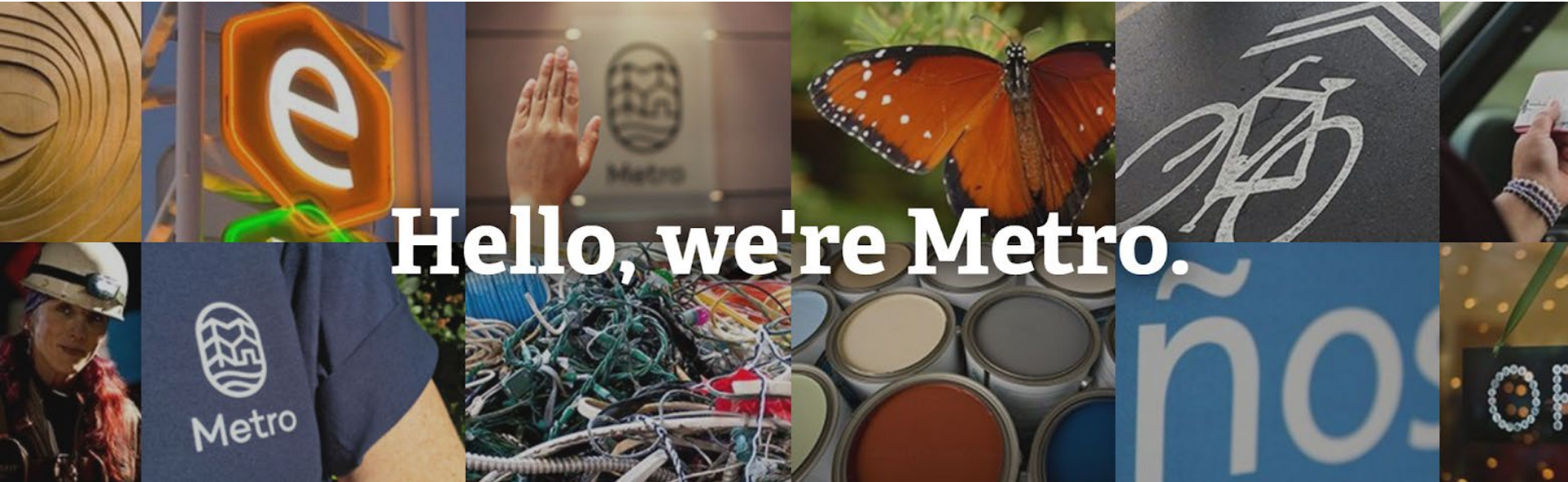


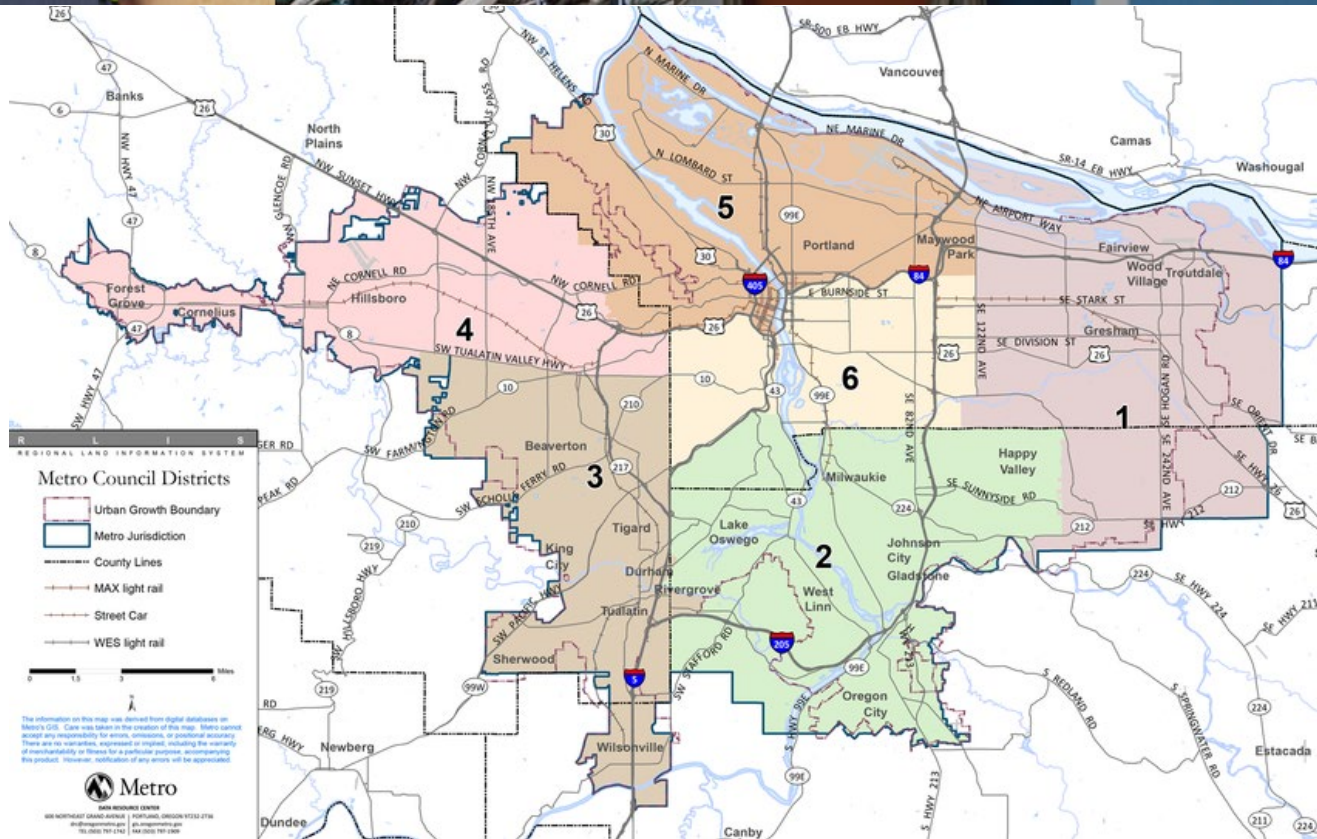
Oregon: Where does everything go?

April 10, 2024





Hello, we're Metro.





The '3 Rs' are in order for a reason:

REDUCE

THE AMOUNT OF SINGLE-USE
ITEMS YOU PURCHASE.

