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Due to disruption in global recycling markets, Lane County Transfer Stations are not able to accept the following materials for recycling:

Milk cartons & aseptic cartons (juice, soup, milk boxes)

Plastic Bags

All other plastics (except #2 HDPE, not colored, i.e., milk jugs)

Please Note: City of Eugene, Springfield, Veneta and Creswell recently changed their programs as well. You will find their changes at www.eugene-or.gov/1470/Recycling Please follow your collection service providers' instructions regarding what to recycle curbside.

City of Florence, Junction City, Oakridge, Cottage Grove and nearly all of the small rural haulers have prohibited all plastics from their collections until a viable market can be established to receive the material. Check www.lanecounty.org/garbageguru for the latest.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Continue to recycle milk jug plastic at Lane County Transfer station.

"HDPE #2" plastic that is cloudy/off-white in color is still a valuable plastic. Other products may come in this material as well.

Recycle plastic bags at local grocery stores. Safeway, Albertsons and Fred Meyers and more participate in a national program to recycle plastic bags into plastic lumber at factories in the United States.

Recycle #6 packaging Styrofoam through St. Vincent de Paul.

Residential quantities are free, commercial quantities must set up an account.

Recycle ALL beverage containers at grocery stores or the Bottle Drop Redemption Center in Springfield or Eugene. Oregon's bottle deposit system refunds 10 cents for all beverage containers except milk, meal replacement and wine/spirits.

Reduce & Reuse! Recycling is not the only, nor the best, action you can take. Reducing the products and packaging you buy conserves far more energy and natural resources. Look for bulk options and reuse your plastic containers. It will often save you money.

Recycle right! Wishful Recycling does more harm than good. Do not "recycle" anything other than what is described as recyclable on signs or instructions. *If in doubt, find out, or leave it out!*