February 2020 Recycling Articles

[Wine industry maintains opposition to inclusion in **recycling** program](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://napavalleyregister.com/news/local/wine-industry-maintains-opposition-to-inclusion-in-recycling-program/article_4c383e45-05d0-52d0-83ed-fe076f0a40ff.html&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoUMTM4NjMyOTA1Mjg3NTc4MjAxMTEyGmMwYzI4ZmJhZmU5ZjY2YmU6Y29tOmVuOlVT&usg=AFQjCNFkP-PQ-2SeWpXDqH3imfcId4KsUA)

Napa Valley Register There are two **recycling** centers in Napa County, where wine is the ... to **Oregon** – upon whose extended producer responsibility **recycling** system SB ...

**Four Ways CO Lawmakers Want to Reduce Plastic**  
<https://www.cpr.org/2020/02/01/4-ways-colorado-lawmakers-want-to-reduce-the-plastic-in-your-life/>

**Michigan Organizations are Striving to Improve the State’s Recycling [Textiles]**  
<https://www.clarecountyreview.com/columns/contributed/michigan-organizations-are-striving-to-improve-the-states-recycling/>

**EGLE offers $3 million in recycling infrastructure, organics management grants** - Jan. 29, 2020  
Nick Assendelft, EGLE Public Information Officer, [AssendelftN@Michigan.gov](mailto:AssendelftN@Michigan.gov), 517-388-3135

<https://www.michigan.gov/egle/0,9429,7-135-3308-518407--,00.html>

**Community Recycling Interns Pilot Project -- Know before you throw!**  
<https://www.ecomaine.org/pilotproject19>

<https://wasteadvantagemag.com/2019-year-in-review-an-industry-in-transition/>

[My personal **recycling** adventure](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://www.soprissun.com/2020/02/03/my-personal-recycling-adventure/&ct=ga&cd=CAEYASoTOTI4MzM4MDM0MTEwODI5Mzg1OTIaYzBjMjhmYmFmZTlmNjZiZTpjb206ZW46VVM&usg=AFQjCNG42n2p5pt-dcICTUW6iXsOTvRJcA)

soprissun.com -- 1970: Eugene, **Oregon** — glass only. We took our children to a warehouse, remains of which were concrete walls. The town provided goggles.

[Go Beyond Racing and Agilyx Make Strides for a Cleaner Tomorrow](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://finance.yahoo.com/news/beyond-racing-agilyx-strides-cleaner-133200082.html&ct=ga&cd=CAEYAioTOTI4MzM4MDM0MTEwODI5Mzg1OTIaYzBjMjhmYmFmZTlmNjZiZTpjb206ZW46VVM&usg=AFQjCNEuLxDMwpdI_esT9OweyUo-io0rLA)

Yahoo Finance -- Agilyx, based in Portland, **Oregon**, is the leader and pioneer in chemically **recycling** difficult-to-**recycle** post use plastic streams into high value low ...

[A New Online Game Quizzes Portlanders' **Recycling** Literacy](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://www.wweek.com/news/2020/02/03/a-new-online-game-quizzes-portlanders-recycling-literacy/&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoTOTI4MzM4MDM0MTEwODI5Mzg1OTIaYzBjMjhmYmFmZTlmNjZiZTpjb206ZW46VVM&usg=AFQjCNGvnPqjqIths_mX0zyhIEplObyT0Q)

Willamette Week -- Portlanders aren't as great at **recycling** as they'd like to think. ... University also showed that in 2017, **Oregon recycled** only 27.1 percent of its waste.

[Republic Services acquires Prineville Disposal](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://www.wastetodaymagazine.com/republic-services-acquires-prineville-disposal.aspx&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoTOTI4MzM4MDM0MTEwODI5NTc3NjIaMDY3NjFjNDVlYjM2Y2QwNTpjb206ZW46VVM&usg=AFQjCNGAlOYrWaZfdLEnt276XHph4d4qfA)

Waste Today Magazine -- This is the second acquisition in Central **Oregon** for Republic Services, which purchased Bend **Garbage** and Recycling from the Bailey family last year.