REUSE

ITEMS YOU DO PURCHASE AS
MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

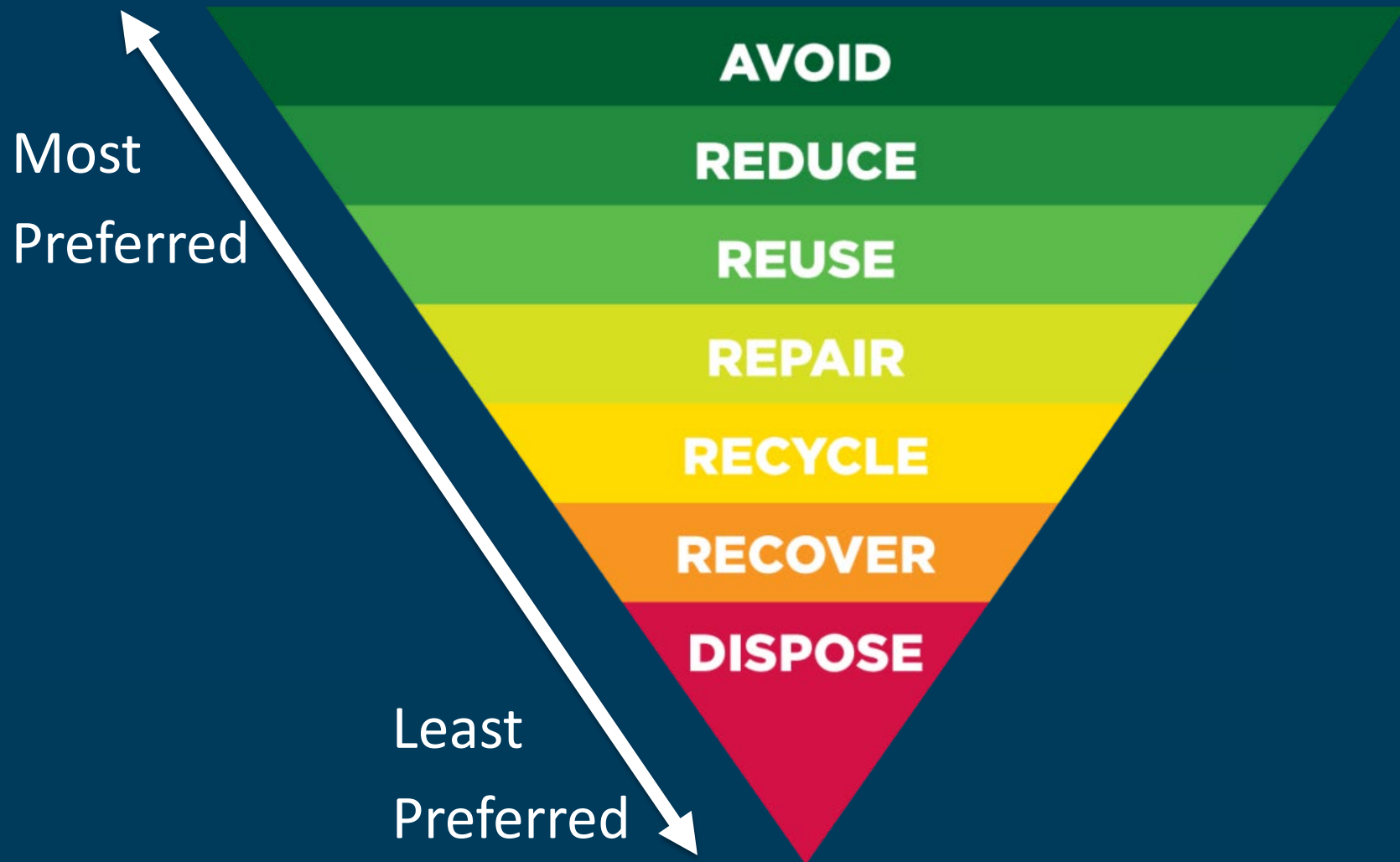
RECYCLE

WHAT YOU
CANNOT
REUSE.



Recycling is a last resort,
sustainability is the solution.

