



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

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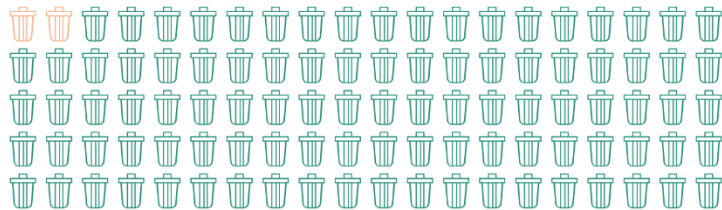
Number of concurrences since Sept. 1, 2017

2%

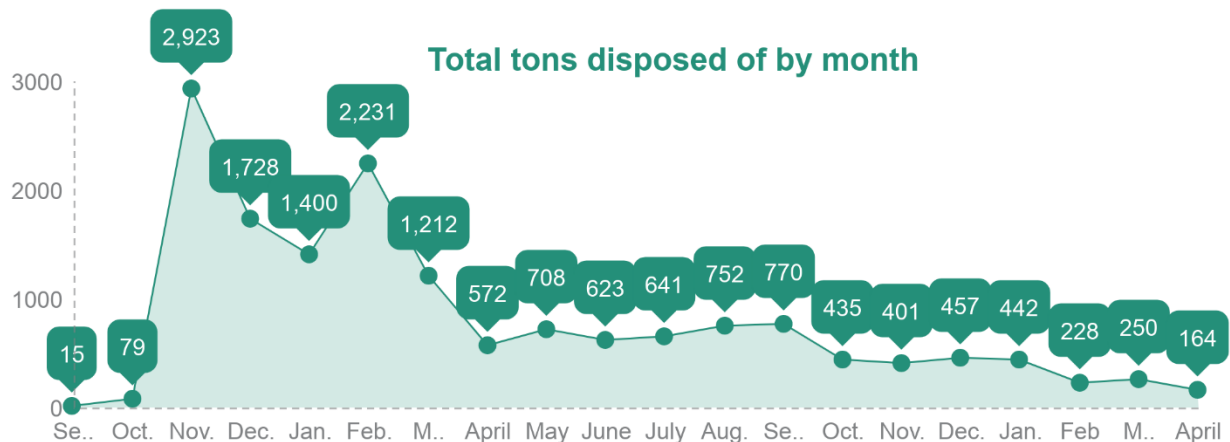
Percent of all materials collected for recycling that have been disposed of since Sept. 1, 2017*

16,030

Total tons disposed from Sept. 1, 2017 to April 30, 2019



*Percentage calculated using monthly averages from 2016



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)
Hood River Recycle and Transfer Station	Residential commingled	Hood River County	1,605
Prineville Disposal	Residential commingled	Prineville, Crook County	1,163.68
The Dalles Disposal	Residential commingled	Wasco County, Sherman County, Gilliam County	1,133.28

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)
Baker Sanitary Service	Residential and depot mixed paper and plastics	Baker City, Baker County	63.45
CARTM	#3-7 Plastic	Manzanita	6.2
Central Coast Disposal	Residential commingled	Florence	14.75
Dahl Disposal	Residential, commercial, depot	Lincoln County, Yachats, Waldport, Siletz and Toledo	13.54
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
Northstar Recycling	Mixed agricultural plastic	Mt. Angle and Marion County	6.07
Pioneer Recycling Services	Aseptic containers and cartons	Entire State of Oregon	97
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	1,120.75
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	3,655.07
South Umpqua Disposal	Mixed commingled recyclables	Myrtle Creek, Riddle, Canyonville, Days Creek	14.04
Sweet Home Sanitation	Mixed commingled recyclables	Halsey, Brownsville	102.01
Thompson's Sanitary Service, Inc.	Residential commingled, depot	City of Newport and Lincoln County, including the UGB, and unincorporated areas around Newport	34.01
Twelve-Mile Disposal	Residential commingled	Unincorporated East Multnomah County	86.8
Waste Connections (Vancouver WA)	Scrap paper	City of Portland, Lane County, Coos County, Columbia County, Clackamas County	24.2
Waste Pro	Residential commingled	La Grande, Island City	28