

**Bagged materials** 

# Lane County Welcomes Back #1 and #2 Plastics in Mixed Recycling

**Beginning June 1, 2022:** #1 and #2 bottles, jars, and jugs (if larger than a tennis ball) can be recycled in curbside containers or taken to ANY Lane County transfer station! Be sure to check the shape and number.



### **Not Recyclable**

- NO caps, lids, or pumps
- NO butter, cottage cheese, or yogurt tubs
- NO plastic bags
- NO prescription bottles
- NO motor oil bottles or jugs
- NO plastics stamped with the numbers 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7

### **Recycling FAQs**

#### Q. Why the change?

A. Since the global recycling market crisis, local material recovery facilities in the state have worked tirelessly to add additional machinery and advanced technology needed to sort and clean up the recycling stream. In the last several years, we've also seen domestic markets improve and more companies buying post-consumer resin made from recycled plastics.

## Q. Do all plastics with a recycling number and symbol go in the mixed recycling? What about clamshell containers?

A. No. Clamshell containers are not allowed. Plastics #3 -7 are not allowed.

### Q. What about plastic bags?

A. No. Plastic bags and plastic wrap can be recycled at participating retail stores. Visit *www.plasticfilmrecycling.org* for a location near you.

### Q. Can I recycle pizza boxes?

A. YES! BUT...cardboard must be free of waxes or other finishes. Please remove food from box and place it with cardboard or mixed recycling.

#### Q. Why is contamination so bad?

A. Contamination is a big deal because it contributes to worker hazards, equipment damage, higher recycling costs, less efficiency, and lower quality. When it comes to recycling, **focus on quality, not quantity**.



Recycling questions? Scan the QR code or visit *www.lanecountyor.gov/recycle*. If in doubt, find out, or leave it out.

