**June Recycling Articles**

[Owens Illinois : COVID-19 Exposes **Recycling** Weaknesses that Leave US Manufacturing Vulnerable](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://www.marketscreener.com/O-I-GLASS-INC-13892/news/Owens-Illinois-COVID-19-Exposes-Recycling-Weaknesses-that-Leave-U-S-Manufacturing-Vulnerable-30694715/&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoTOTg1NjI5NjM2MjI0NzYxOTE2MzIaYzBjMjhmYmFmZTlmNjZiZTpjb206ZW46VVM&usg=AFQjCNGQbNVn-SuYTheKpcGy76CPFTwi1A) marketscreener.com   
Supplies of **recycled** glass have dropped 34% in **Oregon**; there's a 62% decrease in New York and New Jersey. When fewer glass containers are

**Metro’s Commercial Mixed Recyclables Study-- Spring 2020**  
<https://www.oregonmetro.gov/commercial-mixed-recyclables-composition-study>

[US Gain becomes largest RNG supplier in **Oregon**, US](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://www.bioenergy-news.com/news/u-s-gain-becomes-largest-rng-supplier-in-oregon-us/&ct=ga&cd=CAEYASoUMTc3NjY5NTkwMjY4MDgyNDA1NTMyGjA2NzYxYzQ1ZWIzNmNkMDU6Y29tOmVuOlVT&usg=AFQjCNEPyA5vHVAdqjsYjosnXuuvDzSSwA) Bioenergy Insight Magazine   
Heiberg **Garbage** and Recycling has a fleet of 11 natural gas **refuse** trucks powered by RNG that displace over 60,000 ...

[Local board hands out nearly $300000 to boost Malheur County economy](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://www.malheurenterprise.com/posts/7222/local-board-hands-out-nearly-300-000-to-boost-malheur-county-economy&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoUMTc3NjY5NTkwMjY4MDgyMzg1MDkyGjhiZmY5Mjk0NWExODgwZjY6Y29tOmVuOlVT&usg=AFQjCNFi8KArUh2jayBEQAOxYQnZW6gtDw) malheurenterprise.com   
A **recycling** plant for drip tape in Ontario and a co-working space in Nyssa are among the projects that received funding from the Eastern **Oregon** ...

**Recycling: Partnership expands beverage container return options** -- The Chronicle, Jun 8, 2020 Account holders can receive 20% more in returns when they use funds to buy groceries through the BottleDrop Plus program.

<https://www.thechronicleonline.com/news/recycling-partnership-expands-beverage-container-return-options/article_293da83a-a9c1-11ea-b81e-6391064aa07d.html>

**Talking Green: Recycling glass in the Yampa Valley — why it is necessary**

*…Currently, the state of Colorado has a waste diversion goal of 28% by 2021, meaning a goal to divert a minimum of 28% of waste materials from the landfill. However, with just one year left to meet that goal, the statewide waste diversion rate sits at 17.2%. Meanwhile, states similar in population size, like Minnesota and Oregon, have rates of 33.5% and 42.1%, which indicates that higher waste diversion rates are feasible….*<https://www.steamboatpilot.com/news/talking-green-recycling-glass-in-the-yampa-valley-why-it-is-necessary/>

[**Third attempt at Florida curbside recycling contamination bill awaits governor's decision**](https://r.xdref.com/?id=058EB8Op015172&from=delivery_20200608101108.20558782.13515@mx.sailthru.com&to=bethvd@orra.net&url=https://link.wastedive.com/click/20558782.13515/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cud2FzdGVkaXZlLmNvbS9uZXdzL2Zsb3JpZGEtbGVnaXNsYXR1cmUtcmVjeWNsaW5nLWNvbnRhbWluYXRpb24tZGVzYW50aXMvNTcxMzI3Lw/5e90e2fd950d4d5e14625959B26e2fd03)

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Under the industry-backed legislation, municipal contracts with haulers or MRFs will have to include specific contamination-related elements required by the state.

**Recycling coalition asks Congress to pass EPR bill over plastics-backed RECOVER amid relief talks**<https://www.wastedive.com/news/pirg-recover-response-break-free-plastic-legislation-coronavirus/578667/>

**The Task 2 report Recycled Content Use in Washington: Assessing Demand, Barriers, and  Opportunities**<<https://www.ezview.wa.gov/Portals/_1962/Documents/PlasticsPackaging/Recycled%20Content%20Use%20in%20Washington%20Report_06012020.pdf>> is now available. This report summarizes research on plastic manufacturers in Washington and their use of recycled content, as well as barriers and opportunities for expanding use of post-consumer resin (PCR) in products and packaging.

Titus: [https://www.plasticsnews.com/news/vinyl-sustainability-council-puts-spotlight-recycling](https://r.xdref.com/?id=052E4fd2031140&from=vargasduncanb@gmail.com&to=bethvd@orra.net&url=https://www.plasticsnews.com/news/vinyl-sustainability-council-puts-spotlight-recycling)

[Marion Resource **Recycling** selects BHS](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://www.recyclingtoday.com/bhs-to-install-cd-recycling-system-oregon.aspx&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoTMjcyNzE2ODA0MzIxMDgwMjUxOTIaYzBjMjhmYmFmZTlmNjZiZTpjb206ZW46VVM&usg=AFQjCNHunoLlh9fgT9lE3BQos6PL6UZm9A)  Recycling Today

*The Marion Resource Recycling Facility LLC (MRRF), Salem, Oregon, has selected Bulk Handling Systems (BHS), Eugene, Oregon to supply its new material recovery facility (MRF) for construction and demolition (C&D) debris. The system, scheduled to be operational in the second quarter of 2021, will be able to process more than 70 tons per hour and capture more than 90 percent of inbound material for reuse, according to a news release issued by BHS….*

[Portland entrepreneurs prove the power of textile scrap](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://recyclinginternational.com/textiles/portland-entrepreneurs-prove-the-power-of-textile-scrap/30783/&ct=ga&cd=CAEYASoTMjcyNzE2ODA0MzIxMDgwMjUxOTIaYzBjMjhmYmFmZTlmNjZiZTpjb206ZW46VVM&usg=AFQjCNFcSJsrDG9A7g-swpv9FDrZF6Kv-g)  Recycling International   
US firm Looptworks is transforming textile production waste into reusable facemasks. The business based in Portland, **Oregon** re-purposes and ..**p   
  
7 Steps to Develop an Effective Recycling Program** -- June 10, 2020

<https://wasteadvantagemag.com/7-steps-to-develop-an-effective-recycling-program/>

**Carpet America Recovery Effort Releases 2019 Report**<https://wasteadvantagemag.com/carpet-america-recovery-effort-releases-2019-annual-report/>

[**Plastic industry’s $1B waste effort begins to outline projects**](https://resource-recycling.com/recycling/2020/05/27/plastic-industrys-1b-waste-effort-begins-to-outline-projects/) **--** Posted on  May 27, 2020

<https://resource-recycling.com/recycling/2020/05/27/plastic-industrys-1b-waste-effort-begins-to-outline-projects/>

[Agilyx recycles retirement residence's polystyrene items](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://www.recyclingtoday.com/Agilyx-recycles-retirement-residence-polystyrene-items.aspx&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoUMTQwMDcxMzk5OTI0MjU5NTI5MDkyGjhiZmY5Mjk0NWExODgwZjY6Y29tOmVuOlVT&usg=AFQjCNEIcUB2M_0KenA8c39D9LSn9LIoBQ) Recycling Today

Agilyx Corporation (Agilyx),Tigard, **Oregon**, a leader in chemical **recycling of** post use plastics back into polymers, chemicals and low carbon fuels, has ...