The Waste Hierarchy

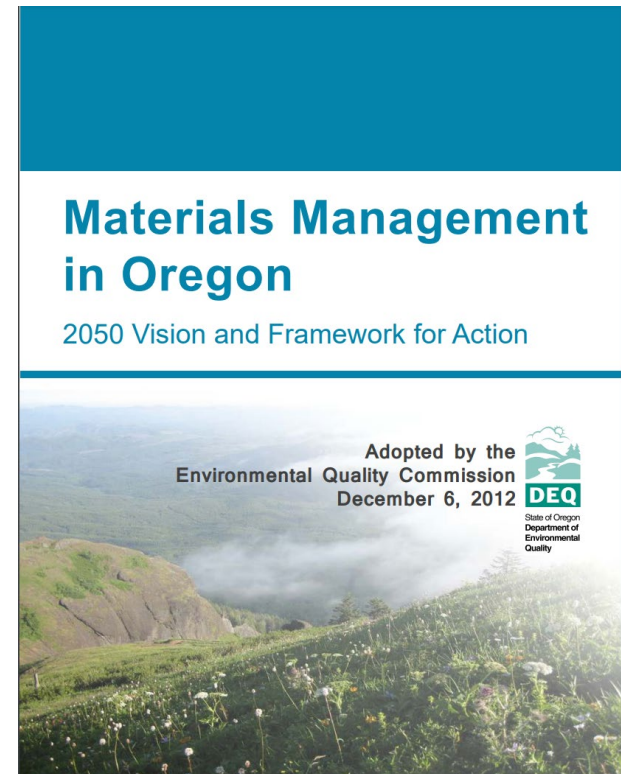


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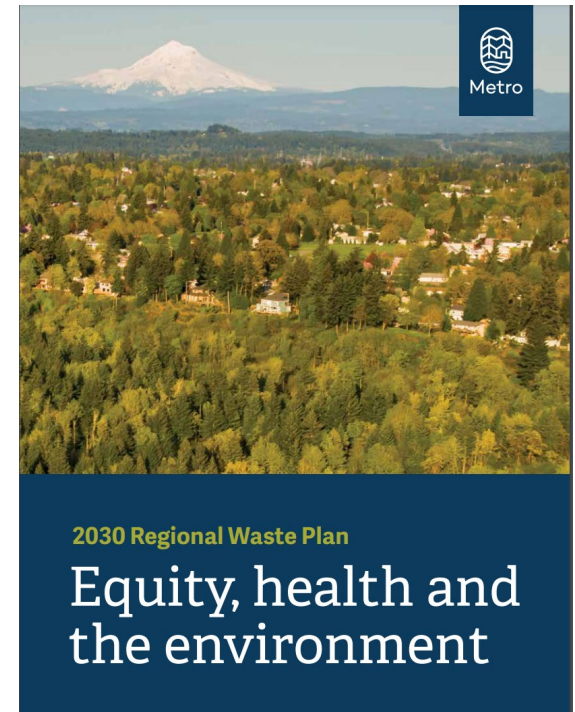
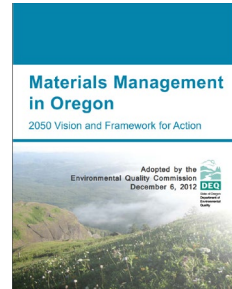
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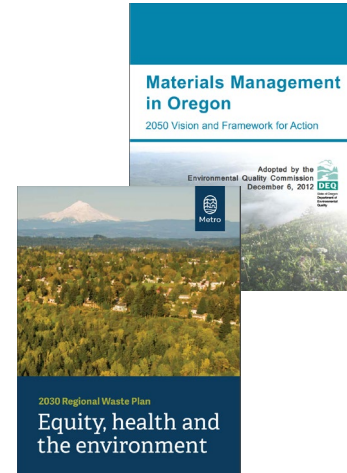
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Where does everything go?



Recycling
(Mixed recycling. Glass
recycling)

