



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 due to the loss of the China markets, recycling processors are now struggling to find markets to accept mixed paper and plastics. Some communities, especially those in rural parts of the state, have been disproportionately affected due the added financial burden of transporting materials to processors in other parts of the state. 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 seeks collaboration and input from local governments to ensure all other options are exhausted prior to disposal. When it costs more to recycle a material or group of materials than it does to landfill them, disposal of recyclable material can happen under Oregon law.

Number of concurrences since Sept. 27	Total tonnage disposed of – from Oct.1 to April 30	Percentage of materials collected in commingled programs*	Percentage of all materials collected for recycling*
22	10,138 tons	5-6 percent	less than 2 percent

*Percentages calculated using monthly averages from the previous year.

To date, DEQ has concurred on the following:

Organization Name	Date*	Materials Type	Frequency	Material Source Areas	Amount Disposed to Date (tons)
Central Coast Disposal	9/27/2017	Residential commingled	One time	Florence	14.75
Hood River Recycle and Transfer Station	10/19/2017	Residential commingled	Ongoing	Hood River County	570.58
The Dalles Transfer Station	10/19/2017	Residential commingled	Ongoing	Wasco County, Sherman County, Gilliam County	459.82
Baker Sanitary Service	10/26/2017	Mixed Plastics	Ongoing	Baker City, Baker County	33.27
Southern Oregon Sanitation, Inc.	10/27/2017	Residential commingled	Ongoing	Grants Pass, Cave Junction, Rogue River, Gold Hill, Eagle Point, Shady Cove, Butte Falls, Jackson County, Josephine County	1547.511
Pioneer Recycling Services	10/31/2017	Aseptic containers and cartons	Ongoing	Entire State of Oregon	93
Republic Services - Grants Pass	11/1/2017	Residential commingled	Not exercised	Grants Pass, Josephine County	None disposed of to date

Rogue Materials Recovery	11/2/2017	Residential commingled	Ongoing	Medford, Central Point, Jacksonville, Phoenix, Jackson County	2370.34
Klamath County Solid Waste Division	11/3/2017	Depot-collected: Comingled, scrap paper, corrugated cardboard, rigid plastic and #3-#7 plastic	One time	Klamath County	20.52
Waste Pro	11/7/2017	Residential commingled	Ongoing	La Grande, Island City	28
Rogue Disposal & Recycling	11/7/2017	Residential commingled	Ongoing	Medford, Central Point, Jacksonville, Phoenix, Jackson County	3374.83
Willamette Resources Inc.	11/14/2017	Film plastic, rigid plastic containers	Not exercised	Wilsonville, Tualatin	None disposed of to date
International Paper	1/22/2018	PVC film	One time	Eugene	28.9
Garten	2/12/2018	mixed waste paper, rigid plastics and #3-#7	Ongoing	Aurora, Aumsville, Dallas, Detroit, Donald, Eugene, Gates, Gervais, Hubbard, Independence, Idanha, Jefferson, Keizer, Mill City, Monmouth, Mt. Angel, Newport, Salem, Silverton, Scotts Mills, Stayton, Sublimity, St. Paul, Turner, Waldport, Woodburn	1,316.06
Prineville Disposal	2/14/2018	Residential commingled	Ongoing	Crook County	199.85
Waste Connections (Vancouver WA)	2/15/2018	Scrap paper	One time	City of Portland, Lane County, Coos County, Columbia County, Clackamas County	24.2
Thompson's Sanitary Service, Inc.	2/27/2018	Residential commingled, depot	Ongoing	City of Newport and Lincoln County, including the UGB, and unincorporated areas around Newport	34.01
Roseburg Disposal Co.	3/2/2018	Residential commingled	Ongoing	City of Roseburg, including the UGB, and unincorporated areas around Roseburg.	None disposed of to date
Pendleton Sanitary Service Inc.	3/6/2018	Residential and commercial commingled	Ongoing	City of Pendleton and Umatilla County	0.09
Dahl Disposal	3/17/18	Residential, Commercial, Depot	One time	Lincoln County, Yachats, Waldport, Siletz and Toledo	13.54
Twelve-Mile Disposal	4/10/18	Residential, Commercial	Ongoing	Unincorporated East Multnomah County	8.8
Northstar Recycling	4/25/18	Mixed agricultural plastic	Ongoing	Mt. Angle and Marion County	None disposed of to date

North Lincoln Sanitary	5/1/18	Mixed commingled	Not exercised	City of Lincoln City, Lincoln County, including the UGB, and unincorporated areas around Lincoln City	None disposed of to date
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*Date is the date DEQ granted concurrence and does not reflect the disposal date.