[Agilyx and Dolco to pilot polystyrene plastic collection programme](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://www.packaging-gateway.com/news/agilyx-dolco-programme-plastic/&ct=ga&cd=CAEYASoUMTQwMDcxMzk5OTI0MjU5NTI5MDkyGjhiZmY5Mjk0NWExODgwZjY6Y29tOmVuOlVT&usg=AFQjCNG_AeTinxDEJmlAywSBC-S7v5CFpg) Packaging Gateway

Collected plastics will be **recycled** at Regenyx, the advanced **recycling** facility in Tigard, **Oregon**. Regenyx is a joint venture between Agilyx and AmSty.

**Ripple Glass Says More People Started Recycling During Stay At Home Orders – Kansas City, MO**

Recycling glass up 22%..<https://www.kmbc.com/article/ripple-glass-says-more-people-started-recycling-during-stay-at-home-orders/32830617>

[**Indonesian Ruling on Scrap Imports Underscores Value of Recycling**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001vVQc2iJW3T6jzwB5N_9rzcWnKX25zmrdKpR2-41D-tgoTFrBf8WeLIowLgITQ1Jru9KVqEbV5W1WUiJ5CQq-6EYXudyxKa4S7JrqIHkxA9m8j86Mql9AFDP44H8U-ZnOftUw4_Hm_4Ga20IF-IqMXDz_q740aPM_Xvn0ep9eai65lO3eUJDnthJa3NSKNAU-Wu85wtysOgLxq-cFgFp_Xb7AnJ0RFuoZlJFhcDh17FDRTs3XdwN_5w==&c=CXeqzZqL6CNFWyxjUcFUw-a5OIc8dQbXUo2aiU5YZ6LaL56VLotiww==&ch=rq6Z8c1J3l0QiIv9ApxJ5JcyicBzwoasWoZtCeN-9UDt0Is6Jqk-HQ==)

[In what amounts to a major win for manufacturers, recyclers, and those purchasing goods with recycled content, the Indonesian government has confirmed the use of a two percent contamination rate for scrap commodity imports. **Read More>**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001vVQc2iJW3T6jzwB5N_9rzcWnKX25zmrdKpR2-41D-tgoTFrBf8WeLIowLgITQ1Jru9KVqEbV5W1WUiJ5CQq-6EYXudyxKa4S7JrqIHkxA9m8j86Mql9AFDP44H8U-ZnOftUw4_Hm_4Ga20IF-IqMXDz_q740aPM_Xvn0ep9eai65lO3eUJDnthJa3NSKNAU-Wu85wtysOgLxq-cFgFp_Xb7AnJ0RFuoZlJFhcDh17FDRTs3XdwN_5w==&c=CXeqzZqL6CNFWyxjUcFUw-a5OIc8dQbXUo2aiU5YZ6LaL56VLotiww==&ch=rq6Z8c1J3l0QiIv9ApxJ5JcyicBzwoasWoZtCeN-9UDt0Is6Jqk-HQ==)

Baltimore suspends recycling citywide for three weeks, effective immediately, due to coronavirus outbreak

*A coronavirus outbreak among staff at the city’s east side solid waste yard will cause Baltimore recycling services to be suspended for three weeks…*

<https://www.baltimoresun.com/coronavirus/bs-md-ci-coronavirus-outbreak-recycling-suspension-20200609-xgmgyzskb5ebrosodtik5n4nhq-story.html>?

**BIR Global eForum: Plastics: Demand-Pull Measures Crucial to Recycling Industry’s Survival**

*“…many recycling centres in her region “may not recover unless they have immediate financial relief”. China Sustainable Plastics Association’s Executive President Dr Steve Wong of Fukutomi Co. Ltd agreed that governments should look to provide additional financial motivation to use recycled material and should be extending the push to incorporate recycled contents to other polymers and colours beyond natural PET and HDPE. The call for greater government help for recycling was also supported by Natalia Cruz of Ferromolins, SL in Spain where, she said, the steep drop in virgin plastic prices had undermined the viability of recycling operations…*

<https://wasteadvantagemag.com/bir-global-eforum-plastics-demand-pull-measures-crucial-to-recycling-industrys-survival/>

**BIR Annual Report 2019: Learn from the past in planning for the future -- 08 June 2020**

*The Bureau of International Recycling (BIR) has released its* [*2019 Annual Report*](https://bir.cmail19.com/t/d-l-mhknkt-juulnwuu-y/)*that highlights key recycling industry developments and data as well as the organization’s activities on behalf of its membership. The report is launched ahead of BIR’s first virtual General Assembly, which will be held at the end of June 2020 following our series of* [*online commodity sessions*](https://bir.cmail19.com/t/d-l-mhknkt-juulnwuu-j/)*aimed at keeping the BIR membership and wider recycling community informed during this period of uncertain economic developments and challenges.*

https://www.bir.org/news-press/news/item/bir-annual-report-2019-learn-from-the-past-in-planning-for-the-future

[BHS to Supply 70 TPH C&D Waste](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://waste-management-world.com/a/bhs-to-supply-70-tph-c-d-waste-recycling-facility-in-salem-oregon&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoUMTE0OTY1Mzg5NTcxNTE5Mjg1ODAyGmMwYzI4ZmJhZmU5ZjY2YmU6Y29tOmVuOlVT&usg=AFQjCNGQq3D8MXM8UKtakE5sT9I5jnQ5Og) **[Recycling](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://waste-management-world.com/a/bhs-to-supply-70-tph-c-d-waste-recycling-facility-in-salem-oregon&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoUMTE0OTY1Mzg5NTcxNTE5Mjg1ODAyGmMwYzI4ZmJhZmU5ZjY2YmU6Y29tOmVuOlVT&usg=AFQjCNGQq3D8MXM8UKtakE5sT9I5jnQ5Og)** [Facility in Salem,](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://waste-management-world.com/a/bhs-to-supply-70-tph-c-d-waste-recycling-facility-in-salem-oregon&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoUMTE0OTY1Mzg5NTcxNTE5Mjg1ODAyGmMwYzI4ZmJhZmU5ZjY2YmU6Y29tOmVuOlVT&usg=AFQjCNGQq3D8MXM8UKtakE5sT9I5jnQ5Og) **[Oregon](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://waste-management-world.com/a/bhs-to-supply-70-tph-c-d-waste-recycling-facility-in-salem-oregon&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoUMTE0OTY1Mzg5NTcxNTE5Mjg1ODAyGmMwYzI4ZmJhZmU5ZjY2YmU6Y29tOmVuOlVT&usg=AFQjCNGQq3D8MXM8UKtakE5sT9I5jnQ5Og)**Waste Management World   
In Salem, Oregon, [Bulk Handling Systems (BHS)](https://waste-management-world.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bulkhandlingsystems.com%2F) has secured a deal to supply equipment for the new Marion Resource Recycling Facility which will process up to 70 tonnes per hour of Construction and Demolition (C&D) waste.  BHS explained that the advanced industrial recycling system, scheduled to be operational in the second quarter of 2021, will be able to capture more than 90% of inbound material for reuse.