[Sustainability alert: Veolia launches new Sustainable Packaging Academy](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://www.recyclingtoday.com/pepsico-single-use-food-waste-pilot-sustainability.aspx&ct=ga&cd=CAEYAioTNzYzNzM1Mzg0OTQ0MzA4MTU3MDIaYzBjMjhmYmFmZTlmNjZiZTpjb206ZW46VVM&usg=AFQjCNHKbvHgCTqbz6Tbs_D2izbeY8N7ow)

Recycling Today -- Agilyx Corp., Tigard, **Oregon**, has announced a partnership with Go Beyond Racing, Portland, **Oregon**, to chemically **recycle** single-use polystyrene ...  
*…“We all know the impact of packaging on the environment, and the launch of our Sustainable Packaging Academy will further strengthen our work with manufacturers, industry bodies and local authorities in the drive to ensure that it is all recyclable,” remarks Richard Kirkman, chief technology and innovation officer at Veolia UK and Ireland. “If we are to deliver on the huge surge in public interest in our sector, we must put the Resources & Waste strategy into practice in a way that can be understood by people inside and outside the industry*

[How packaging EPR could take shape in **Oregon**](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://resource-recycling.com/recycling/2020/02/04/how-packaging-epr-could-take-shape-in-oregon/&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoUMTE5MzQ0MTI5MTczMjc5MDM5MjQyGmMwYzI4ZmJhZmU5ZjY2YmU6Y29tOmVuOlVT&usg=AFQjCNGLyjt1nG5Y0wop7bcDCwd5WScVdg)

Resource Recycling -- On one end is a structure in which **recycling** in **Oregon** would stay largely the same with the exception of a new permitting/certification protocol for ...

*“Oregon’s current policy framework was created decades ago when no one imagined commingling [of collected recyclables],” David Allaway of Oregon DEQ said in opening remarks at the public information session last week. “National Sword has shined a light on its limitations.”*

**Key curbside plastics no longer 'widely' recyclable - Plastics Recycling Update**<https://resource-recycling.com/plastics/2020/02/05/key-curbside-plastics-no-longer-widely-recyclable/>

**#TimberUnity pitches alternatives to cap and trade** -- Activists met with the governor,  By Sam Stites and Claire Withycombe Oregon Capital Bureau, Feb 8, 2020 *#TimberUnity wants the state to plant trees along roads to act as carbon sinks and wants state government agencies to buy goods and services locally to reduce their carbon footprint. The group also wants Oregon to boost its recycling infrastructure and allow businesses to write off more quickly the costs of upgrading to greener technology. The four-point plan was pitched to Brown and two staff members when they met with business owners associated with #TimberUnity…* <https://www.dailyastorian.com/news/timberunity-pitches-alternatives-to-cap-and-trade/article_a681c7fa-4aac-11ea-babf-9be2f186a5ad.html>

[Timber Unity sits down with governor with its own plan to reduce **Oregon** emissions](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://www.malheurenterprise.com/posts/6682/timber-unity-sits-down-with-governor-with-its-own-plan-to-reduce-oregon-emissions&ct=ga&cd=CAEYASoTNzYzNzM1Mzg0OTQ0MzA4MTU3MDIaYzBjMjhmYmFmZTlmNjZiZTpjb206ZW46VVM&usg=AFQjCNFBBuGzhotP8E1ipHI6aZAEHsDsag)

malheurenterprise.com  -- It also wants **Oregon** to boost its **recycling** infrastructure and allow businesses to write off more quickly the costs of upgrading to greener technology.

[UO in its 10th year of RecycleMania and the **Oregon** Classic](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://around.uoregon.edu/content/uo-its-10th-year-recyclemania-and-oregon-classic&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoTNzYzNzM1Mzg0OTQ0MzA4MTU3MDIaYzBjMjhmYmFmZTlmNjZiZTpjb206ZW46VVM&usg=AFQjCNHf2vl0XSbRKyvZK-I5ZAisHEogrA)

AroundtheO  -- The University of **Oregon** is competing again in the annual **recycling** contest RecycleMania, as well as in the **Oregon** Classic, a subcompetition ...

## [Metro -- The future of recycling: we all can help shape it](https://oregonmetro.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=707171d47c98afea9b6439cf9&id=9b10f5320e&e=be461172a1) -- February 4, 2020 3:26 pm  *By Faith Cathcart …The robots were purchased in part with funds from Metro’s Investment and Innovation Grants program. Claugus says there is a continual learning curve for the machines as they recognize new or different items and analyze the best ways to pick them up. According to Claugus, the robots increased their speed over several months to pick up 45-60 items per minute. That’s up to 33 percent better than their best human counterparts…*

**Can companies take care of what you toss? Q & A with Scott Cassel | Metro**  
<https://www.oregonmetro.gov/councilor/bob-stacey/news/29306>

[OR lawmakers consider mattress **recycling** fixes](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=http://www.mycolumbiabasin.com/2020/02/06/oregon-lawmakers-consider-mattress-recycling-fixes/&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoUMTA5MDExNjA2MzEyMTQxODk1NjYyGmMwYzI4ZmJhZmU5ZjY2YmU6Y29tOmVuOlVT&usg=AFQjCNHRki8r-v3QmnnaTlHOxZbJL2DF7A)

My Columbia Basin -- SALEM, **Oregon** – The **Oregon** Legislature is considering a bill that would hike the cost of a mattress. House Bill 1564 would set up mattress disposal ...

