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## **ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA**

**BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 9 AM**

This Addendum to the Agenda provides the materials for the Public Hearing described below.

### **Public Hearing**

**Public hearings are held at 11:00 AM time certain or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.**

**Those wishing to speak should sign the Public Comment sign-in sheet. Thank you.**

PH 1: 45 minutes – Public Hearing Regarding Solid Waste Collection: Annual Rate Increase Request, Order #2024-027 – Darren Nichols, Community Development; Julie Jackson, Republic Services

# Board of Commissioners Agenda Checklist

## Agenda Placement and Contacts

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**Suggested Agenda Date** 02/20/24

View [Agenda Tracker](#)

**Suggested Placement \*** BOC Tuesday Meeting

**Department \*** Community Development

**Contact Name \*** Darren Nichols

**Phone Extension \*** 5417666394

**Meeting Attendee Name \*** Julie Jackson, Republic Services

## Agenda Item Details

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**Item Title \*** Solid Waste Collection: Annual Rate Increase Request, Order No. D2024-027

- Item Involves \*** Check all that apply
- Appointments
  - Budget
  - Contract/Agreement
  - Discussion and Action
  - Discussion Only
  - Document Recording
  - Employment
  - Notice of Intent
  - Order/Resolution
  - Public Hearing
  - Ordinance/Public Hearing 2nd Reading
  - Proclamation
  - Project/Committee Update
  - Public Comment
  - Special Report
  - Other

**Estimated Time \*** 45 minutes

**Board/Committee Involvement \***  Yes  No

**Advertisement \***  Yes  No

## Issues and Fiscal Impact

### Item Issues and Description

#### Identified Salient Issues \*

Republic Services requests an annual rate increase of 4.8% for solid waste collection services in Benton County.

Prior collection service rate increases did not require Board action because Benton County Code chapter 23.510(9) authorizes Republic Services to unilaterally impose a refuse rate index-adjusted (inflationary) increase. That authority is granted by county code and operated under an order adopted by the Board of Commissioners in 2013. That order (Attachment #2) explicitly states the Refuse Rate Index (RRI) expired with the then "current" franchise agreement.

Under the express terms of the order, the RRI expired on December 31, 2020 when the county approved a new franchise agreement and, therefore, the prior agreement also expired. There is currently no Board-approved RRI, meaning this rate request does not fall under the now expired 2013 order that allowed Republic Services to unilaterally implement the rate increase.

Benton County Code chapter 23.510(1)-(8) sets out a detailed process for Republic Services to establish a rate increase in the absence of a current Board order approving a Refuse Rate Index.

On October 9, 2023, Republic Services provided Benton County Attachment #1 (pages 1-2) requesting rate adjustments for 2024. On October 19, 2023, Benton County received the requested rate schedule (Attachment #1, pages 3-10).

The requested rate increase of 4.8% for solid waste collection services is equivalent to an average increase of \$1.89 per account per month. Benton County Code chapter 23.510 requires the franchise hauler to submit a rate schedule at least 90 days prior to the effective rate changes and requires a public hearing and Board decision no less than 30 days before the effective date. The requested effective date of rate change is January 1, 2024. However, due to the timing of the rate schedule submission, and the Board of Commissioners' subsequent request for additional information, including Republic Services' 2022 Annual Reports, the earliest effective date for rate changes would be March 21, 2024.

The requested rates have been structured in a way that the rate per gallon decreases as total volume of trash service increases for an individual account. Oregon Administrative Rule OAR 340-090-0040 (3) includes an Opportunity to Recycle program element option, in which rates per pound do not decrease with increased size or number of containers to provide waste reduction incentive. The Board may consider using this option to encourage waste reduction.

#### Options \*

1. Accept the rate change as requested and adopt Order No. D2024-027;
2. Propose changes to the requested rate schedule; or
3. Deny the rate change request.

#### Fiscal Impact \*

- Yes  
 No

#### Fiscal Impact Description \*

The requested rate increase of 4.8% for solid waste collection services is equivalent to an average increase of \$1.89 per account per month (\$22.68 per account per year).