Yard
Waste

Garbage

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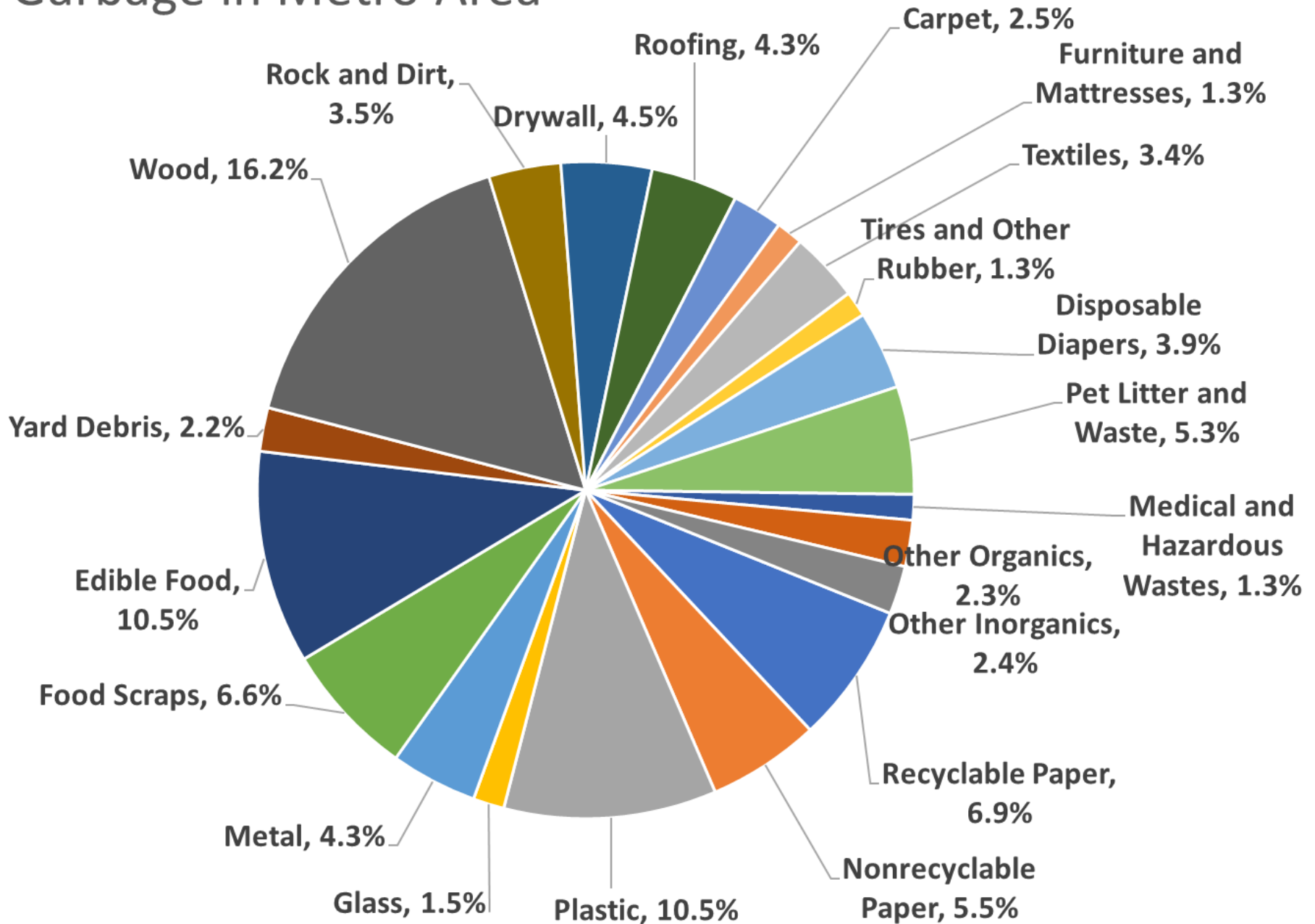
Why collect garbage?