[Perrysburg evaluating costly **recycling** program](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://www.sent-trib.com/news/perrysburg-evaluating-costly-recycling-program/article_c32f9718-48ec-11ea-9e3f-fb4be37703ee.html&ct=ga&cd=CAEYASoUMTA5MDExNjA2MzEyMTQxODk1NjYyGmMwYzI4ZmJhZmU5ZjY2YmU6Y29tOmVuOlVT&usg=AFQjCNF5IbJWt43N1nlWH90PuF800seDQQ)

Sentinel-Tribune -- **Ohio** ended its **recycling** program after discovering a 30% contamination rate, which Smith said was not likely for Perrysburg. However, he ...

**Solid Waste and Resource Management Industry Lauds Congressional Hearings on Recycling Programs** <https://wasteadvantagemag.com/solid-waste-and-resource-management-industry-lauds-congressional-hearings-on-recycling-programs/>

**NWRA CALLS ON CONGRESS TO PASS RECYCLING LEGISLATION FOLLOWING HEARING**  
Thursday, February 6, 2020   Posted by: Brandon Wright <https://wasterecycling.org/news/488291/>

**Nike to Dress 2020 Athletes in Uniforms Made of Recycle Shoes**  
<https://www.cnbc.com/2020/02/05/nike-to-dress-2020-olympic-athletes-in-uniforms-made-of-recycled-shoes.html>

*…Retailers have good reason to set such targets: Consumers in Gen Z, born in the years 1995 to 2012, are thinking about the environment as they shop. Sixty-two percent of Gen Z consumers prefer to buy from sustainable brands, according to a survey of more than 1,000 people in December by First Insight. And 73% of Gen Z respondents are willing to pay more for sustainable products, the survey said…*

**VOC Recycling**   
<https://www.wallowa.com/opinion/voc-recycling/article_2b1a54ba-477d-11ea-ad7c-e78551db14dd.html>

**A New Online Game Quizzes Portlanders’ Recycling Literacy -- Swipe right for recycle.**<https://www.wweek.com/news/2020/02/03/a-new-online-game-quizzes-portlanders-recycling-literacy/>

**These Countries Top the Charts for Best User Experience in Recycling** By Rachel Delia, Benaim  weather.com<https://weather.com/science/environment/news/2020-02-03-these-countries-top-the-charts-for-best-ux-in-recycling>

**The fraught future of recycling** -- Feb 15, 2020 - Energy & Environment

<https://www.axios.com/future-of-recycling-cost-troubles-740c56ff-2154-45c0-90c9-2675780231ef.html>

[Connecticut's outdated **recycling** system could be due for an overhaul](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://www.ctpost.com/local/article/Connecticut-s-outdated-recycling-system-could-15062759.php&ct=ga&cd=CAEYASoUMTYzNzI5OTQwMDkwNDc3Njk1NzIyGmMwYzI4ZmJhZmU5ZjY2YmU6Y29tOmVuOlVT&usg=AFQjCNGyzeJy62uu7Vf1i0eNMWO4aAg5rw) -- CT Post

This is the reality of **recycling** in Connecticut - a state that allows residents to ... **Oregon** has the oldest bottle bill in the U.S., starting with beer and soft ...

*“We don’t recycle here to make money,” said Peter Spendelow, a waste reduction specialist at the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. “We do it to reduce environmental damage. And I can’t understand why the rest of the country hasn’t figured that out.”*

[On the job with Annelise Tuitavuki](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://www.oregonmetro.gov/news/job-annelise-tuitavuki&ct=ga&cd=CAEYASoUMTYzNzI5OTQwMDkwNDc3NzE5ODUyGjA2NzYxYzQ1ZWIzNmNkMDU6Y29tOmVuOlVT&usg=AFQjCNEXBTn3J_EzYfwo8gErJVx5cWnHQw) -- Metro newsfeed

She works at the Metro South Hazardous **Waste** Facility in **Oregon** City. The station is a processing site for the region's **waste** — sorting materials ...

