

RECYCLING BEGINS WITH YOU!

RECYCLING IS A MULTI-STEP PROCESS THAT DOESN'T NECESSARILY
START AT THE STORE AND END AT THE DEPOT!

STEP 1 - REDUCE

Reduce waste by opting to buy items in bulk.
Select items with less packaging or packaging that can be reused..

Purchase items that can be shipped in manufacturer packaging rather than adding more packaging to insert the original packaging in.



STEP 2 - REUSE

Items such as bags, boxes, buckets, etc. can be reused multiple times to transport items such as bags or reuse your shopping bags as trash bags rather than discarding them and also bags for trash to be recycled – no sense doubling it!

Boxes can be reused for storage of items and also for a drop cloth or even in your garden as a compostable weed barrier.

Buckets can be used for many purposes, rather than throwing them away clean them out and store pet food, use them for washing your vehicles and much more!

STEP 3 - RECYCLE

Only after you have reduced the amount of waste and reused all items possible do you recycle them!

Aim to reduce waste before you begin, which also reduces the amount of recyclables and waste to be hauled away, by yourself or a service provider.

Waste and recyclables both use resources so when you can reduce as much as possible, it is the biggest environmental win!

Reduce garbage overload fees and the cost of additional containers by participating in our recycling program!

Additional waste = Additional costs! Let's be responsible together!

Changes will be coming in Milton-Freewater with the implementation of the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality's launch of the new Recycling Modernization Act (RMA). The RMA will require curbside recycling implementation as well as an expanded list of recyclable items accepted state-wide.

Recycling IS Important!

- **Reduces natural resources needed**– reduces need to extract raw materials such as timber, water, minerals.
- **Reduces pollution** – by diverting waste from landfills, it minimizes harmful emissions and pollution to resources such as water and minerals as well as air.
- **Reduces energy** - often requires less energy such as fuels, compared to producing new products from raw materials.
- **Reduces** greenhouse gas emissions.
- **Reduces** waste management costs by reducing the volume of waste sent to the landfill, which is expensive to maintain.

REUSE

Donate gently used items.

Have a yard sale and resell items you no longer need.

Repurpose items for use rather than buying new.

RECYCLE

ONLY RECYCLE items accepted at the depot as listed and prepared. Contaminated items CANNOT be recycled and can cost more money to extract than if they were properly disposed of with your waste to the landfill.

If you are not sure, just ask! Staff is more than willing to assist you in doing the right thing the first time!

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MILTON-FREEWATER RECYCLE DEPOT INFORMATION:

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County Rd Depot – 640 County Rd

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Open Tuesday – Friday 9 am to 4 pm

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Open Saturday 8 am to 12 pm (noon)

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S Mill Street Depot – behind 9 SE 9th Ave

Open Wednesday & Friday – 12 pm (noon) to 4 pm

Danner Farms Needs donations of small used bikes



Danner Farms annual Bike Giveaway will be in May again this year. More information on that event to come. In the meantime, we would appreciate donations of used children's bikes that don't need too much repair. Prefer 20 inch and smaller. Will pick up, if needed. If you'd like to help us put a smile on some more faces, please call (541) 861-3029.

Thanks,
Jim

Above request for donations from Valley Herald dated 2/6/26