**Embrace
the trash
can!**

Garbage in Metro Area





Keep these
out

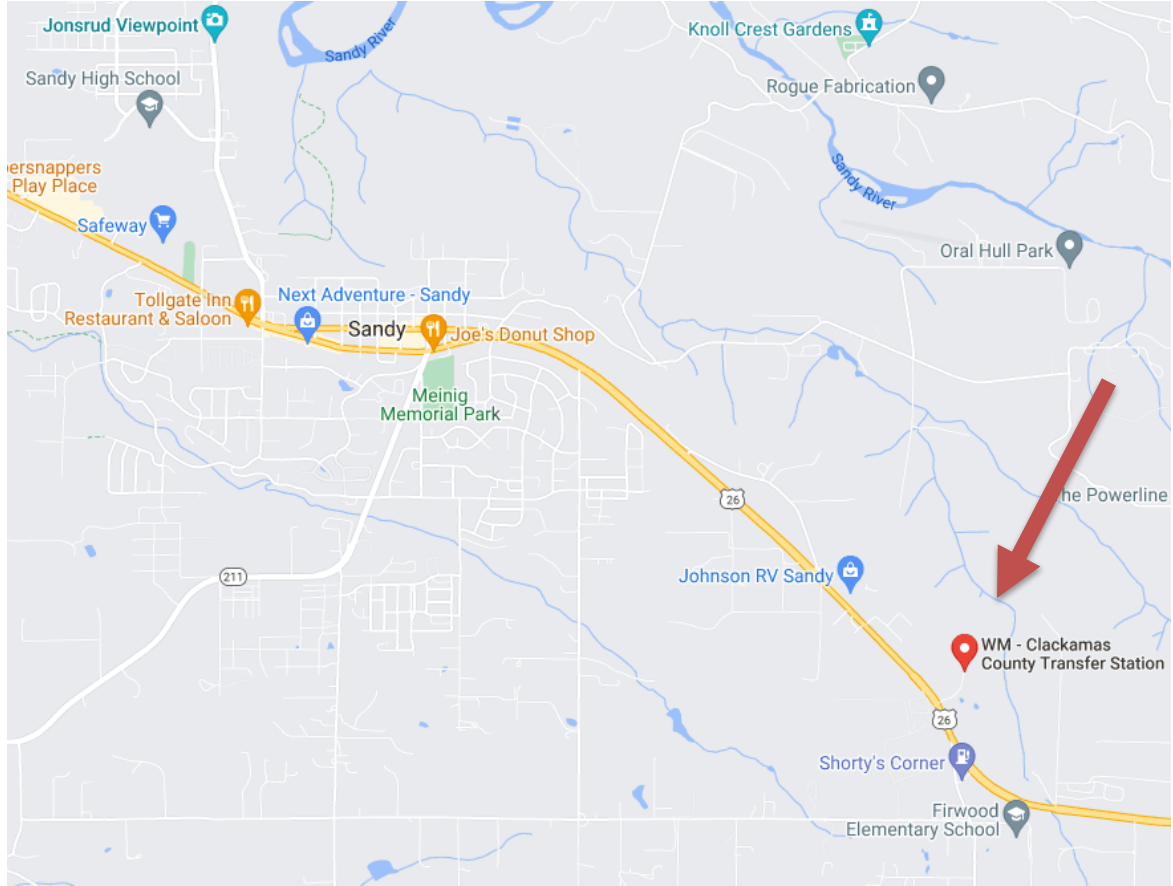




**Private
companies
collect the
garbage**



Metro Transfer Stations



Clackamas County Transfer Station

Cull Recycling





Garbage is ready to go to the landfill

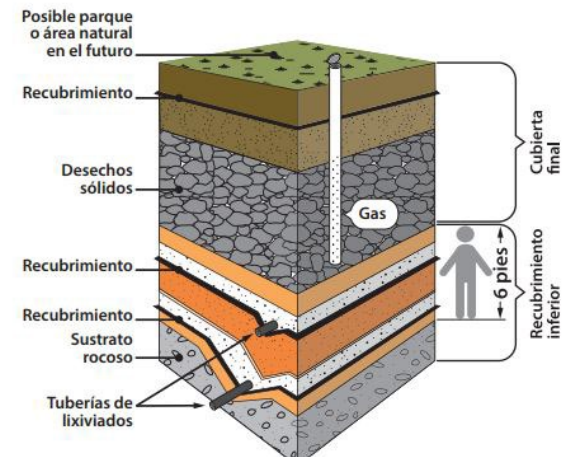


Arlington



Columbia Ridge in Arlington

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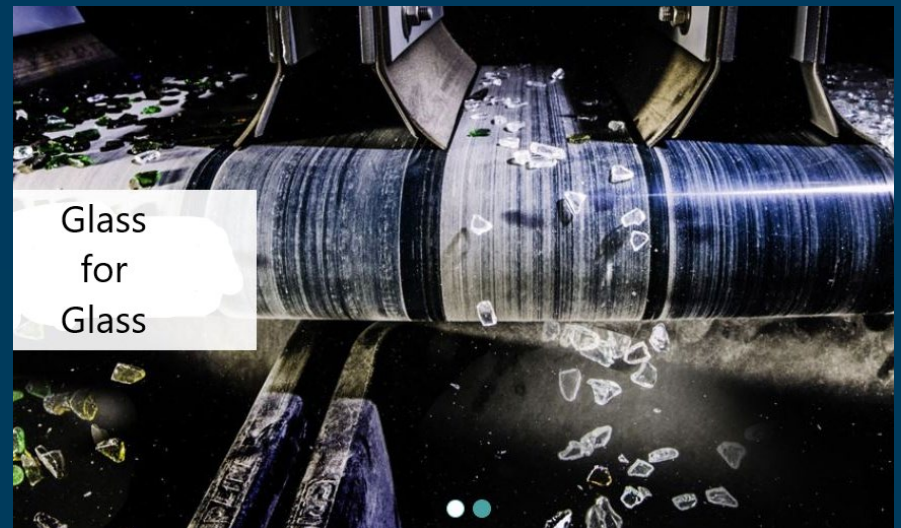
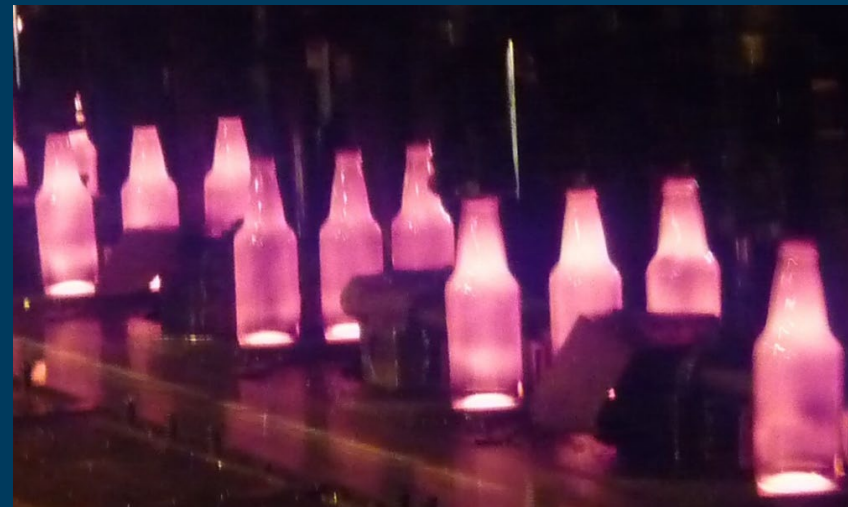
Recycling
(Mixed recycling.
Glass recycling)

**Yard
Waste**

Garbage



Glass to Glass NE Portland



Mixed curbside recycling



Material Recovery Facility (MRF)



Ready for markets



Problems with our Recycling System



- Financially unstable
- Inequity
- It's confusing
- It lacks a guarantee of responsible recycling

The Future: Oregon Recycling Modernization Act



Governor Kate Brown signs the
Recycling Modernization Act!



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Yard Waste



Food scraps compost

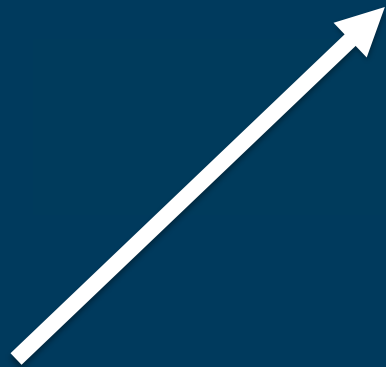
Residential

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- Cornelius
- Durham
- Forest Grove
- Gaston
- Hillsboro
- King City
- Lake Oswego
- Milwaukie
- North Plains
- Portland
- Sherwood
- Tigard
- Tualatin
- Wilsonville



**Commercial
Mandatory
Food Scrap
Composting**

There's so much more than
curbside!



