

Why do we do this?

To provide a convenient single drop point for diverting usable and recyclable materials from the landfill.

What do we take?

We accept a wide variety of materials intended for re-use or repurposing. And we accept plastic in many forms that are not part of curbside recycling in your Waste Connection Big Blue bin.

Needs and rules outside our control often change, so keep a current version of this flyer on hand or visit [uucvan.org/act/beyond-curbside/!](http://uucvan.org/act/beyond-curbside/)

Why “Two Tracks”?

MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS are specific items intended for reuse or repurposing by local schools, nonprofits, and small businesses. We call this our **GREEN TRACK** because this is where we gain maximum benefit for the community and the environment.

The **PROBLEMATIC PLASTICS** we accept are returned to known processors, with confidence that they will be remanufactured into new products. Usually, there is a fee for us to pay. We call this our **YELLOW TRACK** because, no matter how convenient they are, all plastics are environmentally problematic in every step of their life cycle.

What do we ask of you?

- ♥ Prepare materials according to the guidelines.
- ♥ Sort materials into appropriate slots
- ♥ Do not drop off bags of unsorted materials.
- ♥ Make a small \$ contribution to help offset our costs for plastic recycling.

Want to learn more?

Volunteering is a great way to learn about recycling and environmental sustainability. Delivery and sorting assistance is always welcome, and training is provided. If you would like to help once a month or so, email us to find out more:

greenteam@uucvan.org



A Waste Reduction Program

Operated by the GreenTeam at
Unitarian Universalist Church of Vancouver,
4505 East 18th Street
Open **Sundays, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**, except
holidays



GREEN TRACK

Materials to be reused or repurposed.

MATERIAL/ITEMS	RECIPIENTS
Egg cartons	Clark Co. Food Bank, I Paw'd It Forward
Paper bags	FISH, Kindred, SCRAP
Magazines	Kindred
Corks	Kindred, SCRAP, Ridwell
Eyeglasses, Hearing aids	Lions Clubs International
Electronic cords, cables	Free Geek, Cascadia Tech
Glass jars with lids	Kindred
Garden plant pots (intact)	Local horticulture classes
Cell phones	YWCA SafeChoice
Packing materials	Vintage Books, Ship Shop
Printer cartridges	Office Depot → UUCV
Light bulbs (but <i>not</i> tubes)	Ridwell (Broken CFLs must be bagged and sealed)
Miscellaneous metals	Habitat for Humanity
Miscellaneous items, craft and art supplies listed on SCRAPpdx.org	SCRAP in Portland sells donated materials for creative reuse.

YELLOW TRACK

These materials will be recycled.*

MATERIAL/ITEMS	RECYCLERS
#1 Clear (no color or tint)	New Seasons
#2, #4	James Recycling \$ Ridwell \$
#5	P3 Distributing \$
#6 PS Rigid styrene	James Recycling \$
#6 PS Block foam	EarthFriendly Recycling \$ Ridwell \$
*Small plastics; tableware, straws, miscellaneous	James Recycling \$
Produce Net bags	Ridwell \$

* Some items may be pulled for re-use or re-purposing.

\$ We pay a fee to these recyclers.

How to prepare materials

Sorting is a messy, time-consuming job, so our volunteers are grateful for the help you give by following these guidelines.

MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS

1. AT HOME: Be kind and clean your items before bringing them to us. (Very important for plastics and packing materials; less important for garden pots and scrap metal.)

PLASTICS

- 1. USE CURBSIDE CART FIRST:** Recycle all acceptable plastics into your Big Blue recycling cart. See the Waste Connections Recycle Right Guide for details.
- 2. TRASH *all colored or tinted* #1.** Also trash all #3 and #7 plastics unless you repurpose them for non-food use.
- 3. WHAT'S LEFT: WASH IT or TOSS IT.** Greasy and Sticky are the worst offenders.
- 4. CIRCLE** the recycle symbol and write the resin code number with a Sharpie marker. Because the symbols are hard to find and read, this is a huge help for our Recycling Angels who must double-check everything.