## 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative

**Mandated Service?\***  Yes  
 No

## 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative

Describe how this agenda checklist advances the core values or focus areas of 2040, or supports a strategy of a departmental goal.

To review the initiative, visit the website [HERE](#).

**Mandated Service Description\*** If this agenda checklist describes a mandated service or other function, please describe here.  
 Benton County has the primary responsibility for solid waste collection and management in its jurisdiction, and is required to provide the opportunity to recycle, as defined in ORS 459A.

## Values and Focus Areas

Check boxes that reflect each applicable value or focus area and explain how they will be advanced.

**Core Values\*** Select all that apply.

- Vibrant, Livable Communities
- Supportive People Resources
- High Quality Environment and Access
- Diverse Economy that Fits
- Community Resilience
- Equity for Everyone
- Health in All Actions
- NA

**Explain Core Values Selections\*** Waste collection services help to prevent waste materials from entering the environment and natural spaces, which can impact the environment, public health, and community livability.

**Focus Areas and Vision\*** Select all that apply.

- Community Safety
- Emergency Preparedness
- Outdoor Recreation
- Prosperous Economy
- Environment and Natural Resources
- Mobility and Transportation
- Housing and Growth
- Arts, Entertainment, Culture, and History
- Food and Agriculture
- Lifelong Learning and Education
- NA

**Explain Focus Areas and Vision Selection\*** Recycling and organic material collection helps to efficiently and effectively recover materials that may otherwise be landfilled, conserving valuable material resources and reducing greenhouse gas impacts.

# Recommendations and Motions

## Item Recommendations and Motions

**Staff** Staff recommends:

**Recommendations \***

1. The Board approve the rate increase as proposed and adopt Order No. D2024-027;

OR

2. The Board request a revised rate schedule that includes a waste reduction incentive, with rates per pound that do not decrease with an increased size or number of containers.

**Meeting Motions \*** I move to ...

...approve the rate increase as proposed and adopt Order No. D2024-027;

OR

...request a revised rate schedule that includes a waste reduction incentive, with rates per pound that do not decrease with an increased size or number of containers.

## Attachments, Comments, and Submission

### Item Comments and Attachments

**Attachments**

Upload any attachments to be included in the agenda, preferably as PDF files. If more than one attachment / exhibit, please indicate "1", "2", "3" or "A", "B", "C" on the documents.

RecyclingModernizationAct_Flyer_8.26.pdf	2.81MB
Benton County Annual Report 2022.pdf	2.7MB
2024 RRI Benton County.pdf	326.58KB
Solid Waste Collection Rate Board Order #D2024-027.pdf	316.15KB

**Comments (optional)** If you have any questions, please call ext.6800

**Department Approver** AMANDA MAKEPEACE

**Signature**



# BOC Initial Approval

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**Approvals Required**  Counsel  
 Finance  
 HR

**Counsel Approver** VANCE CRONEY

**County Administrator Approver** RACHEL MCENENY

**Comments**

# Counsel Approval

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**Comments**

**Signature**

*Vance H. Croney*

# County Administrator Approval

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**Comments**

**Signature**

*Hanna Kwiattkowski*

# BOC Final Approval

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**Comments**

**Signature**

*Hanna Kwiattkowski*



October 3, 2023

Benton County Commissioners  
 Benton County Staff

This report provides information necessary to calculate the annual Refuse Rate Index (RRI) effective January 1, 2023. This calculation is based on the Consumer Price Index and disposal costs. Based on these factors, the calculated adjustment for January 1, 2024, is 4.8% or an average of \$1.89 per month.

**Republic Services - Benton County RRI**

	Index: June 30, 2022	Index: June 30, 2023	% Change	Weight	Refuse Index
CPI - West Size Class B/C All Urban Consumers	178.52	187.354	4.9%	75%	3.7%
Coffin Butte Benton County Disposal Rate	\$ 37.86	\$ 39.00	3.0%	17%	0.5%
PRC Disposal Rate for RS of Corvallis	\$ 55.00	\$ 59.00	7.3%	8%	0.6%
				Rate Adjustment %	4.8%
					100.0%
				Adjustment Factor	104.8%

We continue to stay at the forefront on Oregon’s Recycling Modernization Act (RMA) and are beginning to talk with representatives from Producer Responsibility Organizations (PRO’s) to understand how this legislation will change and improve recycling in Oregon. A statewide list of curbside recyclables is nearly complete and we will work to include more materials at local depots in 2025.

