

## December 2020 Conservation Tips

### Recycling, Garbage, Leaves & More: A Message From Recology Ashland

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Congratulations to our Ashland community for making it to the last month of one grueling year. Through pandemic, wildfire, and the countless challenges that have arisen from each, you have consciously and courageously chosen to rise up, adapt, and forge ahead.

YOU. ARE. AMAZING.

The employee-owners at Recology feel exceedingly grateful for all who are doing their part to ensure our drivers, our residents, and our business owners and employees are safe at the curb. Here's a list of reminders to follow as we make our way to the other side of this COVID-19 pandemic.



#### STOP & THINK

**What goes where?** Sorting properly is critical to keeping recyclable material out of the landfill. Yard debris should go in your green cart, while cardboard, paper, metal, and plastic containers should go in the recycling cart. Nothing but glass belongs in the small bin. Check out our list of “What Goes” at the end of this article to make sure you are a conscious recycler.



#### BREAK IT DOWN

**Optimize space in your blue bin** and keep recyclables loose (not bagged). Break down cardboard boxes and collapse plastic milk jugs. Do what you can to keep your bin from overflowing. Remember to save yourself the additional trip to the curb by only putting your glass bin out when it's full.



#### BAG IT & BIN IT

**Do your part to keep drivers safe and eliminate litter.** Trash should be secured in bags to prevent materials from blowing onto the street. Make sure all trash fits inside your curbside bin.



### SAVE YOUR DONATIONS

**Put reusable items aside for now.** Once Shelter-In-Place restrictions are lifted, donate reusable goods to a local charity, non-profit, family or friend.



### WASH YOUR HANDS

**Frequently!** Washing your hands before and after rolling your bins to the curb will help keep both you and your driver safe. You can also wipe down the handles and lids of your bins with a sanitizer to further protect yourself and drivers.



### ROLL IT OUT

**Place your curbside bins out early.** If wildlife concerns do not prevent you from doing so, please roll your bins to the curb the night before your pick-up day. Drivers may pick up bins earlier or later due to temporary routing changes. Remember to leave space between your bins to allow our automated trucks to “grab” your bin effectively.



### SMILE & WAVE

**Drivers need to socially distance, too.** Please maintain the advised 6 feet of social distance between you and your driver. But that doesn't mean you can't say hi — a friendly wave is always appreciated!

## ADDITIONAL REMINDERS, UPDATES, AND “DID YOU KNOWS”

**Our Office on Oak Street:** Our business office remains closed to walk-in traffic to honor social

distancing guidelines. We are able to take payments, answer questions, open or close accounts, and generally assist you via telephone 541.482.1471, and through our “Contact Us” feature on our website - [www.Recology.com](http://www.Recology.com)

**Our Recycle Center on Water Street:** Our recycle center remains open regular hours Mon-Sat, 9-5 pm; closed Sunday. The clothing and shoe exchange also known as the “Free Box” remains closed, and we have suspended our CFL and florescent bulb acceptance program, both due to COVID-19 precautions. Those needing to recycle their burned out CFLs and florescents may do so at our Transfer Station for a small charge.

**Our Transfer Station on Valley View Road:** To keep lines moving efficiently, please remember to untarp your load before reaching the pay station. Free of charge, you may recycle up to seven electronic items per day. Metal may also be recycled for no charge. For information on proper Fire Debris disposal, please go to our website - [www.Recology.com](http://www.Recology.com)

**Our Special Services:** Don't forget to participate in our last FREE leaf collection event of the year at our recycle center on December 13th, 9 - 4 pm. Leaf Bags are also still available for purchase - \$14.50 for a set of 5, which includes curbside pickup. Please call our office at 541.482.1471 to pay for your bags in advance and arrange for their pickup.



## WHAT GOES IN A RECYCLE CART?

If it's not on this list, it's contamination.



**Mixed Paper  
& Cardboard**



**Metal  
Aluminum & Tin**



**Plastic  
Bottles, Jugs & Tubs #1, #2, #5**

GLASS COLLECTED SEPARATELY IN SMALL OPEN BIN