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Dolco Packaging, Decatur, Indiana, a Tekni-Plex business, has announced a new collaboration with Agilyx Corp., Tigard, **Oregon**, to expand **recycling** ...

[Portland restaurants aim to cut waste, but recyclable and compostable take-out containers go to ...](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://news.streetroots.org/2020/06/17/portland-restaurants-aim-cut-waste-recyclable-and-compostable-take-out-containers-go&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoUMTgxMTExNzg3NjY5ODc1NzM0MjIyGmEyMDU4NzI1MTZlMWQ0ZGE6Y29tOmVuOlVT&usg=AFQjCNFCIeff1tXedboX3Nn2YtpCPKxfXA) Street Roots News by [**Hanna Merzbach**](https://news.streetroots.org/users/hanna-merzbach) | 17 Jun 2020   
No brand of compostable product is allowed in **Oregon's** composting system ... “In **Oregon**, compostable serviceware ends up in the **landfill** with plastic ...

*With restaurants relying on takeout services to stay afloat during the coronavirus pandemic, to-go containers and plastic utensils are piling up in landfills. That includes most of the so-called eco-friendly products many Portland restauranteurs use in place of more traditional disposable items.*

*Vinh Wong, the owner of Pho Van and Pho Van Fresh, said he relies on bamboo and paper products, although it is hard to find options that do not contain plastic or other chemicals.  “Everything is so new right now,” Wong said. “I’m just going off of what works and what doesn’t work.”*

*Wong said he plans to reincorporate reusable serviceware once Multnomah County enters Phase 1 of the state’s reopening plan. While the Oregon Health Authority does not require restaurants to continue using disposable serviceware for dine-in services, it does require employees to wear gloves, which must be thrown away after use.*

*Health officials also require restaurants use single-service condiments and menus or employ stringent cleaning methods between each customer. Wong said at Pho Van Fresh, he already has a chalkboard menu that eliminates the need for contact.*

**Dow Introduces Post-Consumer Recycled Resins to Address Growing Brand Owner Demand for More Recycled Plastics --** June 19, 2020   
*…The new material directly supports Dow’s recently announced sustainability targets which include commitments to stop the waste by enabling one million tons of plastic to be collected, reused, or recycled through our direct actions and partnership by 2030 and to reduce its net annual carbon emissions by 5 million tons by 2030 on its path toward achieving carbon neutrality in 2050. To help meet these goals, Dow is increasing recycling for plastics that have been considered too difficult to recycle. In collaboration with industry partners, recyclers and waste management companies Dow will increase the value of used plastics by developing higher-value recycled applications, invest in innovation, and find ways to incorporate more recycled content into new, high performance materials….*

Dow -- “**Our 2030 Vision: The products we sell into packaging applications will be 100% reusable, recyclable, compostable or biodegradable by 2030.”** [**https://corporate.dow.com/en-us/science-and-sustainability/plastic-waste.html**](https://corporate.dow.com/en-us/science-and-sustainability/plastic-waste.html)

**FL Legislature Recycling Contamination – June 19, 2020***Last week, the Florida House of Representatives unanimously* [*passed a bill (HB 73)*](https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2020/73/BillText/c1/PDF)*listing contamination-related details that must be included in recycling contracts between municipalities and haulers or MRFs. Haulers would not be required to transport contaminated materials that violate the definition of acceptable recyclables, and MRFs would not be required to process them.*<https://www.wastedive.com/news/florida-legislature-recycling-contamination-desantis/571327/>

**Mandate to Require Recycled Materials in Containers Gets Mixed Reception – NJ June 18, 2020***…The issue arose Wednesday during a committee hearing on a bill (*[*S-2515*](https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2020/Bills/S3000/2515_I1.HTM)*) that aims to require certain amounts of recycled plastic, paper and glass to be used in plastic and glass carryout containers, carryout bags and trash bags.*

*Beyond reducing the manufacture of new plastics, the bill is viewed by proponents as helping to create new markets for recycled plastics and other materials that have otherwise collapsed, in part because of a decision by China to stop accepting recycled materials…*<https://www.njspotlight.com/2020/06/mandate-to-require-recycled-materials-in-containers-gets-mixed-reception/>

**ERI’s Box Program First Kind --** FRESNO, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)—June 17, 2020  
*ERI, the nation’s leading fully integrated IT and electronics asset disposition provider and cybersecurity-focused hardware destruction company currently provides the only NAID, R2, and e-Stewards certified secure-at-home (or office) box program in the United States. The program provides contactless, transparent delivery and pickup. All collected electronics are responsibly recycled and all data is securely destroyed.*

*ERI's e-waste box program provides unique services such as contactless, transparent delivery and pickup for recycling, with data protection and destruction in all 50 states...* [https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20200617005538/en/ERI’s-Box-Program-“First-Kind”-Service-Conveniently](https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20200617005538/en/ERI's-Box-Program-)

[Senate hearing revives federal recycling discussion with little consensus](https://www.wastedive.com/news/senate-epw-hearing-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-plastic/579816/) – June 17, 2020*Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW) hearing. Billed as a session "responding to the challenges facing recycling in the United States,"* [*the two-hour event*](https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=9243CF3C-41EA-4D1C-A4A4-E60CAA9F503B) *centered around recycling infrastructure challenges with the backdrop of the coronavirus pandemic, along with scrutiny of plastics.*

*Speakers included Closed Loop Partners Managing Director Bridget Croke, More Recycling CEO Nina Bellucci Butler, and Meghan Stasz, vice president of packaging and sustainability for the Consumer Brands Association (CBA). Stasz said in prepared remarks the current state of U.S. recycling is hindering industry goals and reaching fully recycled packaging by 2030 is "unachievable" at present. Croke pushed for tax incentives and other mechanisms to spur market demand for recycled plastics and other packaging materials…*

