



# March 2024 Recycling Tips

In order to recycle we need to reduce our waste stream and then reuse, repurpose or donate items no longer needed.

We have several local area thrift stores that are willing to accept your donations of gently used items from clothing to furniture. We also have local programs that will take your donations of old bicycles and fix them up for the next person that can get use out of them or blankets and clothes or toiletries. Unless it is a single use item or completely destroyed chances are it can be reused somehow and if not, hopefully recycled rather than becoming refuse.

Need help or have questions? Give us a call. City of Milton-Freewater Public Works Department 541-938-8270, 8272 or 8274.



## REDUCE WASTE!

- Use refillable containers rather than single use cups and drinks.
- Buy items with less packaging, especially plastic packaging.
- Buy bulk and share or split as much as possible to cut down on packaging.
- Repurpose items you already have as often as possible instead of buying new.
- Use washable containers rather than plastic sandwich and snack bags.


## REUSE ITEMS!

- Repair items that are broken instead of throwing them away such as games, sewing a torn shirt.
- Find a new use for those old sweaters – turn them into pillow covers. Have some old jeans? Make a new quilt.
- Use refillable & reusable containers such reusable beverage containers instead of single use or regular plates instead of paper plates.
- Use items such as paper towel rolls, tissue boxes, etc. for craft projects rather than purchasing new items.
- Replacing something such as clothing, garden tools, kids' toys and bikes, etc.? Consider donating your gently used items to a local thrift store or charity.
- Donate old blankets to warming shelters and pet shelters.
- Repurpose containers such as jars for other items.

# WHAT WE ACCEPT FOR RECYCLING:

Newspaper	Cardboard	Glass	Tin	Aluminum	Used Motor Oil	Scrap Metal/ Appliances	Used COOKING OIL
							
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 or other liquids.	Misc. Ferrous and Non-Ferrous Metal.  Hot water heaters, ranges, dishwasher, washing machines, and other metal appliances.  Self haul - must haul and unload unassisted at site.	Used household cooking oil.  Clear sealed plastic containers.  Household cooking oil only.

# WHERE WE ACCEPT RECYCLING:

S. Mill Street Depot   
Behind Fire Station at SE 9<sup>th</sup> & S Mill

County Road Depot   
Next to Wastewater Treatment Plant at 640 County Rd

# WHEN WE ACCEPT RECYCLING:

## HOURS OF OPERATION

**SUNDAY – DEPOTS CLOSED**  
**MONDAY – DEPOTS CLOSED**

**WEDNESDAY – S. MILL STREET DEPOT**  
**OPEN 12 NOON TO 4 P.M.**

**FRIDAY – S. MILL STREET DEPOT**  
**OPEN 12 NOON TO 4 P.M.**

**TUESDAY – COUNTY ROAD DEPOT**  
**OPEN 12 NOON TO 4 P.M.**

**THURSDAY – COUNTY ROAD DEPOT**  
**OPEN 12 NOON TO 4 P.M.**

**SATURDAY – COUNTY ROAD DEPOT**  
**OPEN 8 A.M. TO 12 NOON**