

BLS Custodial Waste Services Quick Guide

Overview

BLS collects mixed recycling, paper and cardboard, food scraps, and garbage.

- **Mixed Recycling**

Paper products, plastic tubs, plastic bottles, cardboard, food and beverage cartons, tin and aluminum cans. BLS recycling is commingled, meaning **all types of recycling can be put into the same recycling bin**. Large 96 gallon roll carts are provided for kitchens for mixed recycling.

- **Paper recycling**

Paper products such as school papers, tissue boxes are collected from classrooms and placed in the co-mingled recycling bin. **Please remind staff to break down cardboard boxes and place them next to bins and not in them.**

- **Cardboard recycling**

5-yard cardboard bins are provided for most schools. You can recycle all types of cardboard, except for those coated in wax, glitter, velvet, or foil. The cardboard should be clean and dry.

- **Food Scraps**

Food only. Not all schools compost. Composting bins are provided for the kitchen staff for the pre-consumer waste and for students. Custodians take out the composting in elementary and middle schools. Student environmental clubs help with any student composting in high schools if collected from student meals. Kitchen staff assist with the materials that leave the kitchen pre customer and salad bars. It is not required to have student bins in high schools if there is not student support.

Food scraps need to be emptied into containers outside the school. Nutrition Service staff will wash the bins daily. Waste Haulers will rinse bins upon pick up if lines are not frozen. Adding a sheet of newspaper to the bottom of the compost container will help with removal.

Classroom Recycling Stations

Students and staff should learn what goes in each bin and empty into hallway/common corridor bins



Hallway Common Corridor Bins



Let's give these a break from the recycling bin. They are NOT Recyclable.



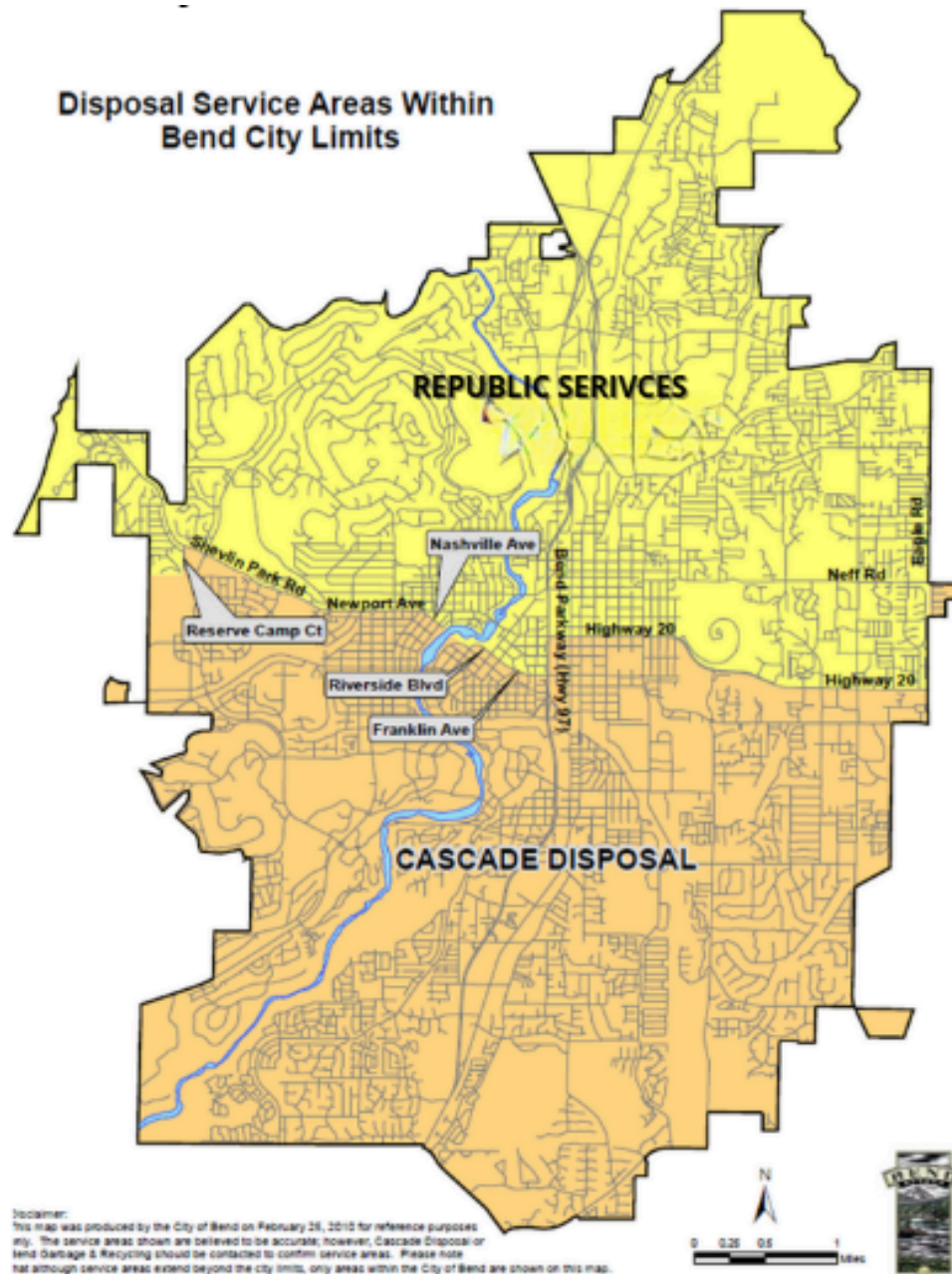
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Waste Haulers