*…While the U.S. EPA did not take part on Wednesday, the agency* [*has emphasized recycling*](https://www.wastedive.com/news/epa-touts-importance-of-federal-engagement-ahead-of-america-recycles-day/566714/) *as an important focus area. Congress has also held a number of hearings centered on the issue, including* [*a House event in early March*](https://www.wastedive.com/news/plastics-climate-hearing-congress-legislation-circular/573495/) *focused on the role of the federal government in recycling. The June 17 hearing restored some of that focus, with an emphasis on issues raised by the pandemic, including the temporary suspension of municipal curbside programs.….Barrasso, the chairman, pointed to moves like these and repeatedly said single-use plastics play a "critical role" in protecting public health. Stasz, of CBA, agreed, stating the pandemic has shown "there is a real need for a range of packaging materials." But problems in the recycling system leave municipalities struggling to manage "a suffocating amount of plastic waste," Udall said, touting his bill as a solution to those problems. Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) called plastics recycling a "whopping failure" and said the business community is lagging behind on addressing the issue.*

*Butler of More Recycling said many plastics are essential, but called for an overhaul in broader recycling infrastructure. "It's simply unethical to make something that nature cannot absorb and not provide a system to manage it," she said.* <https://www.wastedive.com/news/senate-epw-hearing-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-plastic/579816/>

SWANA Submits Statement on Recycling Challenges for US Senate Hearing – June 17, 2020  
<https://wasteadvantagemag.com/swana-submits-statement-on-recycling-challenges-for-u-s-senate-hearing/>

Glass Packaging Institute Submits Testimony for US Senate Hearing – June 17, 2020 <https://wasteadvantagemag.com/the-glass-packaging-institute-submits-testimony-for-senate-hearing-on-recycling-in-the-u-s/>

**Tracking the future of US recycling policy in Congress**Spurred by market challenges, the Hill has seen a historic influx of big bills. Keep up on all the latest developments with our legislative tracker. <https://www.wastedive.com/news/tracking-the-future-of-us-recycling-policy-in-congress/570778/>

Resource Recycling <https://resource-recycling.com/recycling/2020/06/09/recycling-stakeholders-speak-out-against-racial-injustice/>

Statement against racial violence and injustice – ORRA and others <https://resource-recycling.com/recycling/2020/06/16/more-industry-voices-speak-out-on-racial-injustice/>

[BottleDrop partners with local school for college savings plan](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://www.bizjournals.com/portland/news/2020/06/22/bottle-drop-for-college-savings-plan.html&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoUMTA4NzYxMzYzMzQwOTA3MDM3MDQyGmMwYzI4ZmJhZmU5ZjY2YmU6Y29tOmVuOlVT&usg=AFQjCNGspkXGIxXfcRgp8zEKHfaUOOJPfw) Portland Business Journal – June 22, 2020 The **Oregon** Beverage **Recycling** Cooperative says small deposits can lead to big returns for marginalized students.

[DEQ issues 20 penalties in May for environmental violations](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://www.einnews.com/pr_news/520033430/deq-issues-20-penalties-in-may-for-environmental-violations&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoUMTA4NzYxMzYzMzQwOTA3MDM2NTMyGmNmNmNhMmMwMGNiMWE0Y2E6Y29tOmVuOlVT&usg=AFQjCNF_vvhqvJCJPpu44wQvn5pTxbGNRA) EIN News (press release) – June 22, 2020  
The **Oregon** Department of Environmental Quality issued 20 penalties ... Alleged violations included operating a **solid waste** disposal site without a ...  
*DEQ issued civil penalties to the following organizations and individuals:   
• City of Heppner, $3,150, Heppner, wastewater •* ***Columbia Northwest Recycling, Inc., dba Construction Materials Recycling, $611,403,*** *Cornelius, solid waste • Container Management Services, LLC, $59,213, Portland, solid and hazardous waste…[Emphasis added]*

[C&D recycler hit with major permitting penalty](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://resource-recycling.com/recycling/2020/06/23/cd-recycler-hit-with-major-permitting-penalty/&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoTNjMyMTQ1NzkxMTM4NzU2NTI2NTIaYzBjMjhmYmFmZTlmNjZiZTpjb206ZW46VVM&usg=AFQjCNECOfMQBl1WpEqlntf38kMe-6Si2A) Resource Recycling – June 23, 2020  
***Oregon*** *regulators levied environmental fines against 20 companies, including a $611,000 penalty against a C&D debris* ***recycling*** *company. The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on* [*June 17 announced*](https://www.oregon.gov/newsroom/pages/NewsDetail.aspx?newsid=36799) *penalties for alleged waste, air pollution and water pollution violations. The largest fine went to Columbia Northwest Recycling Inc., doing business as Construction Materials Recycling, which DEQ claims ran a solid waste disposal site without a permit….*

[Wasco County hears pandemic update; County will see return of **recycling** program to The Dalles](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://www.thedalleschronicle.com/free_news/wasco-county-hears-pandemic-update-county-will-see-return-of-recycling-program-to-the-dalles/article_54de2c38-b58a-11ea-95f6-436d846740da.html&ct=ga&cd=CAEYASoTNjMyMTQ1NzkxMTM4NzU2NTI2NTIaYzBjMjhmYmFmZTlmNjZiZTpjb206ZW46VVM&usg=AFQjCNHfTWYbUVAD6WQ-TQdzmR3lCvB-3A)   
Dalles Chronicle June 23, 2020  
Wasco County hears pandemic update; County will see return of **recycling** program to The Dalles ... County with none, Dr. McDonnel mentioned the largest outbreak in **Oregon** so far. ... *Real* ***recycling*** *will be returning to The Dalles. Nicole Bailey of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee said that the group has worked out a way to adjust the menu of what will be accepted for recycling that will allow The Dalles to resume the program instead of dumping everything in the landfill. Things that would not be accepted for recycling, she said, are paper milk cartons, waxy papers, certain kinds of plastic and scrap metal. To absorb part of the costs, a 2.16 percent surcharge would be added to the monthly garbage bill. That amounts to approximately 32 cents a month for a 30-gallon can, with the larger size at 56 cents a month. Commissioner Steve Kramer pointed out that Waste Management company was absorbing some of the additional expense as well….*

**New Research Shows Aluminum Beverage Cans Are Essential to Recycling System Economic Viability***New research powerfully underlines the value that aluminum used beverage cans (UBC) bring to America’s recycling system.  A study conducted by Gershman, Brickner & Bratton, Inc. (GBB) for the Can Manufacturers Institute (CMI), Aluminum Beverage Can: Driver of the U.S. Recycling System, found that the relatively high value of UBCs make them essential to the country’s network of material recovery facilities (MRF). In fact, the report found that without the revenue from UBCs, most MRFs in the United States would not be able to operate without making significant changes that would ultimately affect the cost of recycling to consumers….*<https://wasteadvantagemag.com/new-research-shows-aluminum-beverage-cans-are-essential-to-recycling-system-economic-viability/>

