

Recycling

Recycling Facts

The average person generates over 4 pounds of trash every day.

Americans make more than 200 million tons of garbage each year.

Over 75% of waste is recyclable, but we only recycle **30%** of it.

We generate 21.5 million tons of food waste each year. If composted, it would reduce greenhouse gases like taking 2 million cars off the road.

Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to listen to a full album on your iPod.

Americans throw away 25 million plastic bottles a hour.

Americans throw away 25 billion Styrofoam cups a year.



In the Southwest Washington and Portland Metro areas we have numerous vendors for recycling all kinds of products not collected curbside. These products include: block foam, electronic waste, appliances, clothes, furniture, confidential documents, paint and building supplies.

Recycling vendors that operate on a larger scale include:

[Terracycle](#) ...allows you to recycle the unrecyclable, like candy wrappers, drink pouches and cigarette butts.

[Zero Waste Alliance](#)...brings all partners together to create a future without waste.

[National Waste & Recycling Association](#)...discussed real issues about waste and recycling and gives feedback on the industries perspective.

What you can do...

The best thing you can do before looking for vendors is making sure you separate materials into their appropriate genre of recyclable material. Taking this first step will allow you to call the appropriate vendor for your recycling needs instead of aimlessly calling around.

Where to go....

The first place to check is your local county options where you can properly and safely dispose of your general unwanted materials. Links found below are for both Portland and Vancouver recycling directories.

Quick Links: Commonly Recycled Items

[Appliances](#)

[Confidential Documents](#)

[Clothing](#)

Construction/Building Items

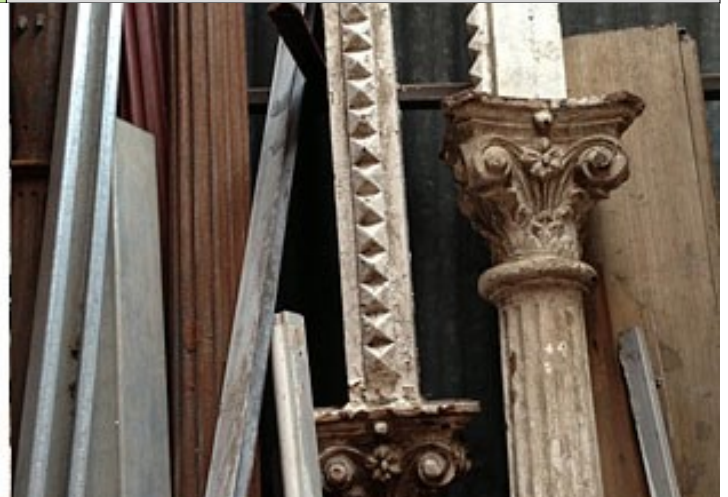
[The ReBuilding Center](#)

[Habitat for Humanity ReStore](#)

[Electronic Waste/Block Foam](#)

[Large furniture](#)

[Paint](#)



Resources

[Clark County Recycling A-Z Directory](#)

[Portland Recycling Directory](#)

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