Bend has two different haulers for waste and recycling, Republic Services and Cascade Disposal.

Here is a map that shows the boundary of the two companies.



What to do on your designated recycling day?

It is important to have your 96 gallon recycling roll carts out on the recycling day. Each of these carts, if not outside on the road service, will need to be hand brought out by the truck driver to be lifted out on the truck. Please have your recycling out where a truck can drive by, pull in or back up to quickly load the carts into a truck.



What happens to recycling?

The materials picked up by the truck are brought to a large warehouse at Republic Services. Commingle material goes to Republic Services' baling facility in Bend where it is baled and shipped to a MRF (Material Recovery Facility). The MRF's may change depending on cost to take the materials or the MRF's capacity to accept material. Material is shipped to MRF's in the Portland area. The glass is crushed before placing it in boxes to ship to Portland's Glass to Glass.



Understanding what can and cannot go into the bins

TYPE	RECYCLABLE	NON-RECYCLABLE
<i>Paper</i>	Newspaper	Frozen food boxes (contains moisture resistant plastic)
<i>Paper</i>	Corrugated cardboard	Paper bags lined with plastic
<i>Paper</i>	Magazines, catalogs, and phone books	Tissues, napkins, and paper towels (residues are not recyclable)
<i>Paper</i>	Junk mail and scrap paper	Food contaminated paper or cardboard (residues are not recyclable)
<i>Paper</i>	Envelopes (windows and labels OK)	Photographs (contains chemical coatings)
<i>Paper</i>	Paper bags	Waxed paper
<i>Paper</i>	Boxes	Paper cups (have plastic coating)
<i>Paper</i>	Wrapping paper (no foil, glitter, or tape)	Plastic envelope or mailers (includes paper lined with bubble wrap)
<i>Paper</i>	Cards (no foil, glitter, or plastic coating)	Hardcover or paperback books (glue lining in bindings are a contaminant)
<i>Paper</i>	Paper labels	Printer paper ream covers
<i>Paper</i>	Paper towel and tissue cores	Paper towels
<i>Paper</i>	Paper egg cartons	
<i>Paper</i>	Miscellaneous papers like butcher and construction	
<i>Paper</i>	Shredded paper (placed in paper bag)	
<i>Paper</i>	Food and Beverage cartons	
<i>Plastic</i>	Plastic bottles, jugs, and jars ($\geq 6\text{oz}$)	Plastic bags and clamshells
<i>Plastic</i>	Round plastic tub containers ($\geq 6\text{oz}$)	Bottles that have contained hazardous materials (old pesticide or herbicide bottles)
<i>Plastic</i>	Planting/nursery pots ($> 4\text{in}$ diameter)	Lids (too small to sort; end up in paper mills)
<i>Plastic</i>	Buckets ($\leq 5\text{gal}$)	Take out containers and trays (microwaveable meals, hinged take out boxes and containers)

<i>Plastic</i>		Styrofoam
<i>Plastic</i>		Plastic or plastic-coated beverage cups, lids, or straws
<i>Plastic</i>		Plastic packaging and bubble wrap
<i>Metal</i>	Aluminum foil and trays (rinsed)	Large metal items (\leq 30 lbs; 30in x 8in)
<i>Metal</i>	Small metal items (placed in metal can and crimped shut)	Empty aerosol cans (non-pressurized, cap removed)
<i>Metal</i>	Steel and aluminum cans (rinsed, remove and recycle paper labels)	
<i>Metal</i>	Aluminum foil and trays (rinsed)	
<i>Metal</i>	Scrap metal (>10 lbs; 18 inches)	
<i>Glass</i>	Bottles and Jars (in glass only bins)	Broken glass.