

Community Collection Event Updates | April 2020

The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) has made changes to Community Collection Events for fiscal year 2020-2021.

Key messages for community groups

- BPS is no longer funding Community Collection Events through District Coalition Offices.
- BPS recognizes the leadership of the many passionate neighborhood volunteers that have made these events a success. Thanks to your dedication, over the last 18 months, these events collected 376 tons of mixed waste, and diverted over 3,000 items for reuse.
- This decision is a response to immediate budget constraints and the availability of bulky disposal options through Metro’s transfer sites and through nonprofit organizations and social service agencies that accept a wide range of usable goods and pick up donated materials throughout the year.
- BPS will continue to educate community about proper disposal and bulky waste resources.
- BPS has a strong commitment to bolster the reuse and repair community that puts usable items in the hands of those in need. BPS also seeks to better serve our most vulnerable community members that do not have the physical ability, transportation or financial resources necessary to manage bulky materials.
- Community groups and neighborhood associations can still host collection events. If groups choose to host an event and want to have drop boxes for waste collection, they can contact any permitted commercial garbage and recycling company to set up service; rates vary.

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Resource Guide

Bureau of Planning and Sustainability www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/cce | 503-823-7202

City of Portland office that manages garbage, recycling and compost services.

Litter

SOLVE www.solveoregon.org/kprc | 971-346-2708

Litter events continue with SOLVE's *Keep It Pretty, Rose City* program. SOLVE offers free cleanup supplies, volunteer support and a \$100 grant for supplies.

Reuse and recycling resources

Community Warehouse www.communitywarehouse.org | 503-235-8786

Portland nonprofit furniture bank that focuses on household goods and furnishings for neighbors in need. Staff or volunteers may be able to attend event for a fee.

Free Geek www.freegeek.org | 503-232-9350

Portland nonprofit that accepts most electronics for reuse or recycling. Staff may be able to provide services for a fee based on pickup, half day or full day events.

Habitat for Humanity ReStore www.pdxrestore.org | 503-283-6247

Portland nonprofit that accepts new and salvaged building materials, furniture, appliances, paint and stains and other home improvement items. Website has up-to-date lists of acceptable items.

Schoolhouse Supplies www.schoolhousesupplies.org | 503-249-9933

Portland nonprofit that supports public education by providing free school supplies to students in need. Website has up-to-date lists of acceptable items.

SCRAP Creative Reuse <https://portland.scrapcreativereuse.org/> | 503-294-0769

Portland nonprofit creative reuse store and donation center that offers all kinds of reused materials for arts and crafts—plus school, office, and party supplies. Website has up-to-date lists acceptable items.

The ReBuilding Center www.rebuildingcenter.org | 503-331-9291

Portland nonprofit that accepts reusable building materials to sell or donate to the community. Review guidelines before dropping off donations. Pick-up service available.

Agilyx www.agilyx.com | 503-217-3160

Free Styrofoam recycling for polystyrene. No starch peanuts, PE, or PP foam. Drop-off only.

Green Century Recycling www.greencenturyonline.net | 503-764-9963

A Portland business that offers a range of pickup and removal services for electronic waste for a fee.

Oregon E-Cycles www.oregon.gov/deq/ecycles/Pages/Consumers.aspx | 1-888-532-9253

Free Oregon statewide collection program for certain electronics. Residents can take seven or fewer computers (desktops, laptops and tablets), monitors, TVs and printers at a time to Oregon E-Cycles collection sites. Computer peripherals (keyboards, mice) are also accepted. *Some restrictions apply.*

PaintCare www.paintcare.org/paintcare-states/oregon/#/everyone | 503-410-1648

Paint and other household hazardous waste are prohibited at CCE. Direct residents with paint cans to this statewide program instead.

Other resources

Graffiti removal www.portlandoregon.gov/civic/32420 | 503-823-9666

The City of Portland Graffiti Program provides free and reduced-cost graffiti removal services; and facilitates and coordinates graffiti cleanup events with free training and supplies. They will provide snacks and refreshments for events with 30 or more volunteers.

Metro

• **Find a Recycler** www.oregonmetro.gov/tools-living/garbage-and-recycling/find-a-recycler | 503-234-3000

Use this web search tool or call the hotline to learn where to recycle, donate or reuse almost anything.

• **Regional Illegal Dumping (RID) Patrol** www.oregonmetro.gov/ridpatrol | 503-234-3000

RID Patrol cleans up illegally dumped or abandoned garbage sites, meeting or exceeding 72-hour response time. It also investigates evidence found in dumped garbage and eye-witness accounts of dumping incidents on either public or private property.

• **Transfer Stations** | 503-234-3000

www.oregonmetro.gov/tools-living/garbage-and-recycling/garbage-recycling-hazardous-waste-disposal-portland

Prohibited materials at transfer stations: All construction, remodeling and demolition debris is prohibited at collection events. If an attendee brings construction debris, they should check the suspect material list (below**) to see if they need to have any items tested for asbestos *before they take them to the transfer station.*

***Examples of high-risk materials suspected of containing asbestos:*

- **Flooring:** vinyl tiles, vinyl sheet, cove base.
- **Walls:** plaster, decorative plaster, textured surfaces on drywall.
- **Siding:** cement siding shingles “Transite”, stucco.
- **Insulation:** spray-applied, blown-in, vermiculite, pipe, HVAC and lagging.
- **Ceilings:** acoustical tiles, “popcorn” and spray-on texture.
- **Electrical:** wire insulation, panel partitions.
- **Other:** mastic, window glazing, fire doors, fire brick, fire proofing.