**University of Florida Finds 25% Contamination in Recycling Stream,** Tallahassee, FL June 23, 2020  
*The Florida Recycling Partnership Foundation commissioned its first study to more accurately determine the amount of contamination in the recycled materials being collected. Dr. Tim Townsend and the Department of Environmental Engineering Sciences at the University of Florida (UF) conducted the research on the current and historic composition of recycled materials at Materials Recovery Facilities’ (MRFs) and amount of contamination….*<https://flrecycling.org/>

**Recycling is an Essential Component to Our Nation’s Supply Chain, But Most Consumers Aren’t Making that Connection –** June 23, 2020  
*…The good news is regardless, residents report they are keeping up their recycling during the pandemic. According to a national survey conducted last month by the Carton Council of North America, almost one-third of consumers (29%) report they have been recycling more during the pandemic and 56% have been recycling the same.*

*While promising, especially as the industry worked to maintain recycling programs when possible, the survey also revealed that consumers don’t understand the impact between recycling and the new products created. When asked how much impact recycling at home has on helping with paper shortages, 33% of consumers reported they thought recycling might have some impact on helping with the shortages, but they were not sure how much it really helped. While 18% felt recycling had no impact at all on alleviating shortages, 13% were unsure and had not thought about the connection….*<https://wasteadvantagemag.com/recycling-is-an-essential-component-to-our-nations-supply-chain-but-most-consumers-arent-making-that-connection/>

[**Kentucky Environmental Projects Draw $4.7M in Grants**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001nd-hn1kHFvqQDXBwQtuUkLYUw03cMqjbgdEowofhvVM80b7uEHYGGIXLhe_uUVvMbyZ24lm8dvERCAZaXW1WDnGuqN4v81q4w1CKq1r2bVsE3rlnbIUgYiy8OlmZcM4o86mcf3S7Ag6NNfg3NAJnEtmkAFkcn5c5HGMNvg77iEH5mKOVEyBN3x2S0Jsf17jPbEy-eS8O3FZf406qzAFDfbXO5xaRBM4U&c=IT--jTRFi5nfBg52_VgQZArdr4DnxSk0yEA8I6hIaMW7ugj8jnTfrA==&ch=s0hL0jXwLbBPe3_WztRnPEX48QDtY08YMqZw4U2Fohe4x2d18BXV2A==) – June 23, 2020  
[*Dozens of projects across Kentucky are in line to receive more than $4.7 million in grants to expand recycling, reduce the amount of solid waste taken to landfills and improve household hazardous waste management, officials said. The grants are for Kentucky municipalities, fiscal courts and foundations for 78 projects, Gov. Andy Beshear and Energy and Environment Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Goodman said in a news release.*](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001nd-hn1kHFvqQDXBwQtuUkLYUw03cMqjbgdEowofhvVM80b7uEHYGGIXLhe_uUVvMbyZ24lm8dvERCAZaXW1WDnGuqN4v81q4w1CKq1r2bVsE3rlnbIUgYiy8OlmZcM4o86mcf3S7Ag6NNfg3NAJnEtmkAFkcn5c5HGMNvg77iEH5mKOVEyBN3x2S0Jsf17jPbEy-eS8O3FZf406qzAFDfbXO5xaRBM4U&c=IT--jTRFi5nfBg52_VgQZArdr4DnxSk0yEA8I6hIaMW7ugj8jnTfrA==&ch=s0hL0jXwLbBPe3_WztRnPEX48QDtY08YMqZw4U2Fohe4x2d18BXV2A==)

[**UL and Rubicon Announce Partnership to Promote Circularity, Zero Waste, and Sustainability Strategies to Businesses**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001nd-hn1kHFvqQDXBwQtuUkLYUw03cMqjbgdEowofhvVM80b7uEHYGGIXLhe_uUVvMDgAoqoYddnelqCRO7A_ZBKjT6UkHaK1CHr-EpvbHV3s3z9tuHPeOWk3sZc8V2nbhTdCyQ62pGxu_i7LbLw5n-Ui4H4-PpJhZbuiX57uebx6EeM-R2FtNCigU9DgO3AtkafvYuQxDABj96Z4XoonmxP_PAdA_zuKf8jkk9bZ9UbaEQ_ZMBlpUbuA0Kptz5GhGwFpGblrHUc69UAUnvgqlB6zkgVUNBkOiHLw6671hYAhybTGCxfPMIg==&c=IT--jTRFi5nfBg52_VgQZArdr4DnxSk0yEA8I6hIaMW7ugj8jnTfrA==&ch=s0hL0jXwLbBPe3_WztRnPEX48QDtY08YMqZw4U2Fohe4x2d18BXV2A==) – June 23, 2020  
[*UL, a leading global safety science company, has entered into a partnership with Rubicon, a software company born in the waste and recycling industry, to support each company’s shared circularity and sustainability aspirations to end waste, in all of its forms, while creating economic value. As part of the partnership, UL and Rubicon will work to extend third-party validation services such as UL’s Standards for circularity, recycled content, and waste diversion to Rubicon’s customers and collaborators ...*](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001nd-hn1kHFvqQDXBwQtuUkLYUw03cMqjbgdEowofhvVM80b7uEHYGGIXLhe_uUVvMDgAoqoYddnelqCRO7A_ZBKjT6UkHaK1CHr-EpvbHV3s3z9tuHPeOWk3sZc8V2nbhTdCyQ62pGxu_i7LbLw5n-Ui4H4-PpJhZbuiX57uebx6EeM-R2FtNCigU9DgO3AtkafvYuQxDABj96Z4XoonmxP_PAdA_zuKf8jkk9bZ9UbaEQ_ZMBlpUbuA0Kptz5GhGwFpGblrHUc69UAUnvgqlB6zkgVUNBkOiHLw6671hYAhybTGCxfPMIg==&c=IT--jTRFi5nfBg52_VgQZArdr4DnxSk0yEA8I6hIaMW7ugj8jnTfrA==&ch=s0hL0jXwLbBPe3_WztRnPEX48QDtY08YMqZw4U2Fohe4x2d18BXV2A==)

[**Top consumer brands seen falling behind on recycling goals, failing to avert plastic pollution**](https://r.xdref.com/?id=05OIWB9g015157&from=delivery_20200624143212.20717153.13655@mx.sailthru.com&to=bethvd@orra.net&url=https://link.wastedive.com/click/20717153.13655/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cud2FzdGVkaXZlLmNvbS9uZXdzL2FzLXlvdS1zb3ctY29tcGFuaWVzLXJlcG9ydC1wbGFzdGljLXBvbGx1dGlvbi1jcmlzaXMvNTc5NzM4Lw/5e90e2fd950d4d5e14625959Bcac6d0e2) **June 24, 2020**

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None of the 50 companies evaluated by shareholder advocacy group As You Sow earned higher than a B- on recycling, reusability or compostability goals. Multiple companies pushed back on the report

Reference the June 2020 Report -**Waste and Opportunity 2020: Searching for Corporate Leadership**  
<http://www.asyousow.org/report-page/waste-and-opportunity-2020-searching-corporate-leadership>

[Recycling news from prime producers - Plastics Recycling ...](https://resource-recycling.com/plastics/2020/06/24/recycling-news-from-prime-producers/)

[https://resource-recycling.com › plastics › 2020 › 06 › 24 › ...](https://resource-recycling.com/plastics/2020/06/24/recycling-news-from-prime-producers/) Jun 24, 2020 ·   
In a June 17 press release, Dow also unveiled new **sustainability** targets, including supporting the **recycling** of 1 million metric tons of **plastic** by 2030 and having 100% of its **plastic** sold for packaging be reusable or recyclable by 2035. Other **recycling**-related items were included in the **company**’s 2019 **sustainability** report.