In addition, Republic Services is committed to electrifying our fleet as quickly as possible and is working with major truck manufacturers to help develop the best EV’s in class.

We appreciate your comments and suggestions as you review this document. Feel free to contact us with questions or to receive a digital copy of the Republic Services 2021 Sustainability Report.

Best Regards,

Julie Jackson

Bret Davis

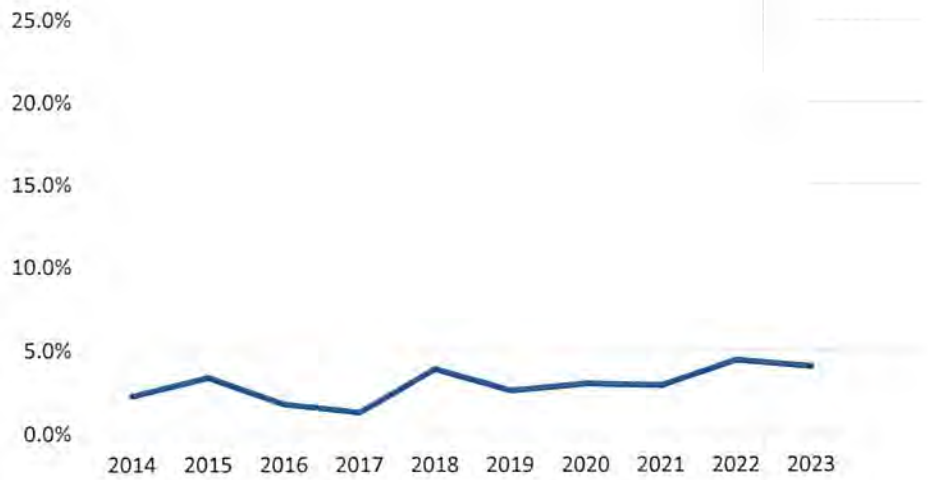


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### Benton County 10-Yr RRI History



- The 10 Year average rate increase using the indexed Refuse Rate is 2.9%.
- The last increase using a rate review (prior to RRI) in 2013 was 9%. 2005/7%. 2007/8.8%, 2009/8%
- The Refuse Rate was implemented to make rate adjustments more predictable, frequent and smaller.
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# Annual Report

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Benton County

2022



Sustainability in Action



Sustainability in Action

# Annual Report

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**Benton County**

**2022**

Sustainability in Action

## Letter from Management

January 2, 2024

Commissioner Malone  
Commissioner Wyse  
Commissioner Augerot  
Benton County Staff

Dear Commissioners and Staff,

Republic Services is pleased to submit the Annual Report for 2022. In this report, you will find financial information along with recycling and waste updates and information about Republic Services' commitment to sustainability.

This report is being submitted later than we would normally, due to circumstances around the Benton County Talks Trash process. We anticipate the 2023 report being submitted in March 2024.

Please feel free to contact me or Julie Jackson, our Municipal Manager for more information.

Best Regards,  
Bret Davis

General Manager  
Republic Services



# Our Promise

**Sustainability in Action**



# Our Vision

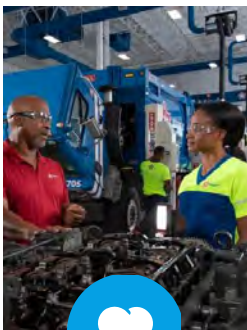
**Partnering with customers to create a more sustainable world.**

Republic Services is an industry leader in environmental services, currently partnered with more than 2,000 municipalities to deliver essential services while making meaningful progress toward climate action plans. Our Promise: "Sustainability in Action" is more than just a promise for us. It's who we are and what we do. We make a commitment to operate in the most responsible way possible within every facet of our business.

In 2021 and 2022, we acquired three legacy environmental services companies, US Ecology, ACV Enviro and ECOFLO, allowing us to offer our customers the broadest set of Environmental Solutions products and services available from a single company. We did this because our customers asked for it.

