



Olympic Trials: success on and off the track

Sanipac, together with the U of O, City of Eugene, Lane County, Rexus, and over 90 volunteers, recycled 72% of the waste that we hauled from the Olympic Trials.

Congratulations!

In the past year, our customers have diverted **56 Million Pounds** from the landfill using commingle recycling. This increased from **53.8 Million Pounds** the year before!

To plan an event of this size and duration with a philosophy of generating as little waste as possible is a phenomenal undertaking. Everyone from the athletes, to the planners, the vendors, moving crews, volunteers and attendees deserve to be congratulated for all their efforts making the Eugene 2008 Olympic Trials an event for our entire community to be proud of.

At the Olympic Trials in Eugene, a 3-colored bin system was used to collect commingle recycle, compostable items, and trash. A sign accompanied the bins with a visual of which items go into each container. This visual made the sorting of waste at the consumer level convenient and successful. Vendors used compostable plates, cups, utensils, and straws. These items along with food scraps were hauled to Rexus as compost. The commingle and glass recycling was hauled to Ecosort, our material recovery facility.

Jack Hoeck, Vice President of Environmental Services at Rexus, commented that the compost material that Rexus received was virtually free from contaminants—thanks to the efforts of the volunteers and everyone who participated in properly sorting the waste at the Olympic Trials.

Compost material is not something that we are currently able to keep out of the waste stream for our regular customers. Rexus obtained a special permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that allowed them to accept the food waste from the Olympic Trials. This food compost material requires separate recycling from the yard debris that Rexus normally accepts for composting.

This experience has given us all a greater awareness of what it takes to significantly reduce the amount of waste going into the landfill that is generated from such a spectacular event. We are looking forward to 2012, when the Olympic Trials return to Eugene. It is our goal to improve on the 72% recycling rate. When we all work together, we can make a big difference!



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Residential Edition





How to Clean up Broken Florescent Bulbs

Broken florescent light bulbs contain a small amount of mercury that requires special handling. To clean up, take these steps:

1st— ventilate the room for at least 15 minutes. Don't go in it. Turn off any forced air heating or air conditioning system. Don't walk through the debris because it could spread the mercury.

ON A HARD SURFACE: use a stiff paper or piece of cardboard to scoop up glass fragments or powder. Do NOT use a broom or vacuum to clean up, as it will stir up the powder. Seal the fragments in a plastic bag. Use sticky tape to pick up the remaining pieces and powder. Wipe the area with a damp towel and dispose of it in the bag.

ON CARPET: use a stiff paper or piece of cardboard to remove larger fragments. Seal them in a plastic bag. Use tape to pick up the remaining pieces and powder. Vacuum only after all visible materials are removed. Remove the vacuum's bag or empty and wipe the canister with a wet paper towel, and seal the bag or debris in a plastic bag. Ventilate a room for 15 minutes if it has a forced air system.

Put all sealed material in an outside trash container & wash your hands. The next few times you vacuum the carpeted area, turn off the forced air and open a window. After vacuuming, continue ventilating the room for at least fifteen minutes. Our information is from the Environmental Protection Agency's website: www.epa.gov/mercury/spills

Yard Debris

Toss in loose (no bags) anything that grows above the ground in your yard— including seasonal items like pumpkins, fruit, and garden discards. Please close the lid & have the cart at the curb by 7:00am on the alternate week from your recycle pick up




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Curbside Recycling Instructions Please clean all recycling

LARGE BLUE RECYCLE CART	SMALL BLUE BOX	Examples of items that can NOT be recycled:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ PLASTIC—Jugs, Tubs & Bottles ONLY remove & throw away lids and caps ⇒ PAPER—Mail, Newspaper, cereal and dry food boxes, colored paper, magazines, phone books, paper bags, wrapping paper Shredded Paper must be contained in a paper bag with the top securely closed ⇒ METAL-Food and Beverage Cans and CLEAN Aluminum Foil shaped into a ball no smaller than a fist. Lids should be secured inside the can by leaving attached and pushing inside or by placing the lids inside the cans and smashing down only the open end. ⇒ CARDBOARD-Flat and un-waxed ⇒ ASEPTIC TetraPak® cartons Gable Top Milk and Juice Cartons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ GLASS--Clean Bottles and Jars only—all colors together loose in the blue box ⇒ Motor Oil—Place next to the blue box in a plastic jug no larger than a gallon with a screw on lid & label "Used Motor Oil" <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Sanipac®</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Flatten all CARDBOARD and PAPER</p> <p>All other material should retain its shape for proper sorting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ NO plastic containers smaller than 6 oz. ⇒ NO plastic bags or plastic wrap of any kind ⇒ NO prescription pill bottles ⇒ NO paper towels, cups, plates, napkins, tissues, foil wrapping paper, or paper laminated with other materials. ⇒ NO broken glass, ceramics, vases, mirrors, window glass, light bulbs, drinking glasses, dishes, Pyrex, or cookware ⇒ NO Styrofoam® of any type ⇒ NO containers that held toxic materials (anything with a warning or caution label)