

# Tis the Season to RECYCLE

## Fa, la, la, la, la, la



Out with the old and in with the new!

WAIT! Before, you throw it in your trash can, let us help you figure out if it can be put to better use!

## REDUCE, REUSE & RECYCLE

- ✓ **Reduce** the amount of packaging by combining orders to reduce the number of shipments.
- ✓ **Reuse** boxes and donate items in fair condition to local charities or organizations.
- ✓ **Recycle** those items accepted at our depots by properly preparing acceptable items only before you go and sorting them at the depots as labeled.

**TIP:** While shopping for gift wrap and bows, consider alternative wrapping materials such as brown kraft paper or boxes, bags or other containers that can be recycled or reused! Adorn with twigs, candy canes and re-usable bows or ornaments to use next year. Brown kraft wrapping paper is recyclable!

Other colored (typically have white backing) and foil (shiny) wrapping paper is NOT recyclable! PLEASE DO NOT bring your used wrapping paper, bows or other packaging to the recycle depots. Please dispose of this by bagging, tying and placing it in your trash.

## Deck the Halls with....

Save time. Save money. And be creative.

Chances are you have odds and ends of old decorations, markers, paint, remnants of fabric or old shirts or blankets you no longer use, but can't stand the thought of parting with it. Well, let go of that thought and bring new life into your old items! Many items that are accepted at our recycle depots can also be repurposed and used for decorations.

*things you already have.*



**Red:** newspaper, magazines and old office paper can be used as wrapping paper, decorations and more! Once Christmas is over, you can recycle it!  
**Yellow:** Glass jars and tin cans can be wrapped or painted and used as a planter, vase, pen holders and much more. **Blue:** Tin cans can be repurposed as ornaments and decorations. **Purple:** Old tires can be used as wreaths and even snowmen and Christmas trees! **Don't forget, your shipping boxes can be reused to wrap presents and then flattened and recycled after the holidays!**

# Oh, What Fun It Is to Ride...

It looks like Timmy, Susie, Jill and Johnny have asked Santa to bring them a new bicycle for Christmas.




What will their parents do with their old ones after Christmas? *Let It Go...*

Donate them to Danner Farms! Danner Farms is a local non-profit located here in Milton-Freewater. Each year Danner Farms reconditions nearly 100 used bicycles that are donated to their organization, rather than going to the landfill or recycling, and makes them available during their annual giveaway event to local children, families and adults. Information about Danner Farms can be found on their website at [www.dannerfarms.org](http://www.dannerfarms.org)). They are currently in need of children's/youth bicycles. Please consider donating your child's old bicycle and providing a chance for another child in the community to learn and enjoy the skill of riding a bicycle. You can donate children's bicycles by bringing them to the County Rd recycle depot and leaving them next to the fence by the large metal/appliance drop box. We will ensure that they make it to Danner Farms and we thank you for your kindness.

## HOLIDAY RECYCLE DEPOT CLOSURES

CLOSED: DECEMBER 24, DECEMBER 25 & JANUARY 1

### He's Making a List & Checking It Twice

WHAT WE ACCEPT	Newspaper	Cardboard	Glass	Tin	Aluminum	Used Motor Oil	Scrap Metal/ Appliances
	 Newspaper, magazines and phone books ONLY! No string, plastic bags, boxes, etc.	 Corrugated Cardboard & brown paper bags ONLY! Flatten boxes. No waxed boxes, Styrofoam, plastic or packing materials.	 Glass jars and bottles ONLY. Labels are okay left on. Please rinse & remove lids. NO light bulbs, mirrors, ceramics, windows.	 Food containers ONLY. Empty & Rinse. No hazmat or non food tin cans. Labels are okay left on.	 Empty. May be brought to location in large plastic bags—no small bags. Clean foil and aluminum pie plates ok. Pop cans.	 RESIDENTIAL ONLY!!! Quart, gallon and up to 5 quart sized clear sealed plastic containers accepted for oil drop off ONLY. Motor Oil ONLY. No gasoline, diesel, solvents, antifreeze, etc.	 Misc. Ferrous and Non-Ferrous Metal ONLY!!! Hot water heaters, ranges, dishwasher washing machines, and other metal appliances. Self haul - must haul and unload unassisted at site.
640 County Rd Open 12 Noon—4 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday 8a.m.—12 Noon Saturday	YES 	YES 	YES 	YES 	YES 	YES 	YES 
13 SE 9th & S Mill Open 12 Noon—4 p.m. Wednesday & Friday	YES 	YES 	YES 	YES 	YES 	NO 	NO 

We recommend you sort and prepare only accepted items to take with you to the depots, before you go. This saves you time and keeps you from having to take unacceptable items back home for disposal in your trash can!