We live by our five core values and customers can always depend on us to handle their recycling, waste and more in a responsible way. Our ultimate vision is to partner with customers like you to create a more sustainable world.

## Our Values



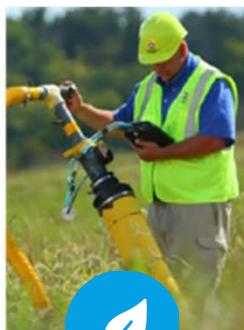
**Safe**

We protect the livelihoods of our colleagues and communities.



**Committed to Serve**

We go above and beyond to exceed our customers' expectations.



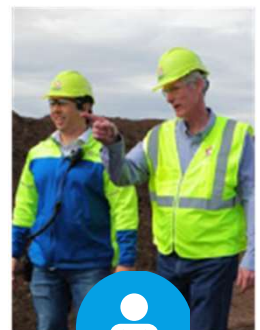
**Environmentally Responsible**

We take action to improve our environment.



**Driven**

We deliver results in the right way.



**Human-Centered**

We respect the dignity and unique potential of every person.

# Sustainability

Sustainability is at the heart of our daily operations – from landfills to recycling centers – and what fuels every decision we make – from technology to infrastructure.

Republic Services has bold and intentionally ambitious 2030 Sustainability Goals designed to address critical global macro trends and our materials risks and opportunities. These goals show our commitment to our vision and are structured around our 4 Elements of Sustainability: Safety, Talent, Climate Leadership and Communities.

## 2030 Sustainability Goals



### SAFETY

#### Safety Amplified

**0**

Zero employee fatalities

#### Incident Reduction

**<2.0**

Reduce our OSHA Total Recordable Incident Rate (TRIR) to 2.0 or less by 2030



### TALENT

#### Engaged Workforce

**88**

Achieve and maintain employee engagement scores at or above 88 by 2030



### CLIMATE LEADERSHIP

#### Science Based Target

**35%**

Reduce absolute Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas emissions 35% by 2030 (2017 baseline year) APPROVED BY SBTI<sup>1</sup>

#### Circular Economy

**40%**

Increase recovery and circularity of key materials by 40% on a combined basis by 2030 (2017 baseline year)

#### Renewable Energy

**50%**

Increase beneficial reuse of biogas by 50% by 2030 (2017 baseline year)



### COMMUNITIES

#### Charitable Giving

**45M**

create sustainable neighborhoods through strong community partnerships for 45 million people by 2030

# Safety

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Safety is Republic Services' highest priority. We adhere to strict safety protocols and have the supporting infrastructure to train employees. In fact, our drivers go through extensive training regularly to maintain safety and awareness on the roads. Our One Fleet program ensures all of our vehicles are well-maintained and safe to be on the roads.

We have an industry-leading safety record that has been 35% better than the industry average for the past 10 years, based on OSHA recordable data.

In addition, since 2009, Republic Services drivers have won 78% of the National Waste & Recycling Association's "Driver of the Year" awards, an honor that celebrates exemplary customer service and superior driver safety records.

Our focus on safety means our drivers go home to their families every night and your neighborhood streets are safer.



# Talent

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Republic Services' employees demonstrate an unwavering commitment to serving our customers, communities and each other. We strive to be a workplace where the best people from all backgrounds come to work and are dedicated to fostering an inclusive and diverse culture.

**We do this in a variety of ways:**

**MOSAIC:** MOSAIC Council is a group of leaders from across the company who provide guidance, support and insights on inclusion and diversity best practices.

**BUSINESS RESOURCE GROUPS (BRG):** We have 5 BRGs to support employee engagement, connection and growth, and further business objectives.

**PARTNERSHIPS & RECRUITING:** We partner with external organizations to recruit and hire a diverse range of candidates.

**SUPPLIER DIVERSITY:** We're dedicated to spending \$150M with certified diverse suppliers by 2025.

**INCLUSIVE BENEFITS PACKAGE:** We offer employees comprehensive medical benefits, retirement programs, both remote and in-office positions and parental leave to accommodate a broad range of needs.