**HP Releases Annual Sustainable Impact Report, Commits to Reduction of Plastic Pollution – June 24, 2020**  
*As part of these commitments,* [*HP*](https://brandspurng.com/2020/03/26/hp-and-nigerian-authorities-collaborate-to-disrupt-dozens-of-counterfeit-retail-operations-in-nigeria/) *announced a new goal to eliminate 75 percent of single-use plastic packaging by 2025, supporting the company’s efforts to drive a low-carbon, circular economy. Efforts to make a sustainable impact on people, the planet and communities are integrated into HP’s business strategy and operations and have become an increasingly important driver of customer purchasing decisions. HP’s Sustainable Impact efforts helped drive more than $1.6 billion in sales wins in 2019, up an estimated 69 percent, reflecting the growing business imperative for companies to lead with purpose….*Aside from the environment, [HP](https://brandspurng.com/2019/09/18/task-systems-bags-hp-nod/) has also committed to diversity and inclusion at all levels of the company while fighting racial inequality, announcing a new goal to double the number of Black and African American executives inside the company by 2025. <https://brandspurng.com/2020/06/24/hp-releases-annual-sustainable-impact-report-commits-to-reduction-of-plastic-pollution/>

**Anti-plastic sentiment has clearly grown in recent years and governments are taking note.**  
*…While ocean plastic remains core to the narrative, the link between plastic and climate change is receiving growing attention. In response, companies have set more ambitious commitments to curb plastic waste, including Unilever’s* [*goal*](https://www.unilever.co.uk/news/press-releases/2019/unilever-announces-ambitious-new-commitments-for-a-waste-free-world.html) *to halve its use of virgin plastic by 2025. Despite this, the attention given to the issue has arguably yet to translate into substantive action, with global plastic production still set to increase and our current recycling system failing to compete with a falling cost of virgin plastic….*

“Each and every company has control over its own packaging portfolio and so changing packaging design to be effectively recyclable is a key intervention they can make now. Decisions like switching to recyclable material and formats, and making the right choices for labels can go a long way to ensuring that the recycling markets we do have in place today can persist and improve. ” *Tristanne Davis, Senior Manager, The Sustainable Packaging Coalition at GreenBlue* [*https://trends.sustainability.com/2020/plastics/*](https://trends.sustainability.com/2020/plastics/)

**Partnering to Keep Plastics in Play***…One of the largest such alliances, the* [*Alliance to End Plastic Waste*](https://endplasticwaste.org/)*, brings together over 40 companies from across the value chain such as Procter & Gamble, Shell, BASF and ExxonMobil. Together, the companies have committed $1.5 billion over the coming five years into new recycling technologies and building infrastructure to collect and recycle waste….Meanwhile, plastic manufacturers, including Indorama and SABIC, are making strategic investments in plastics-to-plastics solutions and chemical companies such as BASF, Eastman Chemicals and LyondellBasell are integrating advanced technologies into their own manufacturing and supply chains.* [*BASF*](https://recyclinginternational.com/business/basf-commits-to-chemical-recycling/28129/) *recently announced it will invest €20 million into a partnership with a Norwegian pyrolysis specialist to boost the chemical recycling of mixed plastic waste. Thanks to these new innovations being developed and scaled in partnership with others, the possibility to return far more waste plastics into the supply chain than previously possible is becoming clear.*<https://trends.sustainability.com/2020/partnering-to-keep-plastics-in-play/>

[Pocatello officials say cost of **recycling** on the rise](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://www.idahostatejournal.com/news/local/pocatello-officials-say-cost-of-recycling-on-the-rise/article_d25f6211-1a7f-533d-b81b-4b42a38c802c.html&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoTMjUyMDgwODg1NjA5ODQ3NzAwMzIaYzBjMjhmYmFmZTlmNjZiZTpjb206ZW46VVM&usg=AFQjCNFDnPBdstkdyucKVMqIdp3SHUGBmQ) Idaho State Journal June 27, 2020  
The city had been paying Western **Recycling** $79 per ton to take its commingled **recyclables**, which are baled and shipped to Clackamas, **Oregon**, ...

[**Plastic Waste Surges as Coronavirus Prompts Restaurants to Use More Disposable Packaging**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001_nK8pIIPp13vWv4MStiWeaE75l3OXS3QwBMfmeBj42ibYO-O01DLZqvOPKZ3ZytqjR-vo3-rm8HncwHmrwJMUACtlz993IjJaGXtkoEWPHtsmRdzjsFdc0X0HR8iTcnqaWWfYc1c_pr6J_rWPdqnzLICdgzO-FMQNUcY4iI58LrO01rTdGGBwOQ4seCRgawkBZ9tFMZZVBtl_KrK3hG2nJYLSw9Rnw5Osx_eJnkHgXaSnH-4ifjFAKM-AtU9Xq-KJZSCoqK7yNbrkHhAPhg0YA==&c=1Ce-J88Ymf5N0EWSXEB7TCqp6sgFKVmf0aL97ruEHnfu5FLBCdoJjw==&ch=GTDwWyWDRIlQpmaOgMH2R_Hvw0QUYz3NrtKJuvXg7oeY9bjafG0uRw==)June 29, 2020  
[As the country re-opens after months of lockdowns, consumers and restaurants have become more dependent on single-use plastic bags, containers and utensils due to health concerns prompted by the coronavirus pandemic.](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001_nK8pIIPp13vWv4MStiWeaE75l3OXS3QwBMfmeBj42ibYO-O01DLZqvOPKZ3ZytqjR-vo3-rm8HncwHmrwJMUACtlz993IjJaGXtkoEWPHtsmRdzjsFdc0X0HR8iTcnqaWWfYc1c_pr6J_rWPdqnzLICdgzO-FMQNUcY4iI58LrO01rTdGGBwOQ4seCRgawkBZ9tFMZZVBtl_KrK3hG2nJYLSw9Rnw5Osx_eJnkHgXaSnH-4ifjFAKM-AtU9Xq-KJZSCoqK7yNbrkHhAPhg0YA==&c=1Ce-J88Ymf5N0EWSXEB7TCqp6sgFKVmf0aL97ruEHnfu5FLBCdoJjw==&ch=GTDwWyWDRIlQpmaOgMH2R_Hvw0QUYz3NrtKJuvXg7oeY9bjafG0uRw==)

