

FAQ Agate Beach Recycling Center

Q -- Why did the center move? (From 8096 to 7450 NE Avery St.)

A -- To better serve the public in a dry, safe, clean building. The old building needed major repair and a new roof. The building is owned by Lincoln County and as was not going to be repaired.

Q – Who determines what is accepted at the recycling center?

A – Oregon DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality) determines through a permit what items are required to be accepted at recycling centers.

Q – Who determines what is accepted at the curb for recycling?

A – The city or county through ordinance cooperate with the collection hauler to determine what is accepted for recycling at the curb. Some requirements are set by Oregon DEQ, others are selected by council/hauler cooperation.

Q – What items are accepted at the recycling center?

A – The following is required by permit:

- a) Ferrous Scrap Metal;
- b) Non Ferrous Metal including aluminum;
- c) Motor Oil;
- d) Newspaper;
- e) Container Glass and;
- f) Corrugated cardboard and Kraft paper.

Q – Why is recycling important?

A – Recycling saves energy, resources and reduces greenhouse gases.

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Q – Why can't I recycle what I used to?

A – China has announced that beginning Jan. 1 2018, it will no longer allow the import of low grade post-consumer plastics and unsorted paper.

Q – When did China make this change?

A -- China first began trying to address these issues in 2013 when it launched an effort to reduce contamination in the bales of recyclable materials being imported into the country. This initiative, called “the Green Fence,” was focused on improving the quality of these bales.

Q – How did we become so reliant on Chinese markets for our recycling?

A -- China is the single largest consumer of recyclable materials generated in North America. One-third of all scrap material collected in the U.S. is shipped overseas, with the large majority of this material going to China. In 2016, the U.S. exported \$5.6 billion in scrap commodities to China. This makes recyclable materials the sixth largest U.S. export to China.

Q – What should residents of Lincoln County do?

A -- Keep recycling whenever and whatever is possible. Recycling is still the right thing to do – it saves energy, resources and reduces greenhouse gases. Just keep these thoughts in mind:

- Ensure your recyclables are clean and dry. Food residue is a contaminant. Water gets paper wet and decreases its value.
- Pay attention to instructions from your local city, county or recycling service. These instructions can change over time with changes in markets.
- **When in doubt, throw it out.** If an item is not clearly listed as an accepted material for collection, err on the side of throwing it away. Non-recyclable items decrease the effectiveness of the system and can reduce the value of other recyclable materials.
- Many materials are still being recycled! Aluminum cans, cardboard, plastic water and soda bottles and milk jugs (#1 and #2 bottles) are all in demand by domestic processors as recyclable commodities.