



# FEBRUARY 2026

## RECYCLING

Do your part! Reduce waste, reuse items or donate gently used items and the preparation and sorting of accepted recyclable items at our depots.

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1. a prefix, occurring originally in loanwords from Latin, used with the meaning "again" or "again and again" to indicate repetition, or with the meaning "backward" to indicate withdrawal or backward motion: regenerate; refurbish; retype; retrace; revert.



## Re-think your role in the waste cycle!

### Reduce, reuse and recycle!

- 1. REDUCE** Choose items using less packaging as well as items that are packaged using recyclable materials reducing the amount of waste.
- 2. REUSE** You have an item that is broken such as a shovel handle. Rather than buying a new shovel, replace the handle and reuse the shovel rather than throwing the entire item away and buying new. Or maybe you are upgrading your lawn mower or bicycle. Donate your old one that is still in operating order and may just need a some minor repairs. Someone else may be blessed with your donated older item as their new treasured item.
- 3. RECYCLE** After you have reduced waste and tried to donate or reuse items the final option is to recycle as much as you properly can. Some items are not recyclable as is, but with a little effort you can find that parts are recyclable saving that much waste from being disposed of in the landfill.

If you are not able to utilize the 3 RE's steps: reduce, reuse and recycle process then sometimes it is unfortunately REFUSE. You can refocus next time you seek an item on doing things differently to better conserve our resources and save unnecessary items from going to the landfill, which essentially costs you three times – initial purchase, landfill costs and the cost to replace with new.

Please contact us with questions, suggestions and ideas. We are here to help!

Please only recycle items that are recyclable. Contamination and non-acceptable items end up costing you more! Why pay to “recycle” them and then for them to be collected a second time to be thrown away? Save yourself time and money and do it right the first time!

**Yes! Please recycle!**



Greeting Cards – paper only, no glitter, or plastic

Wrapping Paper – no glitter, non-metallic  
 Gift bags (paper)  
 Cardboard boxes  
 Tissue Paper

**Sorry, these are not recyclable.**



Greeting cards – animated, with glitter, plastic or embellishments  
 Wrapping Paper – glitter & metallic, ribbons & bows  
 Cellophane paper  
 Bubble wrap  
 Balloons  
 Candy boxes & wrappers



City of Milton-Freewater

**HOLIDAY REFUSE & RECYCLING DEPOT SCHEDULE – 2026**

**\*\*ATTENTION THURSDAY & FRIDAY 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 '26	New Year's Day	Thursday, January 1 <sup>st</sup>	Friday, January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thursday, January 1 <sup>st</sup>
	Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 19 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday, January 20 <sup>th</sup>	Monday, January 20 <sup>th</sup>
FEBRUARY	President's Day	Monday, February 16 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday, February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Monday, February 18 <sup>th</sup>
MAY	Memorial Day	Monday, May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday, May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Monday, May 25 <sup>th</sup>
JUNE	Juneteenth	Friday, June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Monday, June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Friday, June 19 <sup>th</sup>
JULY	Independence Day	Friday, July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Monday, July 6 <sup>th</sup>	Friday, July 3 <sup>rd</sup> thru Monday, July 6 <sup>th</sup>
SEPTEMBER	Labor Day	Monday, September 7 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday, September 8 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday, September 5 <sup>th</sup> thru Monday, September 7 <sup>th</sup>
NOVEMBER	Veteran's Day	Wednesday, November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday, November 12 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday, November 11 <sup>th</sup>
	Thanksgiving Day after Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 26 <sup>th</sup> Friday, November 27 <sup>th</sup>	WEDNESDAY, November 25 <sup>th</sup> Monday, November 30 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday, November 26 <sup>th</sup> thru Monday, November 30 <sup>th</sup>
DECEMBER	Christmas Eve	Thursday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>	WEDNESDAY, December 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thursday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>
	Christmas Day	Friday, December 25 <sup>th</sup>	Monday, December 28 <sup>th</sup>	Thru Monday, December 28 <sup>th</sup>
JANUARY '27	New Year's Day	Friday, January 1 <sup>st</sup>	Monday, January 4 <sup>th</sup>	Friday, January 1 <sup>st</sup> thru Monday, January 4 <sup>th</sup>

**Do you have old items you no longer need or are replacing yet the old ones may have some life left in them for reuse?**

**REUSE** – Donate them if they still work. Sometimes people can benefit from your old appliance by reusing parts off of them to repair others that would otherwise not need replaced, yet just repaired. This is true for most items. If you can't use it check with our many area donation sites and thrift or second hand stores. You would be amazed what skills some folks have to repurpose or repair items that some would prefer to trash and start all over again with new. While you may not want it, it may be of some value for someone else.

**RECYCLE** – If it is something we accept as outlined above bring it during our normal operating hours to one of our depots. To expedite your experience at the depot it helps to prepare and sort your items before you arrive. Please sort them as outlined above so you can dispose of each category in the marked bin and be on your way to the next event of your day!

Can't haul it? Call us! We can help provide you with other recycling options.

**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.	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.
640 County Rd Open 9 AM – 4 PM Tuesday thru Friday 8 a.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

Have a question about something not on our list?

Give us a call and we will help you find the proper method of disposal.



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