



# Disposal Concurrences

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## What are disposal concurrences?

Given the unprecedented global market conditions, some recycling processors have struggled to find markets for mixed paper and plastics, causing a backup of materials throughout the collection and processing system. Some communities – especially those in rural parts of the state – have been disproportionately affected due the added expense of transporting materials to processors in other parts of the state. In such circumstances when it costs more to recycle a material than it does to dispose of it in a landfill, disposal of previously-recycled material can happen under Oregon law.

The Department of Environmental Quality, working closely with representatives from the recycling industry and local governments, has developed a short-term stopgap solution, called a disposal concurrence, to help alleviate the backup of materials. When all options to find markets for recyclable commodities have been exhausted, DEQ concurs that landfilling these materials on a temporary basis is an unfortunate, but needed option at this time.

## Disposal concurrences overview

# 26

Number of concurrences since Sept. 1, 2017

# 2%

Percent of all materials collected for recycling that have been disposed of since Sept. 1, 2017\*

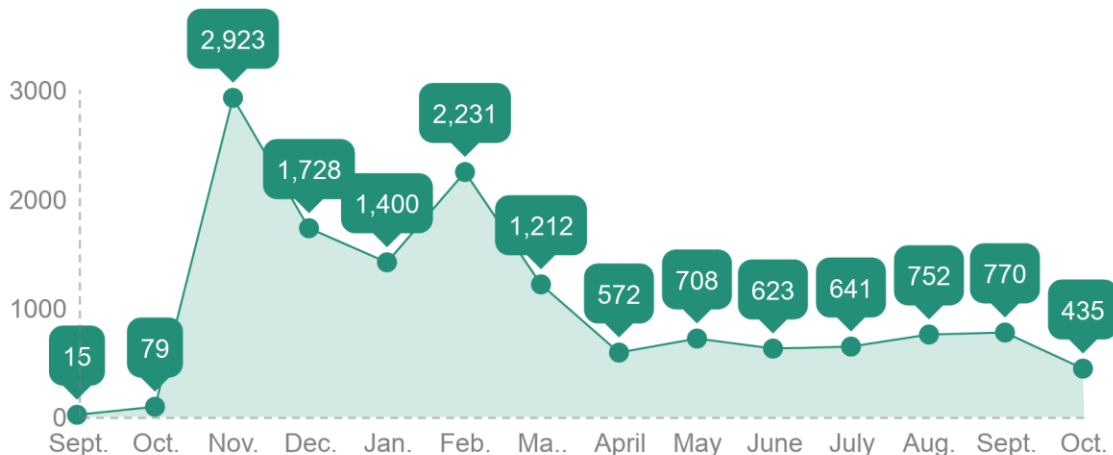
# 14,088

Total tons disposed from Sept.1, 2017 to Oct. 31, 2018



\*Percentage calculated using monthly averages from 2016

## Total tons disposed of by month



## Active concurrences that have resulted in disposal

**Active** indicates that the organization still has an active concurrence in place, meaning that it can utilize the concurrence if needed.

| Organization                            | Materials Type                                 | Material Source Areas  | Amount Disposed (tons) |
|---|--|--|------------------------|
| Baker Sanitary Service                  | Residential and depot mixed paper and plastics | Baker City, Baker County   | 64.13                  |
| Dahl Disposal                           | Residential, commercial, depot                 | Lincoln County, Yachats, Waldport, Siletz and Toledo   | 13.54                  |
| Hood River Recycle and Transfer Station | Residential commingled                         | Hood River County  | 1,070.69               |
| Northstar Recycling                     | Mixed agricultural plastic                     | Mt. Angle and Marion County  | 6.07                   |
| Pendleton Sanitary Service Inc.         | Residential and commercial commingled          | City of Pendleton and Umatilla County  | 0.53                   |
| Republic Services - Grants Pass         | Residential commingled                         | Grants Pass, Josephine County  | 833.09                 |
| Rogue Disposal & Recycling              | Residential commingled                         | Medford, Central Point, Jacksonville, Phoenix, Jackson County  | 3,396.08               |
| Rogue Materials Recovery                | Residential commingled                         | Medford, Central Point, Jacksonville, Phoenix, Jackson County  | 2,370.34               |
| Southern Oregon Sanitation, Inc.        | Residential commingled                         | Grants Pass, Cave Junction, Rogue River, Gold Hill, Eagle Point, Shady Cove, Butte Falls, Jackson County, Josephine County | 2928.17                |
| Sweet Home Sanitation                   | Mixed commingled recyclables                   | Halsey, Brownsville  | 65.86                  |
| The Dalles Disposal                     | Residential commingled                         | Wasco County, Sherman County, Gilliam County   | 825.14                 |
| Twelve-Mile Disposal                    | Residential commingled                         | Unincorporated East Multnomah County   | 68.8                   |
| Waste Pro                               | Residential commingled                         | La Grande, Island City   | 28                     |

## Expired concurrences that have resulted in disposal

**Expired** indicates the organization did not elect to extend their concurrence after it expired (or informed DEQ that it will not extend its concurrence).

| Organization                        | Materials Type   | Material Source Areas   | Amount Disposed (tons) |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|------------------------|
| CARTM                               | #3-7 Plastic   | Manzanita   | 6.2                    |
| Central Coast Disposal              | Residential commingled   | Florence  | 14.75                  |
| Garten                              | Mixed waste paper, rigid plastics and #3-#7  | 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 | 1,316.07               |
| International Paper                 | #3-#7 and film plastic   | Eugene  | 70.49                  |
| Klamath County Solid Waste Division | Depot-collected: Comingled, scrap paper, corrugated cardboard, rigid plastic and #3-#7 plastic | Klamath County  | 20.52                  |
| Madras Sanitary                     | Mixed commingled   | Madras  | 239.61                 |
| Pioneer Recycling Services          | Aseptic containers and cartons   | Entire State of Oregon  | 97                     |
| Prineville Disposal                 | Residential commingled   | Prineville, Crook County  | 580.78                 |
| South Umpqua Disposal               | Mixed commingled recyclables   | Myrtle Creek, Riddle, Canyonville, Days Creek   | 14.04                  |
| Thompson's Sanitary Service, Inc.   | Residential commingled, depot  | City of Newport and Lincoln County, including the UGB, and unincorporated areas around Newport  | 34.01                  |
| Waste Connections (Vancouver WA)    | Scrap paper  | City of Portland, Lane County, Coos County, Columbia County, Clackamas County   | 24.2                   |