**CORPORATE GOVERNANCE:** We have 50% overall Board diversity





# Climate Leadership

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We're committed to environmentally responsible operations. We've made commitments to reduce emissions and decarbonize our operations.



## CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Republic Services is set to open the nation's first integrated plastics recycling facility in Q4 2023, addressing a market demand for recycled plastics. The Center will advance circularity, and enable us to manage the plastics stream from curbside collection to production and delivery of high-quality recycled content for consumer packaging.



## LANDFILL GAS-TO-ENERGY (LFGTE)

Our landfills safely and responsibly handle our customers' waste. They also produce renewable energy. We currently operate 77 landfill gas and renewable energy projects. We've partnered with Archaea Energy/bp to establish 39 additional renewable energy projects by 2027.

In addition, 3,300 of our trucks run on renewable natural gas, a bridge until our fleet is completely electric.



## ZERO EMISSIONS

Electric vehicles (EVs) offer a superior customer experience and cleaner and quieter neighborhood operations. In 2021, Republic Services deployed 5 electric trucks as a pilot program in Idaho and North Carolina. In February 2023, we announced a long-term agreement with Oshkosh, which will begin operating fully integrated electric recycling and garbage truck prototypes this fall. By 2028, we have committed to 50% of our new truck purchases being electric.



## ORGANICS

In 2021, Republic Services processed 2 billion+ pounds of food and yard waste. We educate consumers and businesses about how to divert organics (food and yard waste) from homes and businesses.

# Communities

Our commitment to the communities where we live and work is strong and why we've made charitable giving one of our sustainability goals. We're working to create sustainable neighborhoods through strong community partnerships for 45 million people by 2030.

We have three approaches to our community engagement strategy: Republic Services Charitable Foundation, our Community Grants Program and through Employee Engagement.

Our National Neighborhood Promise program, funded by our Charitable Foundation, completes projects that have the potential to impact a large group of residents like renovating parks and playgrounds, planting community gardens, restore public infrastructure, reducing neighborhood blight and cleaning up communities. The Mid Valley YMCA received \$250,000 in 2022

As of February 2023, as an organization we have impacted about 9.4M people.

These projects happen on the local level. Here are some of the organization we made donations to in 2022:



**More than \$50,000 Donated in 2021-2022**

# Recycling Education & Outreach

On average, about a third of what consumers put into their recycling carts doesn't belong.

And when something doesn't belong in the recycling cart, it can contaminate the rest of the truck load.

Republic Services supports Recycling Simplified ([RecyclingSimplified.com](https://www.RecyclingSimplified.com)), an educational platform and K-12 curriculum to teach the basic tenants of proper recycling, with the goal to limit contamination. This space also acts as a resource hub for brochures, labels and activities.

In addition to this national platform, much of our Recycling Coordinator's job is centered on education — spending hours at schools, community events and meetings to inform residents about how to recycle properly. Our local website can be accessed at:

[republicservices.com/municipality/Corvallis-or](https://republicservices.com/municipality/Corvallis-or)

**Communities each have different needs, so we tailor education programs based on local requirements and preferences. We use the following to reach and educate customers:**

- ✓ Presentations
- ✓ Mailed Waste Guides
- ✓ Online Customer Newsletters
- ✓ Radio
- ✓ Social Media
- ✓ Contamination Notices

**City of Corvallis**  
2022 Residential Recycling, Yard Waste & Compost Guide

RepublicServices.com/municipality/corvallis-or | 541.754.0444

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- ✓ Find new products

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**REPUBLIC SERVICES**

Kenny Larson serves as our Municipal Administrator and Recycling Coordinator

**Republic Services works with all communities in Benton County to meet requirements with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Below are just a few of the ways we accomplish this:**

- ✓ Master Recycler Program
- ✓ Compost Workshops
- ✓ Quarterly Newsletters
- ✓ School & Community Presentations

# Fleet Innovation

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## Electrification

**Republic Services is proud to be leading the industry toward a more innovative and sustainable future with a commitment to fleet electrification.**

This technology promises to provide meaningful benefits for our customers, the communities we serve, our employees and the environment.

