

# at your disposal



 news from Allied Waste of Albany-Lebanon

## Paper

Recycling paper is a no-brainer in Oregon. There are so many papers that can easily be recycled and few that can't. All of the paper products below can be recycled in your tan recycle cart:

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| copy paper                               | newspaper        | junk mail                    |
| phone books                              | paper egg carton | magazines                    |
| maps                                     | envelopes        | flyers                       |
| post-it type notes                       | brochures        | book pages                   |
| old calendars                            | file folders     | cards & cardstock            |
| aseptic cartons (like soy milk comes in) |                  | wrapping paper (no metallic) |
| paperboard (like cereal and shoe boxes)  |                  | brightly colored paper       |
- paper bags  
paper receipts



The papers that are not recyclable are those that are either at the end of their recycled life, like paper towels and napkins, (the fibers are just too short to bond in recycled paper) or papers that have another product added to them. Paper beverage containers almost always have a thin plastic liner that is very difficult to see, but does not allow them to be recycled. Large-size animal food bags often have a layer of plastic sandwiched between paper. Laminated or metallic coated paper are other examples.

## A note about cardboard:

Cardboard is easily recycled, but it must be folded down and fit in your cart with the lid closed. If you have boxes that are too big, they can be cut down to fit or brought to our recycle depot on Industrial Way.



## Online Services

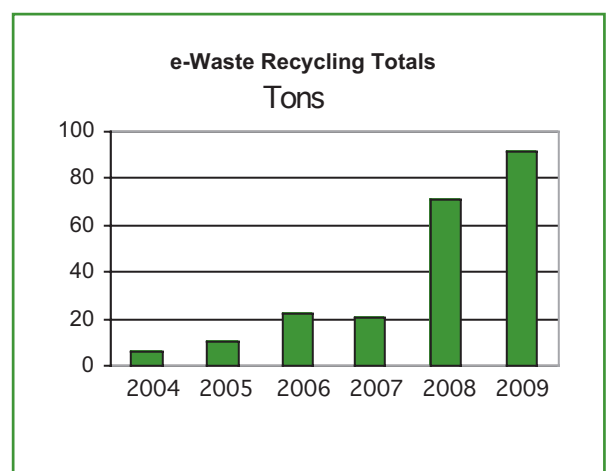
If you have ever been awake at 3 a.m. because that's when you remember you need to schedule a pick-up of your on-call container or pay your bill, you can now take care of those things online, when it's convenient for you and get back to sleep. **To schedule an on-call pick up request:** just go to [www.sanitation.com](http://www.sanitation.com) and click "request service." You will be directed to a screen with a form to fill in, and will need to have your account number.

**To pay your bill online,** go to the same web page and click on either "just pay it" for a one time payment or "online bill pay" to set up a recurring payment. You will also need your account number and 5-digit billing zip code. Be sure to enter just the numbers, no dashes.

## Recycle Electronics with Allied Waste

Just as the article above suggests, electronics have made most of our lives easier, but along with the convenience comes another material to recycle when it has outlived it's usefulness. Allied Waste of Albany-Lebanon has been recycling electronics for almost 10 years, and based on the totals recycled, the program has been well-received by the public. We set a record with 92 tons of electronic waste in 2009.

To recycle your televisions, monitors, computers or small electronic devices like the mouse, keyboards, digital cameras and cell phones, bring them to the north end of the Allied Waste yard at 1214 SE Montgomery St.



**Resource Conservation Tip:** Bottled Water costs more per gallon than gasoline. Drinking tap water saves the plastic bottle and money for you.

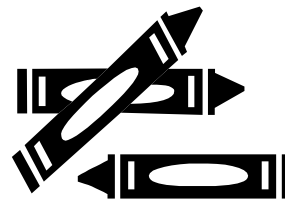




### Re-made Crayons:

You will need: broken crayons, a small muffin tin, oven, oven mitts or hot pads.

1. Gather up all the broken crayon pieces you can find.
2. Peel the paper off of the crayons & break into small pieces.
3. Arrange pieces in bottom of muffin pan (about 1 inch deep.)
4. Bake in a 150 degree oven (use adult help for this part.)
5. Bake until crayons are melted and remove from oven.
6. Let cool and tip out of pan.



The fun part of this project is mixing colors in your crayons. You can make half and half crayons, crayons that are one color on the top and another on the bottom or multi color.

### Spring Composting

If you’re an old hand at it or just beginning, spring is the perfect time to start composting. There are many types of compost containers and methods, but they all boil down to the same equation: air, water and carbon/nitrogen ratio. According to compost specialist, Linda Brewer with OSU Extension Horticulture, 1 part carbon material (green, juicy stuff)+ 4 parts nitrogen material (brown, dry stuff) + air and water as desired = compost. For more information on composting, plan to attend the Allied Waste compost workshop, with Brewer, on May 8, 2010 at the Benton Co. Fairgrounds from 1 to 4 p.m.

### Allied Teams Up with Linn-Benton Food Share

In 2008, Allied Waste “rolled out” the tan carts for recycling. The program has been positive in all aspects but one. Driving an automated truck meant that drivers were no longer getting out of their trucks, making it difficult to collect canned food in the fall for the Linn-Benton Food Share. With the community food pantry being in greater need than ever, a solution was suggested by one of our drivers. Why not collect canned and other nonperishable food at our Household Hazardous Waste event in October? That’s just what will happen this coming fall. People wishing to donate can simply drive through the event, drop off hazardous waste and follow the signs to the food drop off area. Volunteers will be on hand to take the donations. Think of it as a way to rid your home of toxic materials and help others at the same time.

Please place food donations in the front of the car with you and hazardous material in the back or trunk. Master Recyclers from Linn and Benton Counties will be on hand to collect the food donations.

### Recycle Center

Allied Waste provides a recycle center that is open to the public at 1439 Industrial Way. When using the recycle center, please read the signs and deposit recycling as listed only, no trash. Used motor oil should be in a container with a tight fitting screw on lid. All containers must be smaller than 5-gallons in size. We appreciate our customers’ cooperation to keep the center clean.

### Calendar

Oct. 22-23, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Albany Household Hazardous Waste Event: 1214 SE Montgomery St.

Leaf Collection Schedule: TBA. Watch area papers for a schedule of leaf collection.



Dec. 27, 2010-Jan. 7, 2011: Christmas Tree Collection Schedule: Place bare trees at the curb on regular service day.

### Cart Etiquette!

Be sure to rinse all containers before placing them in the tan cart for recycling.

Only put recycling and trash carts out for collection when full or convenient. Trucks have fewer emissions with fewer stops, reducing the overall carbon footprint.

Make sure to leave at least 4 feet between carts and other obstacles so the automated arms can pick them up.

### Waste Reduction Tip

As you get ready for summer picnics and day trips, consider a reusable picnic basket. You might be tempted to go more often if you keep a basket at the ready. Just find a sturdy basket or other container, (a 5-gallon bucket with a tool liner makes a great basket) and load it with new or used plates, utensils and cloth napkins. Picnic baskets make a thoughtful wedding gift. Be sure to write a note for the bride and groom to let them know that they will be reducing paper waste every time they enjoy it.

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