**DROPPING OFF NON-RECYCLABLES IS CONSIDERED OFFENSIVE LITTERING**

(ORS 164.805) **MAXIMUM FINE \$1,250.00**

IF YOU AREN'T SURE IF AN ITEM IS RECYCLABLE OR IF IT CAN GO IN THE TRASH, PLEASE CONTACT US. WE CAN HELP YOU.

*He knows when you when you... recycle right.*

*He knows when you don't.*

*So, let's do this right, for goodness sake!*

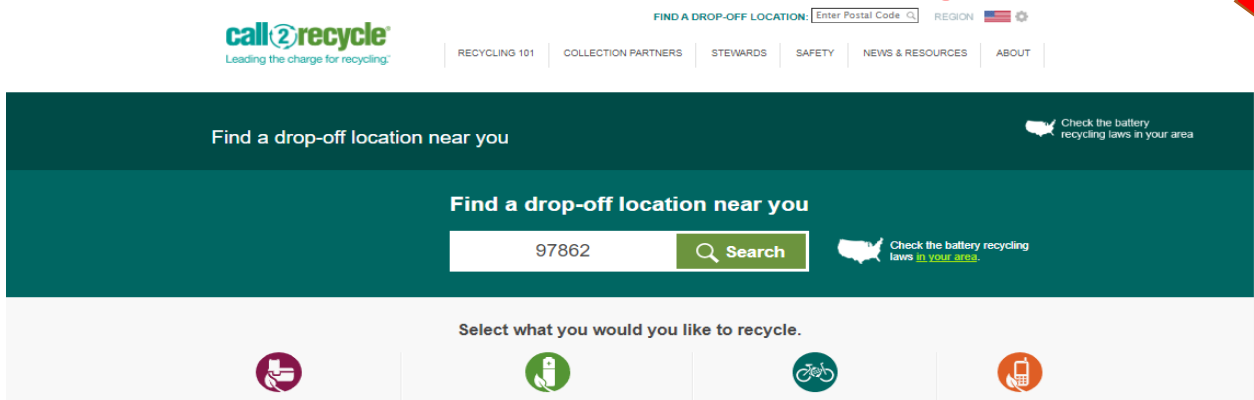
**Not sure what to do with your old item(s)?**

**DO NOT PUT LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES IN THE GARBAGE OR RECYCLING.**




These batteries can cause fires making it dangerous to transport them when co-mingled in your trash; disposed of at landfills; and if improperly taken to recycling facilities.

Please take extra care to properly dispose of these by taking your no longer usable or unneeded lithium-ion batteries to a Call2Recycle facility or bring them to Public Works at 501 Lamb Street.

**Visit: <https://www.call2recycle.org/locator/>**



**IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW THIS BEFORE YOU GO TO THE DEPOTS:**

<b>Plastic &amp; Styrofoam</b> 	<b>E-WASTE</b> Items Covered by Oregon E-Cycles 	<b>FURNITURE</b> 
<p><b>Do not bring the Styrofoam packing materials</b>, as those items are trash. Please bag them, tie the bag and throw it away at home in your trash before you go to the depot.</p>	<p><b>No televisions, computers and computer devices (mouse, keyboard, etc.),</b> as those must be disposed of as E-waste. <b>THEY ARE NOT RECYCLABLE OR TRASH!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Please properly dispose of these items at Humbert Refuse &amp; Recycling located at 54841 Hwy 332. This is a privilege, please be responsible.</li></ul>	<p><b>No furniture</b> such as sofas, beds, tables, etc. Those are all trash! Do not bring them to the recycle depot! We do pick up those items curbside for a fee and will pick up 2-3 of them for you. Please call Public Works for information. 541-938-8270, 8272 or 8274.</p>

