



RECYCLING COLLECTION CHANGES IN DAS BUILDINGS

The what, when, how and who of the new system

WHAT is the change?

Starting April 1, Garten Services will collect the recycling from state buildings, including all DAS locations in Salem and Portland, as commingled. Commingled recycling means that state employees can now place CLEAN paper, plastics and metals into the same, blue barrels.



Recycling station at the General Services Building

Here are the key points to remember:

1. Plastics and metal cans must be rinsed and free of any food or particulates before placing in the blue barrel.
2. Confidential shred should remain separate from the blue barrels. Confidential materials still go into the red barrels with lids. No plastics or metal containers should go in the red barrels.

WHEN? The change takes place on April 1, 2010.

Under WHAT authority?

- DAS policy 107-011-010: Resource Conservation
<http://www.oregon.gov/DAS/OP/docs/policy/state/107-011-010.pdf>
- DAS E-waste policy 107-009-0050
<http://www.oregon.gov/DAS/OP/docs/policy/state/107-009-0050.pdf>
- ORS 459A.480 governs state agency recycling programs.
<http://landru.leg.state.or.us/ors/459a.html>

WHO do you contact with questions?

- DAS Custodial Staff
- The building's Green Team members
- Elin Shepard, DAS Sustainability Coordinator at 503-373-7132
- Garten Services at 503-581-4472



WHY? Our actions make an impact on the environment and community. In 2009, recycling from state buildings:

- saved the equivalent of 35,751 trees,
- reduced water consumption equivalent to 525,747 personal baths,
- avoided hauling 10,515 cubic yards of waste to the landfill,
- removed the equivalent of 98 cars from the road for a year,
- saved energy equivalent to 461,824 gallons of gasoline,
- employed over 500 people with disabilities at Garten Services.

WHAT can we recycle in DAS buildings?

In **blue** barrels:

- White and colored paper
- Newsprint and magazines
- Greyboard
- Post-its
- Clean plastic containers (remove and discard any screw top or snap-on lids)
- Jewel cases from CDs or DVDs
- Clean metal containers and cans
- Clean trays from T.V. dinners
- Paper shred (place in a paper bag on top of full paper barrel)

In **red** barrels:

- Confidential material

In **separate** containers:

- Batteries
- Cardboard in appropriate hauler provided metal containers
- CDs and DVDs (break in half and place in a clear, plastic bag on top of full paper barrel)
- Plastic bags (place one bag alongside the blue barrels and stuff it full of plastic bags – once it's full, place on top of full paper barrel)
- Electronic waste (coordinate with IT staff for collection)
- Foam (in spring 2010, DAS starts a new pilot program to recycle foam chunks)
- Toner cartridges from printers and copiers