Bottle bill

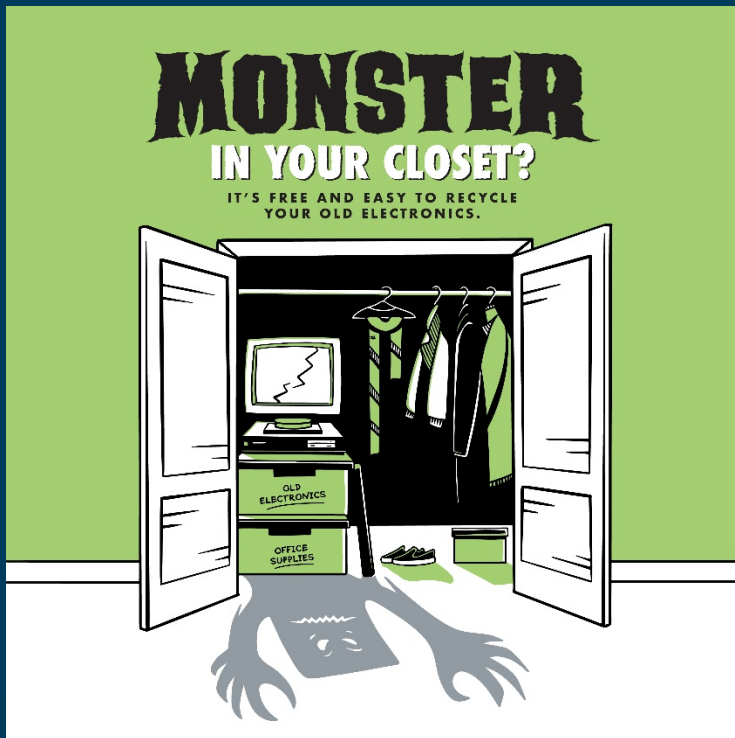
OR
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PaintCare



Oregon E-cycles



IT'S FREE AND EASY TO RECYCLE
YOUR OLD ELECTRONICS.

WHAT WE ACCEPT



Find the most convenient drop-off sites at
ECYCLOREGON.ORG or call **1-888-532-9253**



Drug take-back



SAFE STORAGE
INFORMATION



CONVENIENT
LOCATIONS



MAIL-BACK



TAKE-BACK
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Backyard composting



Worm bins



Grocery stores



Special collectors



Collection events

Meet James

James, age 22, was diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome at age four. James has overcome many challenges and is an amazing young man.

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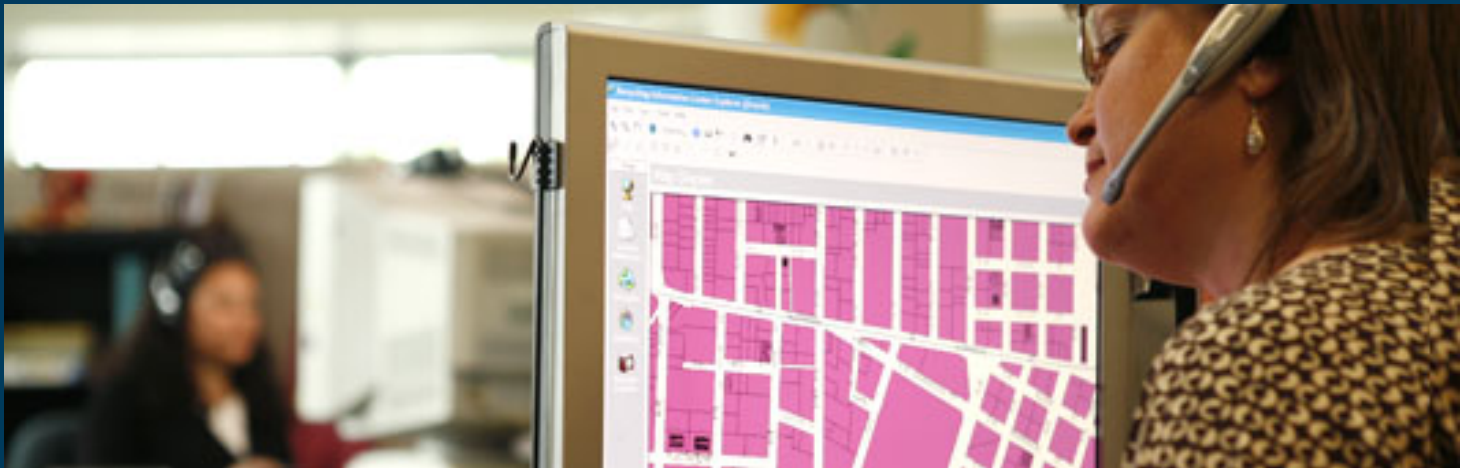
Don't forget reuse



Metro Recycling Information Center

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Questions?



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