Our industry, in particular, is well-suited to take advantage of electrification: Collection trucks drive short and consistent distances, make hundreds of stops throughout the day, and return to a base where they can recharge overnight. They also promise a superior customer experience, with cleaner and quieter operations in the neighborhoods we serve.

Republic Services achieved a significant fleet electrification milestone in 2020 with the delivery of our first full electric collection truck pilot. We have run pilot programs through 2022.

With our pilot programs now completed, we're using the data to further refine. In February 2023, Republic Services announced its long-term agreement with Oshkosh, which will begin operating fully integrated electric recycling and garbage truck prototypes this fall.

By 2028, we have committed to half of our new truck purchases being electric.

Electrification isn't limited to our trucks on the road. On the heavy equipment side, we've begun evaluating electric-drive bulldozers at our landfills and electric forklifts at our recycling centers, both of which offer significantly improved fuel economy.

## Renewable Natural Gas

**While Republic Services believes the future of transportation is electric. We are using renewable natural gas as a bridge until we are fully electric.**

Throughout the U.S. we have 3,300 trucks that operate on renewable natural gas.

In 2013, Republic Services of Corvallis made the investment to convert much of the fleet to CNG. This interim move has reduced GHG emissions in Corvallis neighborhoods and made for a significantly quieter collection program. It's only logical to make the next step fleet electrification.



# Recognition

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## Sustainability Yearbook

Member 2023

**S&P Global**

Member of

## Dow Jones Sustainability Indices

Powered by the S&P Global CSA



## BARRON'S

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100 Most Sustainable  
Companies 2023



# Facts & Figures

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**40K**

Employees



**13M**

Customers



**35%**

Better Safety  
Performance



**5M**

Average Daily  
Pickups



**17K**

Trucks In Our Fleet



**206**

Active Landfills



**20**

Treatment, Storage  
and Disposal  
Facilities (TSDF)



**233**

Transfer Stations



**353**

Collection  
Operations



**71**

Recycling Centers



**65**

Landfill Gas-to-  
Energy Projects



**LARGEST  
PROVIDER**

of Environmental  
Services By Revenue

# Meet Your Local Team

Republic Services is dedicated to excellent service for our customers. The office at 110 Walnut Blvd is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

## Management



**Bret Davis, General Manager** | [Bret.Davis@RepublicServices.com](mailto:Bret.Davis@RepublicServices.com)

Bret Davis joined Republic Services in 2017. He is responsible for day-to-day operations in our Corvallis division with a commitment to safety and customer service. Having lived all his life in the Corvallis area, Bret brings strong local leadership to the job. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Social Science from Western Oregon University.



**Darren Fast, Operations Manager** | [Dfast@RepublicServices.com](mailto:Dfast@RepublicServices.com)

Darren has worked for Republic Services for nearly 25 years and enjoys a wide range of experience in the industry. Having been a driver and a supervisor, he understands the role drivers and technicians play in our commitment to the community. He and his wife have lived in the local area for more than 30 years.



**Julie Jackson, Municipal Manager** | [JJackson6@RepublicServices.com](mailto:JJackson6@RepublicServices.com)

Julie Jackson joined Republic Services in 2005 and serves as the Municipal Manager. She began as the Recycling Coordinator and is now the liaison between the company and the communities we serve. She earned her Bachelor's degree from Oregon State University in Education.

## Your Team

Your local team is made up of Dispatchers, Operations Clerks, Route Supervisors, Depot/Yard Attendants, Maintenance Technicians and of course, Drivers who all do their jobs each day so that your community can depend on quality service.



# Recycling

## Year over Year Recycling Comparison

COMMODITY	2020	2021	2022
COMMINGLE	5,743	6,183	5871
YARD WASTE	12,618	13,569	13,384
CARDBOARD	2,279	3,024	2,933
GLASS	974	1,019	848
WOOD WASTE	319	309	319
CONCRETE	0	0	0
OFFICE PAPER	0	0	0
FOOD WASTE	280	228	275
SCRAP METAL	712	771	657
ELECTRONICS	127	112	110
MOTOR OIL	4	13	13
BATTERIES	0	0	0
PLASTIC FILM	0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS (C&D)	0	0	0
TOTAL RECYCLING TONS	23,056	25,228	24,287
TOTAL HHW TONS	59	73	58
TOTAL LANDFILL TONS	40,458	42,628	44,738
TOTAL WASTE	63,573	67,929	69,083



