

Your Recycling, Waste & More: A Message from Recology Ashland

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Congratulations to our Ashland community for making it through one grueling year. Through pandemic, wildfire, elections, and the countless challenges that arose from each, our incredible community consciously and courageously chose to rise up, adapt, and forge ahead in the unprecedented year of 2020.

We employee-owners at Recology extend our gratitude for those doing their part to ensure COVID-prevention practices are followed at the curb. Here's a list of reminders to guide you as we make our way to the other side of this COVID-19 pandemic.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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”

Business 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

Ashland 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 fluoreseents may do so at our Transfer Station for a small charge.

Valley View 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

Seasonal Services: Leaf Bags are 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.