[**COVID-19 Relief to Assist Recycling Programs in North Carolina**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001_nK8pIIPp13vWv4MStiWeaE75l3OXS3QwBMfmeBj42ibYO-O01DLZqvOPKZ3ZytqrYONraXdZ0Grskhe_qKtl91umFHRCl-o3g0_sgsb2qQs8KUcLbSeD3y0WJH5VZ1Lb5hi4dnJcBAWxW9wU5Y6X8EZIRC95bv4avWc0h0DNbuS3wl3PmCTMa1L6NWiFvweksjTcicQkhGCaWcX21dSdMczxF9iywq3n7jKDOxhEcOkCp9nIPgJrQ==&c=1Ce-J88Ymf5N0EWSXEB7TCqp6sgFKVmf0aL97ruEHnfu5FLBCdoJjw==&ch=GTDwWyWDRIlQpmaOgMH2R_Hvw0QUYz3NrtKJuvXg7oeY9bjafG0uRw==)June 29, 2020  
[The North Carolina Division of Environmental Assistance and Customer Service, announced that proposals are now being accepted for projects to purchase equipment or resources to support residential recycling programs that have been stopped or impacted by the pandemic. The new grant funding opportunity is for projects that support or improve an existing recycling program ...](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001_nK8pIIPp13vWv4MStiWeaE75l3OXS3QwBMfmeBj42ibYO-O01DLZqvOPKZ3ZytqrYONraXdZ0Grskhe_qKtl91umFHRCl-o3g0_sgsb2qQs8KUcLbSeD3y0WJH5VZ1Lb5hi4dnJcBAWxW9wU5Y6X8EZIRC95bv4avWc0h0DNbuS3wl3PmCTMa1L6NWiFvweksjTcicQkhGCaWcX21dSdMczxF9iywq3n7jKDOxhEcOkCp9nIPgJrQ==&c=1Ce-J88Ymf5N0EWSXEB7TCqp6sgFKVmf0aL97ruEHnfu5FLBCdoJjw==&ch=GTDwWyWDRIlQpmaOgMH2R_Hvw0QUYz3NrtKJuvXg7oeY9bjafG0uRw==)

[**New Approach for Breaking Plastics Down Shows Promise for ‘Upcycling’ Them**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001_nK8pIIPp13vWv4MStiWeaE75l3OXS3QwBMfmeBj42ibYO-O01DLZqvOPKZ3ZytqHm39aECls3h8q09pXGydEPIPtMXnybOSzdQRrSVZVnfKmYRMyOjm2h6eawVkBsFy15X0WJLFPHoV8K3Em0ui6O-xFmtRg6Xv-umyQkqp3fRXvIHhYCgaxJvvptzGCP07vub9aLc2S_r1nJp0Tg15dtC-wabR_mEF1YKK57wARP_gkN-tLycjyKFn94pE-1ow&c=1Ce-J88Ymf5N0EWSXEB7TCqp6sgFKVmf0aL97ruEHnfu5FLBCdoJjw==&ch=GTDwWyWDRIlQpmaOgMH2R_Hvw0QUYz3NrtKJuvXg7oeY9bjafG0uRw==)June 29, 2020  
[Many of us fastidiously clean and sort our yogurt containers, milk jugs and mountains of other plastic waste each week, getting that packaging ready for the recycling bin. But of the billions of tons of plastics produced between 1950 and 2015, only 9 percent was actually recycled, according to a 2018 study. “We don’t have the technology to really recycle plastic” ...](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001_nK8pIIPp13vWv4MStiWeaE75l3OXS3QwBMfmeBj42ibYO-O01DLZqvOPKZ3ZytqHm39aECls3h8q09pXGydEPIPtMXnybOSzdQRrSVZVnfKmYRMyOjm2h6eawVkBsFy15X0WJLFPHoV8K3Em0ui6O-xFmtRg6Xv-umyQkqp3fRXvIHhYCgaxJvvptzGCP07vub9aLc2S_r1nJp0Tg15dtC-wabR_mEF1YKK57wARP_gkN-tLycjyKFn94pE-1ow&c=1Ce-J88Ymf5N0EWSXEB7TCqp6sgFKVmf0aL97ruEHnfu5FLBCdoJjw==&ch=GTDwWyWDRIlQpmaOgMH2R_Hvw0QUYz3NrtKJuvXg7oeY9bjafG0uRw==)

[**Can We Recycle Plastic Sustainably?**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001_nK8pIIPp13vWv4MStiWeaE75l3OXS3QwBMfmeBj42ibYO-O01DLZqvOPKZ3Zytqz8YOKsFNsRZGRGw3kQC2kYvEZAkpRQXYXZzZ5HzBo-jMFPdj7YQeioYxpYFxFA_NTLTedYYB1LniIWNeND5wlA1XIIvh1IGPxTw7kKbJSimlLhAkpo1UtYG2Cv7HTFC40iZthSTWEb0=&c=1Ce-J88Ymf5N0EWSXEB7TCqp6sgFKVmf0aL97ruEHnfu5FLBCdoJjw==&ch=GTDwWyWDRIlQpmaOgMH2R_Hvw0QUYz3NrtKJuvXg7oeY9bjafG0uRw==) June 29, 2020  
[While recycling is on the rise today, it’s clear that society still has a long way to go to achieve greater plastic sustainability. Unfortunately, the ever-growing consumption rate is a factor halting this process. Every minute, over 1 million plastic bottles are sold, and the overall demand for single-use plastics remains high.](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001_nK8pIIPp13vWv4MStiWeaE75l3OXS3QwBMfmeBj42ibYO-O01DLZqvOPKZ3Zytqz8YOKsFNsRZGRGw3kQC2kYvEZAkpRQXYXZzZ5HzBo-jMFPdj7YQeioYxpYFxFA_NTLTedYYB1LniIWNeND5wlA1XIIvh1IGPxTw7kKbJSimlLhAkpo1UtYG2Cv7HTFC40iZthSTWEb0=&c=1Ce-J88Ymf5N0EWSXEB7TCqp6sgFKVmf0aL97ruEHnfu5FLBCdoJjw==&ch=GTDwWyWDRIlQpmaOgMH2R_Hvw0QUYz3NrtKJuvXg7oeY9bjafG0uRw==)

