



Unique One-Stop
RECYCLING CENTER • RESALE STORE
MANZANITA TRANSFER STATION

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Recycling FAQs

This is my first time to CARTM, is it okay to ask for help? Our staff is very knowledgeable and happy to help you. We're glad you're here and we want to help you save \$ and become a recycling expert!

What are the blue signs? Blue signs indicate a sort container and generally include what is and is not allowed in the container YES means: all items allowed in the bin NO means: please do not put these in the bin

Why is it important to pay attention to the signs? Contamination of bins can be dangerous to employees and other recyclers. Example: a glass jar hidden in the plastics could prove lethal when compacted! Contaminated bins may bring less or even be rejected as recyclable. Your help with this is appreciated.

Do I have to rinse my food containers? Yes! For the health and safety of our employees and volunteers and to ensure recyclability, please rinse cans, bottles, and milk jugs at least once at home before bringing them to CARTM.. This is very important. Please no food residue.

Do I need to remove labels and flatten cans? No need to remove labels or flatten cans.

What do I do with bottle caps and lids? Remove bottle caps and recycle by material (plastic, metal) in buckets in front of the various bins. We also provide buckets for corks and the "tin" sealing wrapper from wine bottles.

Can I recycle incandescent (non-flourescent) light bulbs? Bring incandescent light bulbs to the cashier (these are re-purposed by local artists).

Does CARTM recycle styrofoam? We do not recycle styrofoam, but we do re-use polystyrene packing peanuts.

Does CARTM accept hazarous waste? CARTM is not permitted to accept hazardous waste. Residential household hazardous waste may be taken to the Tillamook Transfer Station at 1315 Ekloff Road in Tillamook on the first Saturday of each month.

How can I tell if something is "thin film?" Thin film, like grocery bags, stretches and you can push your thumb through it. If you can't "poke" a whole it it, recycle it in rigid plastic.

Are all milk jugs equally recyclable? Recyclable milk jugs must be frosty, #2, HDPE—all others go in with mixed plastic.

Please explain mixed plastic? Mixed plastic are generally containers with recycling symbols #1-7. Styrofoam with #6 symbol is not recyclable at CARTM.

What can I recycle in rigid plastic? This is the lowest grade of plastic because it is a mixture of almost anything plastic that is not recyclable in other categories, such as kid's toys, lawn chairs, Tyvek, pvc pipe, buckets, etc. Please sort more valuable plastic into other containers first.

How can I tell if something is really cardboard rather than greyboard? Look for the wavy lines sandwiched between layers called corrugation. If you don't see wavy lines, it's probably greyboard, not cardboard, or, if it's white and a bit slick it probably belongs in mixed paper.

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I see lots of different things in the mixed paper container, what's up? Mixed paper is the lowest rung on the paper recycling ladder. Even milk and soup cartons go in mixed paper but must be free of food residue. Please sort more valuable paper into other containers first.

Is neon color paper recyclable? Yes it is and it goes in with mixed paper.

Do other things go in the newspaper trailer? Newspaper, magazines, phone books and catalogues all go in the trailer. Please put brown paper grocery bags in the baler hopper in the store.

Sometimes I can't tell what color my glass bottles are—does it really matter? CARTM loses money recycling all bottle glass, but if the colors are well separated, it costs us less. Green is the most forgiving category—if in doubt, put it in green.

Does CARTM receive the deposit on my deposit bottle glass? Yes we do and we appreciate each and every deposit bottle we receive. In fact, at the east end of the recycling line we have a special shed for the deposit bottles with cardboard boxes ready for your convenience.

Is window glass the same as clear bottle glass? No, window glass is a different grade of glass and goes in the construction debris dumpster. See attendant for assistance.

Can I recycle my car battery? Lead-acid batteries (automobile batteries) can be recycled. See the trash attendant.

Can I recycle metal? We accept all kinds of metal: lead-acid batteries, ferrous scrap, mixed non-ferrous scrap, copper, brass, nichrome, motors, stainless steel and wire. Except for lead-acid batteries, place metal in the half round barrels near the trash lane and the staff will sort them into the proper bins.

Will CARTM take my used electronics? All electronics go to attendant at the donation building. Please tell us if it works well enough for someone else's use. There is no charge for electronics whether they are working or not. Electronics are prohibited in the trash and must be recycled.

I know CARTM accepts over 40 different recyclable items for free. Are there any recyclables you charge for? Some recyclables require special handling or cost us to recycle. We charge the minimum amount for these items such as: Refrigerators/freezers, tires, empty propane tanks, photocopiers and microwaves.

How can I make recycling easier at home? We suggest creating bins at home for metals, plastic, paper, and glass. Then sort them one at a time at CARTM. Most related bins are in the same area.

Sometimes I arrive at CARTM to find it is closed! What are the hours and are they different for summer & winter? Our hours change for winter and summer. These hours are posted on our website, our entry sign and our front gate. We ask that people do not leave a “gift” of recycling OR TRASH at the gate when we are closed. This attracts critters. It is also illegal littering! Some folks have been fined \$1,000 for dumping at the gate. Please bring your items during our open hours.

WINTER HOURS (Labor Day to Memorial Day)
Thursday - Sunday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
SUMMER HOURS (Memorial Day to Labor Day)
Thursday - Monday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

I love CARTM—what are a few simple things I can do to help?

Thank you for asking! Please volunteer! We have jobs for just about every interest imaginable, see our director for more details. We especially appreciate your clean, dry, reusable donations to resell in our resale store. Your annual cash donations and your attendance at our fundraising events help CARTM thrive. **Thank you!**

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