**CHANGES COMING TO RECYCLING IN OREGON – JULY 2025**

**HOW IT WILL WORK**

**Producers**  
Will join a Producer Responsibility Organization and pay fees based on the products they sell in Oregon

**Producer Responsibility Organizations**  
Will use the fees to fund and reimburse various local recycling service expenses

**Recycling Processing Facilities**  
Will establish new permit and certification requirements

**Uniform Statewide Collection List**  
Will establish a uniform list of materials that are recyclable across Oregon

**Local Governments**  
Will receive financial support to expand recycling services and address contamination

**RecyclingAct.Oregon.gov**

You can learn more at [RecyclingAct.Oregon.gov](https://RecyclingAct.Oregon.gov) At this time, the City of Milton-Freewater does not have further information on exactly what the changes will be, as there are discussions still to be held on what exactly will be required and how that will be implemented here in Milton-Freewater as outlined in the Plastic Pollution and Modernization Law, effective Jan. 1, 2022 that builds on the existing standards and requirements from Oregon's Opportunity to Recycle Act.

# RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

City crews will be picking up Christmas trees at **NO CHARGE** during the period of:

## January 6 - 10, 2025



All lights, stands and decorations must be removed prior to trees being picked up.

**Trees must be placed along the curb within the dates shown above.** Trees put out after the event may incur a fee for pick up.

Please do not put your tree in your garbage can.

*Reminder – burn barrels are prohibited in the City Limits at all times.*

### RECYCLING DEPOT HOLIDAY HOURS

Mill Street Depot – OPEN Wednesday and Friday  
12 p.m. (noon) until 4 p.m.  
CLOSED 12/25 & 1/1

County Rd Depot – OPEN Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday  
12 p.m. (noon) until 4 p.m. – Tue/Thur 8 a.m. – 12 (noon) Sat  
CLOSED 12/24



*City of Milton-Freewater*

## HOLIDAY REFUSE & RECYCLING DEPOT SCHEDULE – 2025

**\*\*ATTENTION WENDESDAY & THURSDAY REFUSE CUSTOMERS\*\***

THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS EVE OBSERVED DATES WILL RESULT IN COLLECTION BEING ONE DAY SOONER THAN YOUR REGULAR COLLECTION DAY.

	HOLIDAY	DATE OBSERVED	PICK UP DATE	RECYCLING DEPOT CLOSURES
JANUARY 25	New Year's Day	Wednesday, January 1 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday, January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wednesday, January 1 <sup>st</sup>
	Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 20 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday, January 21 <sup>st</sup>	Monday, January 20 <sup>th</sup>
FEBRUARY	President's Day	Monday, February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday, February 18 <sup>th</sup>	Monday, February 17 <sup>th</sup>
MAY	Memorial Day	Monday, May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday, May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Monday, May 26 <sup>th</sup>
JUNE	Juneteenth	Thursday, June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Friday, June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday, June 19 <sup>th</sup>
JULY	Independence Day	Friday, July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Monday, July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Friday, July 4 <sup>th</sup> thru Monday, July 7 <sup>th</sup>
SEPTEMBER	Labor Day	Monday, September 1 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday, September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Saturday, August 30 <sup>th</sup> thru Monday, September 1 <sup>st</sup>
NOVEMBER	Veteran's Day	Tuesday, November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday, November 12 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday, November 11 <sup>th</sup>
	Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 27 <sup>th</sup>	WEDNESDAY, November 26 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday, November 27 <sup>th</sup>
	Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, November 28 <sup>th</sup>	Monday, December 1 <sup>st</sup>	thru Monday, December 1 <sup>st</sup>
DECEMBER	Christmas Eve	Wednesday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY, December 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>
	Christmas Day	Thursday, December 25 <sup>th</sup>	Friday, December 26 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday, December 25 <sup>th</sup>
JANUARY 26	New Year's Day	Thursday, January 1 <sup>st</sup>	Friday, January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thursday, January 1 <sup>st</sup>