The Future of Recycling: We Can All Help Shape It

<https://www.oregonmetro.gov/news/future-recycling-we-all-can-help-shape-it?mc_cid=6eebbaaeb6&mc_eid=be461172a1>

[Readers respond: Bag limit stifles **recycling** efforts](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/2020/02/readers-respond-bag-limit-stifles-recycling-efforts.html&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoUMTYzNzI5OTQwMDkwNDc3Njk1NzIyGmMwYzI4ZmJhZmU5ZjY2YmU6Y29tOmVuOlVT&usg=AFQjCNFELlB1zhMsjaR0b6Edoy_g_QhBtg) -- oregonlive.com

Something needs to be done about BottleDrop. I didn't know there was a limit on how many bags one can take to a BottleDrop every three months.

U.S. senators recycle Oregon's successful Bottle Bill for national stage - News - The Register-Guard - Eugene, OR

<https://www.registerguard.com/news/20200216/us-senators-recycle-oregons-successful-bottle-bill-for-national-stage>

Report: Volume of Recyclables Processed in the U.S. on the Rise - Waste Advantage Magazine

<https://wasteadvantagemag.com/report-volume-of-recyclables-processed-in-the-u-s-on-the-rise/>

Cambridge Mass Achieves 30 Percent Trash Reduction

<https://wasteadvantagemag.com/cambridge-ma-achieves-30-percent-trash-reduction-milestone-one-year-early/>

CalRecycle Announces High Tech Solution to Recycling Center Crisis

<https://abc7news.com/society/calrecycle-announces-high-tech-solution-to-recycling-center-crisis/5929194/>

Diapers to Bricks a 100 billion Plastic Challenge

<https://www.investing.com/news/stock-market-news/diapers-to-bricks-a-100-billion-plastic-challenge-2085339>

[Lobbying group fights surge of bills targeting plastic packaging](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=http://www.startribune.com/lobbying-group-fights-insurgence-of-bills-targeting-plastic-packaging/568127282/&ct=ga&cd=CAEYASoUMTE1NzQ3ODUzMTc3MTk3NDY2NjgyGmMwYzI4ZmJhZmU5ZjY2YmU6Y29tOmVuOlVT&usg=AFQjCNG363zTmGYVhNpVR8HMLB-n87Y3Sg)

Minneapolis Star Tribune

Faltering **recycling** systems and concerns about ocean plastics have ... with registered lobbyists in California, Connecticut, Maine, Vermont, **Oregon**, ...

[As plastic bag bans go into effect, some question the unintended consequences](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=http://www.wcsjnews.com/news/national/as-plastic-bag-bans-go-into-effect-some-question-the/article_904d8763-67ea-513d-b76c-31faeaa89b17.html&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoUMTE1NzQ3ODUzMTc3MTk3NDgwNzUyGjhiZmY5Mjk0NWExODgwZjY6Y29tOmVuOlVT&usg=AFQjCNGHVpLwHLArnQhNB88PAt44yQUosg)

wcsjnews.com

While many plastic bags are **recyclable** and large retailers in some areas are ... bags, with three -- California, Hawaii, and **Oregon** -- currently in effect.

*…David Allaway, a senior policy analyst at DEQ’s Materials Management Program, said that in the case of 90% of manufactured items, most impact occurs when producing the product rather than when it goes to the landfill or gets recycled.*

And similarly… <https://abcnews.go.com/US/plastic-bag-bans-helping-environment-results/story?id=68459500>

[**Oregon** Insight: As Portland's economy expands, so does its **trash**](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://www.oregonlive.com/business/2020/02/oregon-insight-as-portlands-economy-expands-so-does-its-trash.html&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoUMTE1NzQ3ODUzMTc3MTk3NDQ3ODMyGjA2NzYxYzQ1ZWIzNmNkMDU6Y29tOmVuOlVT&usg=AFQjCNE9CLyWnJe-cuiV_3Kk_0k9i2n5CQ)

oregonlive.com

And the Portland area is producing a nearly record amount. University of **Oregon** economics professor Tim Duy tallies the state's **trash** every month as ...

*…But Joel Sherman, senior solid waste planner for Metro, says recycling rates in the Portland area have been pretty steady for the past decade.*

[Guest View: When it's bad to feel the burn](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://www.registerguard.com/opinion/20200222/guest-view-when-its-bad-to-feel-burn&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoSODY3Nzg4NTcxNjMyODQwNjgyMhpjMGMyOGZiYWZlOWY2NmJlOmNvbTplbjpVUw&usg=AFQjCNH0AdYptyCpnR67uspjw0_yY8PSvA) The Register-Guard In many ways, **Oregon** is a leader of environmental progress, but a recent report found the state is generating more waste and **recycling** less.

