

City of Cannon Beach Recycle Consolidation Project

Mission

The Public Works Department, at the direction of the City of Cannon Beach City Council, is developing additional parking on E. 2nd Street, for use during the summer months as overflow parking for busy summer days and special events. To facilitate space for this overflow parking, the Public Works Department will move the waste-water treatment laboratory operations to a new facility, adjacent to the new waste-water treatment facility. The yard waste debris collection site and the Recycle operations are to be condensed into a reconfigured site at the end of E. 2nd Street.

With changes in the recycled material markets, cost of labor, and fuel expenses coupled with the advent of residential curbside recycling, the time has come to modify the way the Cannon Beach Recycling operates. It is no longer a sustainable practice to sort glass into three colors, sort newsprint from office paper and magazines, and ship each product individually. Plastics and tin are part of a co-mingled mix that the City intends to collect and ship together with the paper products. This allows for a savings of labor, time and space. Cardboard will still be collected, baled, shipped, and sold separately as it has retained enough value to offset the cost of the labor.

Changes

- Residential recycling is encouraged at home and utilizing the curbside service at the home. Recycle Center hours will be reduced to 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
- Blue barrels used for glass drop off will no longer be available to exchange for empty barrels. Commercial customers will be required to place their glass into 2 cubic yard containers. Glass collection at the center will no longer require separation of green, brown or clear glass.
- All paper, along with plastic, tin, and metals will be co-mingled in a mechanical compactor which will be operated by City employees only.
- Cardboard will be collected and baled by city employees 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon Tuesday through Saturday.
- Yard waste debris will be deposited directly into dumpsters for shipping purposes.

Implementation Plan

Starting January 10, 2011 all yard waste materials shall be deposited into low sided dumpsters at the current site. When the co-mingle compactor is installed into the fenced recycle area, the yard waste dumpsters will be moved into the western side of the recycle area.

Co-mingled recycle products like plastic, metal, and paper will be placed in labeled bins until the installation of the compactor.

Cardboard will be collected in the warehouse from 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon for commercial customers. Residential cardboard will be collected in carts in the depot building until the compactor is operational.