



# Tillamook County Solid Waste

For more information about recycling or hazardous waste disposal:

Call (503) 815-3975 or email us at [recycle@co.tillamook.or.us](mailto:recycle@co.tillamook.or.us)

or visit our website at [www.co.tillamook.or.us/solid-waste](http://www.co.tillamook.or.us/solid-waste)

## October Focus: Drugs and Sharps

As the rains arrive, it's easy to realize how closely we interact with water. This time of year, and for the next several months, it will seem as though we have an abundance of water – as the grass again turns green and we walk through puddles on a daily basis.

As a community that deals with a lot of water each year, we place a special value on the cleanliness of that water. We admire the hues of blue and green as fresh rainwater interacts with saltwater in the bay, each day presenting us with different portraits of coastal living.

It may be for that reason that Tillamook County residents drop off unused prescription and over-the-counter drugs through proper channels, rather than flushing them down the toilet, which they eventually make it into the water where our salmon

swim. Fortunately, those “proper channels” are becoming more and more convenient. In addition to secure drop off sites at the Sheriff's Office and several police stations, you can now find secure drug drop off kiosks at most local pharmacies, where you can drop off unused drugs while waiting for your prescription to be filled. Several city halls and fire stations also have mail-back envelopes available for the public to obtain and use.

On the last Saturday in October we will again be hosting a collection event at the Fairgrounds, where you will be able to drop off unused drugs, as well as sharps (needles,

syringes). The sharps must be in a hard, red plastic sharps container, but you can drop off one or more containers with our staff on that day – at no charge.

Thank you for doing the right thing, and disposing of your unused drugs and sharps in a safe, secure, proper manner!

**David McCall**  
Solid Waste Program  
Manager

**Rx Awareness!** SAFE USE, SAFE STORAGE, SAFE DISPOSAL

**KEEP OUT OF REACH**    **CHECK EXPIRATION**    **DON'T FLUSH**    **SAFELY DISPOSE**

**DEA NATIONAL <sup>Rx</sup> TAKEBACK**

Turn in unneeded medication for safe disposal.

**Saturday, October 29**  
**10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Keep them safe. Clean them out. Take them back.

Visit [DEATakeBack.com](http://DEATakeBack.com) for a collection site near you.

**Paint Recycling Made Easy**

**Recycle Your Paint**

There are over 180 PaintCare sites in Oregon where households and businesses can recycle or dispose of unwanted paint, stain, and varnish all year round, including these sites in Tillamook County:

<b>True Value</b> 34995 River Ave Pacific City (503) 965-6295	<b>Tillamook County HHW</b> 1315 Ekloff Rd Tillamook (503) 815-3975 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
<b>Manzanita Transfer Station</b> 34995 Necarney City Rd Manzanita (503) 368-7764	on this date: <b>Saturday, October 1, 2022</b> <a href="https://www.co.tillamook.or.us/solid-waste">https://www.co.tillamook.or.us/solid-waste</a>

All PaintCare sites accept up to 5 gallons per visit (some take more). Please call ahead to confirm business hours and ask if they can accept the type and amount of paint you would like to recycle. PaintCare sites do not accept aerosols (spray paint), leaking, unlabeled, or empty containers.

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