[Environmental Center awards waste reduction grants](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://ktvz.com/community/community-billboard/2020/02/21/environmental-center-awards-waste-reduction-grants/&ct=ga&cd=CAEYASoSODY3Nzg4NTcxNjMyODQwNjgyMhpjMGMyOGZiYWZlOWY2NmJlOmNvbTplbjpVUw&usg=AFQjCNEuws4DSCUQgvabsbHrUBvQ-iOlSg) KTVZ ... Central **Oregon** Community College – to design and install signage across campus for consistent and accurate education that addresses **recycling** ...

[Merkley has town hall in Baker City](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://www.bakercityherald.com/news/local/merkley-has-town-hall-in-baker-city/article_2a58dd2e-5599-11ea-be54-3fbd6075824c.html&ct=ga&cd=CAEYAioSODY3Nzg4NTcxNjMyODQwNjgyMhpjMGMyOGZiYWZlOWY2NmJlOmNvbTplbjpVUw&usg=AFQjCNHWHyhzmZGMA79yTApIths-HEJCmw) Baker City Herald Merkley, **Oregon's** junior senator to fellow Democrat Ron Wyden, spent most of the ... But the problem is no longer limited to **recycling** bottles, he said.

*…Merkley talked about serving as an intern for Sen. Mark Hatfield of Oregon in 1976, when Hatfield’s bill creating a national recycling bill, based on Oregon’s landmark bottle bill, failed to gain traction.*

*That was due in part to lobbying from the plastics industry, Merkley said. But the problem is no longer limited to recycling bottles, he said. Dealing with single-use plastics is a major challenge, he said, and one that’s now summed up with what Merkley calls the “2 B’s” — that those items are either buried or burned. Merkley also talked about the proliferation of “microplastics” in the environment.* *He pulled a credit card from his wallet to demonstrate.*

*“We consume a credit card worth of plastics in our food each week,” Merkley said. These microplastics are endocrine disruptors, which have been linked, though not definitely, to prostate and breast cancer….*

Oakland Zoo Takes Stand Against Single-Use Plastics with Big Changes in Zoo Operations <https://m.sfgate.com/business/press-releases/article/Oakland-Zoo-Takes-Stand-Against-Single-Use-15056359.php?utm_campaign=CMS%20Sharing%20Tools%20(Mobile)&utm_source=share-by-email&utm_medium=email>

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[https://returntonow.net/2018/08/18/indian-students-mail-20000-plastic-food-wrappers-back-to-manufacturers/](https://r.xdref.com/?id=01NHJJD7001414&from=vargasduncanb@gmail.com&to=bethvd@orra.net&url=https://returntonow.net/2018/08/18/indian-students-mail-20000-plastic-food-wrappers-back-to-manufacturers/)

[Marijuana And Hemp Beverages Officially Included In Congressional Bottle **Recycling** Bill](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://www.marijuanamoment.net/marijuana-and-hemp-beverages-officially-included-in-congressional-bottle-recycling-bill/&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoTMTcyNzA1NTgyMzYzMjc1MDMxMTIaYzBjMjhmYmFmZTlmNjZiZTpjb206ZW46VVM&usg=AFQjCNGnDeqgbfKjlLYxX0zHMvdGCDCARQ) Marijuana Moment   
A pair of U.S. senators have introduced a new bill to promote **recycling** ... Marijuana and hemp beverages are also included in **Oregon's** state-level ...

[Shopping scene goes green](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://pamplinmedia.com/sp/68-news/453496-369621-shopping-scene-goes-green&ct=ga&cd=CAEYASoTMTcyNzA1NTgyMzYzMjc1MDMxMTIaYzBjMjhmYmFmZTlmNjZiZTpjb206ZW46VVM&usg=AFQjCNFWHIjDkvgCxjtq00PXAi5Ri6FtCw) -- Pamplin Media Group   
When the **Oregon** Legislature's Sustainable Shopping Initiative went into ... "When plastic bags end up in **recycling** bins, they can contaminate the ...

<https://wasteadvantagemag.com/waste-management-agrees-to-identify-gaps-in-recycling-infrastructure-as-step-toward-increasing-plastics-recycling/>

<https://wasteadvantagemag.com/think-differently-about-mrf-wages-and-headcount-new-approach-bigger-impact/>

<https://www.wastedive.com/news/2019-earnings-coverage-for-us-waste-and-recycling-companies/572873/>

**TIME Magazine**– Fixing Recycling in America <https://time.com/5790656/fixing-recycling-in-america/>

AND **Yahoo News** <https://news.yahoo.com/amphtml/fix-americas-broken-recycling-system-140046392.html>