[**Recycled Ropes to Dog Leashes, Redmond, WA Teen Finds Unique Way to Give Back to His Community During Pandemic**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001_nK8pIIPp13vWv4MStiWeaE75l3OXS3QwBMfmeBj42ibYO-O01DLZqvOPKZ3ZytqClqqS-N8sFtFJBlsNE4lqOrFGitzUXgWDg-XrjXnL5cLR55DxF795plfRr54lRhU3JZiXbm5OJi_gl0rMCZ5wSSE-5qn9PJHFKL54j5dAED6KA_Z4c9o_VpLaktlXExGZel9hi8JnYZe8FeSy7n0kB7TEW_ATol7vTo1r_7QYNepln5CZ3_KScLWHDkT9NMjJdxa7hJrJWKvFLhg1uSpARRhS45Tzk9lO_CtFc0s3-4=&c=1Ce-J88Ymf5N0EWSXEB7TCqp6sgFKVmf0aL97ruEHnfu5FLBCdoJjw==&ch=GTDwWyWDRIlQpmaOgMH2R_Hvw0QUYz3NrtKJuvXg7oeY9bjafG0uRw==) June 29, 2020  
[A Redmond High School student is taking his love for animals and rock climbing and using it as a way to help the environment while also giving back to his community during the coronavirus pandemic. Alexander Tsao has been rock climbing for about five years, and when he discovered that climbing gyms discard their old climbing ropes every few months due to safety regulations he saw an opportunity to help the environment.That’s how Rocks 2 Dogs was born ...](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001_nK8pIIPp13vWv4MStiWeaE75l3OXS3QwBMfmeBj42ibYO-O01DLZqvOPKZ3ZytqClqqS-N8sFtFJBlsNE4lqOrFGitzUXgWDg-XrjXnL5cLR55DxF795plfRr54lRhU3JZiXbm5OJi_gl0rMCZ5wSSE-5qn9PJHFKL54j5dAED6KA_Z4c9o_VpLaktlXExGZel9hi8JnYZe8FeSy7n0kB7TEW_ATol7vTo1r_7QYNepln5CZ3_KScLWHDkT9NMjJdxa7hJrJWKvFLhg1uSpARRhS45Tzk9lO_CtFc0s3-4=&c=1Ce-J88Ymf5N0EWSXEB7TCqp6sgFKVmf0aL97ruEHnfu5FLBCdoJjw==&ch=GTDwWyWDRIlQpmaOgMH2R_Hvw0QUYz3NrtKJuvXg7oeY9bjafG0uRw==)

[**NWRA, EREF Survey Highlights COVID-19’s Impact on the Waste and Recycling Industry**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=00173DiH7qQgUWjqgG2ljQ7Yu0Em6XfACOzoOfRHEU_j_rZPgbcmyZQdhQDIeh4S-AXyWuUMeIGwEUPGVYnlNh7PmLfujlXBlXVlhZAeJ0rcUvYUJBCDeCx5_wLwGcPECCt1naERqa8aD1hk7wV-dVXLrsA6NyF4LEzo3qt-7FCvKgeA8ISVgPNcBylU41jYvD5jgLcgrRtEcq-gLiF16xyPQzt_sOK0CeMxrdpiTif2hgBzNQERnejQg5AxCK7b4_j9DNGC24lzto=&c=sObemZvEdK_wrYuyCBxbvwBt-SfEtoZ2LzQFzWgYYujkFFyBKNkChg==&ch=dbYolV64BR9Ws7SkRJU_rEoxWTvvi8KefguQnfhxpCw5SPG82ElLAw==)June 29, 2020

[The NWRA partnered with the EREF to conduct a survey to learn more about how the waste and recycling industry has been affected by the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, and how it has dealt with the new challenges that have risen to the surface throughout the pandemic.](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=00173DiH7qQgUWjqgG2ljQ7Yu0Em6XfACOzoOfRHEU_j_rZPgbcmyZQdhQDIeh4S-AXyWuUMeIGwEUPGVYnlNh7PmLfujlXBlXVlhZAeJ0rcUvYUJBCDeCx5_wLwGcPECCt1naERqa8aD1hk7wV-dVXLrsA6NyF4LEzo3qt-7FCvKgeA8ISVgPNcBylU41jYvD5jgLcgrRtEcq-gLiF16xyPQzt_sOK0CeMxrdpiTif2hgBzNQERnejQg5AxCK7b4_j9DNGC24lzto=&c=sObemZvEdK_wrYuyCBxbvwBt-SfEtoZ2LzQFzWgYYujkFFyBKNkChg==&ch=dbYolV64BR9Ws7SkRJU_rEoxWTvvi8KefguQnfhxpCw5SPG82ElLAw==)  
<https://wasteadvantagemag.com/nwra-eref-survey-highlights-covid-19s-impact-on-the-waste-and-recycling-industry/>

[**Earth911 Podcast: ISRI Chief Economist Joe Pickard Discusses COVID's Impression on Recycling**](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://www.editorials360.com/2020/06/29/earth911-podcast-isri-chief-economist-joe-pickard-discusses-covids-impression-on-recycling/&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoTODYwMzU3MTEwNTU5NzU4NjcwNDIaYzBjMjhmYmFmZTlmNjZiZTpjb206ZW46VVM&usg=AFQjCNFvkKGHktpC2BGqNWaFOPKfkIjczw) Editorials 360, June 30, 2020 The outcomes are that general **recycling** charges have fallen in most states, resembling California and **Oregon**. After closures, many **recycling** ...[**https://www.editorials360.com/2020/06/29/earth911-podcast-isri-chief-economist-joe-pickard-discusses-covids-impression-on-recycling/**](https://www.editorials360.com/2020/06/29/earth911-podcast-isri-chief-economist-joe-pickard-discusses-covids-impression-on-recycling/)

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*… Today, Resource Recycling Systems (RRS) releases its white paper on “Textile Recovery in the U.S.: A Roadmap to Circularity,” which highlights the current state of textile waste in the U.S. and outlines “a future-state system in which textiles are recovered for best and highest use.”… Adler recognizes the need for “very practical solutions on how we can fill the gaps in information and infrastructure.” One example she mentions is that, though the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) tracks how much textile waste is generated year over year, “there is no current data that tell us the fiber composition and frequency and volume of blend within that waste stream. And that’s the information we need to know in order for textile recyclers to develop, build, and scale their facilities.”* <https://www.waste360.com/textile/undressing-current-state-future-textile-recycling-us?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Issue:%202020-06-30%20Waste%20Dive%20Newsletter%20%5Bissue:28205%5D&utm_term=Waste%20Dive>

**Recycling stakeholders say years of turbulence helped prepare industry for pandemic** June 30, 2020  
During this year's virtual SWANApalooza, speakers from the U.S. EPA, Waste Management and The Recycling Partnership said the sector has learned valuable lessons from ongoing market challenges. <https://www.wastedive.com/news/recycling-coronavirus-waste-management-revived-momentum-congress-swana/580609/>

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