



American Rivers
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National River Cleanup® Waste Disposal Tips

LITTLE PEND OREILLE RIVER | WASHINGTON DNR

Why Recycle?

Much of the trash that is removed during river cleanups is recyclable. By recycling these items, we are reducing the amount of waste in landfills, saving energy, conserving natural resources, reducing greenhouse gases and protecting and sustaining the environment.

General Recycling:

Paper: White papers, envelopes, file folders, newspaper, and cardboard

Glass: All beverage and food containers—soda, wine, beer, olive oil, etc

Plastic: bottles, cutlery, bags, etc.

Metals: Aluminum cans, aluminum foil, tin cans, copper, brass, iron



Tires:

Organizers can request Bridgestone Americas to come to their event, pick-up and recycle all found tires for free.

Organizers should visit their website to take advantage of their Bridgestone's Tires 4ward program and fill out their online request form.

<https://www.bridgestoneamericas.com/en/corporate-social-responsibility/environment-and-sustainability/tires4ward-request>



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Fast Facts:

- Glass is 100% recyclable and can be recycled continuously without loss in quality
- Every ton of glass recycled saves 1,330 pounds of sand, 433 pounds of soda, 433 pounds of limestone, and 151 pounds of feldspar that would be needed to create new glass
- For every million cell phones we recycle, 35 thousand pounds of copper, 772 pounds of silver, 75 pounds of gold, and 33 pounds of palladium can be recovered

Sharps:

For any sharps found (needles, syringes, lancets, and other contaminated sharp items) please take the following steps:

1. Place them in any puncture-resistant, disposable household container (examples include an empty bleach bottle, laundry detergent bottle, or metal coffee can)
2. Using a **RED** marker, write on the container "BIOHAZARD—DO NOT RECYCLE." The color Red is required to indicate a biohazard waste.
3. Visit the Safe Needle Disposal website to search for a disposal site based on your zip code.

<http://www.safeneedledisposal.org/>

Other:

For any other item found that should not be disposed of in the general trash or recycling bin (i.e. scrap metal, construction material, appliances, electronics, etc.) please find a local recycling center by:

Calling 1-800-CLEANUP.

Be sure to inform them of the item you are looking to recycle and your zip code.

OR

Visiting the Earth911 website

<http://search.earth911.com>