

FEATURED RECYCLER TOM WILSON



Tom joined the cleaning & recycling team at the Co-op in May 2010 and has quickly shown his ability to learn and lead. He is excited to be able to use his new knowledge of recycling at home. Outside of work, Tom is involved the South Corvallis Boys & Girls Club and is set to be the Assistant Director there in September 2010.

THANK YOU, TOM!

STYROFOAM RECEIVING HOURS

Monday through Thursday
2pm to 7pm
Friday, Saturday & Sunday
9am to 7pm

Other recycling services are available during daylight hours.

The International Cooperative Alliance's

Seventh Principle

Concern for the Community

While focusing on owner needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies accepted by their owners.



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The Co-op Recycling Center
1007 SE 3rd
Corvallis, Oregon
Open 2 pm to 7 pm Daily

printed 9-10

The Co-op Recycling Center

As stewards of our planet, we must do everything we can to prevent waste and conserve resources.



We accept many items that may otherwise go in the trash. Together we can stop making more landfills and start making something out of our waste!

Commingled

accepted in commingled bin

- All paper products, even milk cartons and aseptic (like soy milk and soup). Rinse, flatten and remove plastics. People handle this material after you throw it in the bin!
- Metal: aluminum and tin cans, foil, metal lids, and most aerosol cans
- Plastics: Most containers that are flexible. Yogurt, milk, etc.
- NO chemicals, like paints. These are hazardous waste. WD40 and cooking sprays cans are fine.
- NO bottle caps or lids (they are too small). These go in our hard plastic recycling bags.



Fun Fact:

Did you know you can put your pots and pans in the commingled as well?

- Commingled collections make a stop in Albany before going to a MRF (Municipal Recycling Facility) in Gresham to be sorted. From there, the paper is shipped in the US and plastics go to China.

Unaccepted Items

We do not accept the following items. However, there are other recycling sites in the community for most of them. A current list is available at the recycling center, at Customer Service, and is also available on our web site at www.firstalt.coop.

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| Car batteries | Yard debris & wood waste |
| Cell phones | Wood |
| Hazardous waste | Furniture, TV, appliances |
| Motor oil | Boxes with wax coating (e.g. take-out boxes) |
| Light bulbs | E-waste (Electronics, computers, phones) |
| Paint waste | |
| Styrofoam peanuts | |
| Tires | |

Special Items

accepted in separate bins



Glass

All colors of glass (no need to separate different colors). Remove lids and place them in the hard plastic collection bag.

Freezer Board

Ice cream and freezer containers that touch food. Fish stick boxes or frozen juice. Remove metal, food and plastic.



Printer ink cartridges:

The Co-op has a Rapid Refill Ink station near Customer Service at both stores. They return your cartridge to the Co-op for you to pick up full of ink!

Eyeglasses:

Accepted in the store at customer service and donated to people in Togo, West Africa.



Batteries

On the side of the Recycling Shed, we accept all small household batteries. Leaking and corroded batteries are considered hazardous waste. No car batteries.

Wine corks

Located on the side of the Recycling Shed. Natural corks only, plastic removed.

- Plastic corks go in the hard plastic collection bins.

Cork Re-Harvest.Org salvages this precious resource for use in flooring tiles, building insulation, and packaging materials. corkreharvest.org.



Cardboard

No waxed or glossy finish cardboards. These go in the commingled container. Please flatten.

Metals

All metals are currently accepted, even if they have small amounts of plastic on them (e.g. metal appliances, irons, bottle caps, clean car parts, etc.). For large appliances, call 753-3115 in advance.

Plastics

accepted in separate bags

Soft plastics:

Film and plastic bags are accepted. No numbers necessary. Must be CLEAN and DRY.

Hard plastics:

All plastics going in this bin do not need to have a number on them to be recycled at this time.

- Watch out for compostable plastics marked as #7.
- NO PVC. Please check with an attendant if you have PVC you need to recycle.
- Remove hidden metal like bearings and springs.

Agricultural plastics:

Colored twine, garden pots and trays. No sheets of plastic or tarps for now. Must be CLEAN and DRY.

NOT ACCEPTED- Compostable Containers:

We currently cannot accept compostable containers. These are best placed in your home compost.

- Check for green stripe, the brand EcNow, or other 'green' sounding names.

The best option is always a reusable cup! FMI: Scott, 753-3115x357.



EPS (Styrofoam)

Styrofoam recycling requires a fee and is only accepted from 2-7pm Mon-Thurs and 9-7 Fri-Sun. This covers the cost of delivering the collections to a facility in Portland. Fees rates are posted at the center. For business styrofoam recycling, contact the Co-op's Recycling Coordinator for special rates.

Expanded Polystyrene (aka Styrofoam)

Accepted: Block styrofoam, wraps, LD and "egg crate" foam. Not accepted: Packing peanuts.

