb. Do not block bike lanes, storm drains or driveways.

Adair Village - October 30, November 13, December 11

Corvallis - October 23 - December 15 (no pick up on Thanksgiving week)

Philomath - October 19, November 2, 16, 30, December 14

Did you know the leaves we collect for composting are available to you? Call our office to request a free dump truck load delivered to you! 541-754-0444

Local Corvallis Website

Have you had a chance to bookmark our local website yet? Visit www.republicservices.com/corvallis for information on recycling and composting, FAQ's, annual events and even some fun activities for kids!

Holiday Service Changes

Republic Services drivers do not work on Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Year's, so mark your calendar for these collection schedules. If your service day falls on or after the holiday, service will be one day later the rest of the week.

This means that Thursday and Friday service will be pushed back by one day during the week of Thanksgiving. Christmas and New Year's fall on a Monday; thus service for the entire week will be pushed back by one day. Friday customers will be serviced on Saturday.

Thanksgiving
Thursday, November 23

Christmas
Monday, December 25

New Year's
Monday, January 1

Become a Master Recycler

The annual Linn-Benton Master Recycler class is open to the public and starts Tuesday, January 9th. Visit <http://tiny.cc/recyclclass> for more info and to sign up. Class size is limited.

Cardboard is a great material to recycle, and during the holidays there tends to be a lot of it! Please remember to break down or flatten cardboard. It saves space in the cart, and ensures it will fit into the opening of the collection truck. Cut cardboard into smaller pieces if needed so it will fit in the cart with the lid completely closed. Extra cardboard can be brought to the Republic Services Recycle Depot (110 NE Walnut Blvd., enter on Belvue St., open 7 days a week, 7am-7pm)



Common Cart Contaminants

During the holidays, there are some common items that mistakenly end up in the recycle cart. The items listed to the right may have a home elsewhere through reuse or special recycling, but they don't belong in the tan curbside cart.

Consider saving these items for reuse next year, or deciding if you need them in the first place. Instead of using disposable wrapping paper opt for a wrap that could serve a dual purpose, like a decorative box or a festive piece of cloth. There are many ways to reduce waste around the holidays; these are just a few!

- Regular wrapping paper is great, but not the kind with embellishments, metal foiling or plastic coating
- No ribbon, bows or string
- No holiday light strings (see back page for disposal options)
- No plastic bags
- No plastic packaging
- No tape
- No Styrofoam™ or bubble wrap

Community Events

Prescription Drug Take-Back Event

Saturday, October 28

10am - 2pm, 110 NE Walnut Blvd. (enter on Belvue St.)

Republic Services is partnering again this year with the City of Corvallis Police to hold this event. Members of the public can dispose of their expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. No liquids, needles or sharps accepted. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked. For more info contact Corvallis PD, 541-766-6924

Residential Household Hazardous Waste Event**

Saturday, November 11

9am - 2pm 110 NE Walnut Blvd., Corvallis (Enter from Belvue Street)

Accepted materials include:

- paints* & stains
- antifreeze & batteries
- cleaners & degreasers
- thinners & solvents
- fluorescent tubes & bulbs
- photographic chemicals
- herbicides & insecticides
- fertilizers & pesticides
- laboratory chemicals
- other hazardous products labeled:
 - flammable
 - danger
 - toxic
 - warning
 - poison
 - caution

*Dry paint cannot be recovered and should be placed in the garbage.

****This event is for residential customers only. Commercial generators or customers with quantities of 5 gallons or greater must call 1-800-547-2436 to schedule an appt.**

Holiday Light Collection

Friday, November 24, 2017 - Sunday, January 7, 2018

Drop off all types of light strings, working or not, at the Republic Services recycle depot, 110 NE Walnut Blvd. in Corvallis (enter on Belvue St.), 7 days a week (excluding holidays) from 7 am to 7 pm. No need to remove bulbs from strings, just place in bin marked "Holiday Lights".

Holiday Tree Collection

Tuesday, December 26, 2017 - Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Place tree at the curb on regular service day for pick up. All decorations must be removed; no flocked trees.

*Additionally, there will be a drop box in the Corvallis office parking lot for drop-off tree collection. (110 NE Walnut Blvd.)



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China Says it Will Ban Certain Recovered Material Imports

Excerpt from Resource Recycling, July 19, 2017

Chinese authorities have announced the country will prohibit some grades of recovered paper and plastic from being imported by the end of 2017. One U.S. group said that action would have a "devastating impact" on the wider recycling sector.

In a July 18 filing with the World Trade Organization (WTO), China's Ministry of Environmental Protection said recovered mixed paper – as well as recycled PET, PE, PVC and PS, textiles and vanadium slag – would be banned from import into the country later this year.

What does this mean for local recycling? Republic Services, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon Refuse and Recycling Association and other haulers are taking a wait and see approach. Recycling is only sustainable if there is a market and end use for the material collected. This is an important issue to watch as the materials now accepted in the curbside recycling cart may change.