



# City of Lake Oswego

## Guide to Residential Recycling, Composting, and Garbage

### Garbage Collection:

Republic Services is the City of Lake Oswego's waste hauler. To set up service, please call 503-636-3011. Cart sizes range from 20 gallons, to 35 gallons, to 65 gallons, to 90 gallons.

#### What goes into my garbage cart?

In Lake Oswego, we can recycle or compost many items that you may have previously thrown away in other cities, counties or states. The same rules apply to single family and multifamily residences. Items that **must** be throw away, and never recycled or composted include:

- Frozen food containers
- Glassware, ceramics, incandescent light bulbs (not CFLs or LEDs)
- Plastic film or bags (though you may recycle these at area supermarkets)
- To-go cups and containers (paper, plastic cups, clam shells, though you can recycle these at New Seasons)
- Foam, carpet, fabric, "compostable" dishware, pet waste, and diapers

If you live in a multifamily residence (apartment, condo, townhouse) where curbside composting is not available to you, all food waste can also go into your garbage along with food soiled paper and pizza boxes. Once paper products have become food soiled, they are **NOT** recyclable.

### Recycling Collection:

Lake Oswego offers "comingled" recycling, meaning that everything that can be recycled goes into the same container, with the exception of glass. It is **very important** that trash not end up in the recycling as it will contaminate the entire load. Remember: **when in doubt, leave it out.**

#### What goes into my recycling cart?

The following can go into your blue recycling cart, or recycling dumpster if you live a multifamily residence:

- Plastic bottles, jugs, buckets and tubs larger than 6 ounces. **Lids must be removed.**
- Mixed paper and cardboard
- Metal

Hard plastics such as plastic furniture is not recyclable.

### Yard Debris and Food Waste Collection:

In Lake Oswego, we offer curbside compost collection. This means that you can include all your food waste in your green yard debris cart. Currently, this is only offered to single family residences. A countertop collection

pail has been provided to you to collect food scraps. Instead of scraping food waste into the garbage or garbage disposal, scrape it into your pail and empty the pail into your green cart for weekly pickup. Coffee grounds, peppermint oil, and baking soda will all help reduce odors, as will emptying the pail frequently.

### What goes into my green cart?

All of the following can go into your green cart:

- All yard debris
- All food waste, including meat, bones, and dairy products
- Coffee grounds
- Tea bags
- Food-soiled paper
- Pizza boxes

We do **not** accept so-called “compostable” products such as green compostable bags, cups, plates or cutlery. These must go into your trash. You may line your compost pail with brown bags or newspaper.

## Hazardous Waste

Paint, motor oil, batteries, CFL or LED lightbulbs, prescription medications, needles, and many other products are considered to be household hazardous waste. These products **must** be taken to the Metro South Transfer Station at 2001 Washington Street, Oregon City.

Paint can also be taken to the Miller Paint store at 544 N. State Street or Sherwin Williams at 15659 Boones Ferry Road.

## Electronics

Electronics cannot go into your garbage. This includes, computers, monitors, TVs, printers, keyboards, and mice. They are accepted at any Oregon E-Cycles depot, which in Lake Oswego includes Far West Recycling at 341 Foothills Road, and any Goodwill location.

## Bulky Waste (furniture, large plastic items, mattresses, etc.)

Republic Services will charge you an additional fee to pick up these items. If you live in a multifamily residence and leave bulky waste in your trash enclosure, the cost to pick up these items will be passed on to you. In Lake Oswego, you can take **some** of these items to Far West Recycling at 341 Foothills Road. Please call to ensure they will accept your items. We also have many community organizations who will take these items if they are not broken beyond repair. Goodwill, Community Warehouse, and Habitat ReStore will often collect these. The City also hosts a Community Clean Up Day once a year in June where you can drop off these materials free of charge. Check HelloLO and the City website for details.

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