



Disposal Concurrences

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What are disposal concurrences?

Oregon’s recycling laws are designed to provide residents with the opportunity to recycle to help conserve resources, energy and reduce environmental impacts. Given the unprecedented market conditions, recycling processors are now struggling to find markets to accept mixed paper or plastics. In such circumstances, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, working closely with representatives from the recycling industry and local governments, has developed a short-term concurrence process to help alleviate the backup of material throughout the collection and processing system. This process requires collaboration and oversight for local governments to ensure all other options are exhausted before disposal can happen.

Everyone wants to see recyclable materials recycled, and DEQ is committed to protecting the integrity of Oregon’s reuse and recycling systems and maintaining recycling collection and processing where possible. DEQ will continue to provide updated information as this issue evolves, and will continue to share how the state is addressing local challenges caused by this global disruption. To date, it is estimated that less than 2 percent of Oregon’s recyclable material has been disposed.

To date, DEQ has concurred on the following:

Organization Name	Date	Materials Type
Central Coast Disposal	9/27/2017	Residential commingled
Hood River Recycle and Transfer Station	10/19/2017	Residential commingled
The Dalles Transfer Station	10/19/2017	Residential commingled
Baker Sanitary Service	10/26/2017	Mixed Plastics
Southern Oregon Sanitation, Inc.	10/27/2017	Residential commingled
Pioneer Recycling Services	10/31/2017	Aseptic containers
Republic Services - Grants Pass	11/1/2017	Residential commingled
Rogue Materials Recovery	11/2/2017	Residential commingled
Klamath County Solid Waste Division	11/3/2017	Depot commingled
Waste Pro	11/7/2017	Residential commingled
Rogue Disposal and Recovery	11/7/2017	Residential commingled
Willamette Resources Inc.	11/14/2017	Film plastic and rigid plastic containers