# Recycling

## DEQ Collectors Survey 2022

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Material Recovery and Waste Generation

2022 Oregon Recycling Collector Survey										
Collector <u>Republic Services - Corvallis</u>			Wasteshed <u>Benton</u>							
A. Post-Consumer Materials Handled in 2022 (Single Wasteshed)			Use a separate page 1 for each Oregon wasteshed.							
INSTRUCTIONS: For each post-consumer material handled in 2022, record the amount obtained by each of the following collection methods. In columns (A)-(F) record the amount collected by your company. In column (G), record the amount received from other companies; list each company from which you received material. If material is received from multiple wastesheds, the totals reported (column H1) for each wasteshed should, when added together, equal the total reported in column (H2) on page 2. If material is collected in only one wasteshed, (H1) will equal										
Materials (See Attachment A: Recovered Materials Definitions)	Unit of Measure (Type One)	Amount Collected: Only by Your Company						(G) Amount Received From Other Companies <b>**REQUIRED**</b> Company Name(s)	(H1) Total Amount Collected / Handled in This Wasteshed (A) thru (G)	
		(A) On-Route Residential (Curbside Only)	(B) On-Route Commercial	(C) Multi-Family	(D) Disposal Sites & Transfer Stations	(E) Other Depots & Other Residential	(F) Construction & Demolition			
COMMINGLED All Commingled Materials (XXX)	Tons	4,572.250	803.380				372.130		5,747.760	
PAPER FIBERS Newspaper / Mags. (FIB NP)	Tons								-	
Mixed Papers Only (FIB MW)	Tons								-	
Office Pack / Hi Grade (FIB HI)	Tons								-	
Cardboard / Kraft (OCC)	Tons		2,576.640				361.640		2,938.280	
NON-FIBER Film Plastics (PF)	Tons								-	
Plastic Bottles & Containers (RPC)	Tons								-	
Other Plastics (PO)	Tons								-	
Container Glass (GL)	Tons	498.360	22.520				423.510		944.390	
Aluminum (AL)	Tons								-	
Tinned Cans (TC)	Tons								-	
Scrap Metal (SCM)	Tons		657.100						657.100	
Lead Acid Batteries (LAB)	Units / Tons								-	
Tires (TIR)	Units / Tons								-	
Used Motor Oil (OIL)	Gallons / Tons						12.950		12.950	
Electronics (EL)	Tons						109.550		109.550	
Asphalt Roofing (RF)	Tons								-	
ORGANICS Food Waste (FW)	Tons		275.380						275.380	
Food Waste / Yard Debris Mix	Tons	11,596.030							11,596.030	
Wood / Lumber (WW)	Tons / CuYd								-	
Compacted Yard Debris (YD)	Tons / CuYd		107.370						107.370	
Uncompacted Yard Debris (YD)	Tons / CuYd		6.870						6.870	
OTHER Other	Tons								-	
Other	Tons								-	
Other	Tons								-	



# Disposal Events

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## HHW Events

Month	2022	2021	2020
✓ February	✓ 686	✓ 233	✓ 244
✓ May	✓ 416	✓ 481	✓ *
✓ August	✓ 575	✓ 467	✓ 683
✓ November	✓ 537	✓ 838	✓ 692

\* Event not held during early month of Covid-19

## Spring Clean Tons

	2022	2021	2020
✓ Metal	✓ 2.05	✓ 2.01	✓ 2.12
✓ Yard Debris	✓ 11.8	✓ 12.2	✓ 15.4

(includes wood)

# Financial

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## Collection Receipts and Franchise Fees

CURRENT YEAR: 2022			Prior YEAR: 2021		
Month	2022 Receipts	Fee Paid	Month	2021 Receipts	Fee Paid
22-Jan	\$318,369	\$15,918	21-Jan	\$294,733	\$14,736
22-Feb	\$321,262	\$16,063	21-Feb	\$303,006	\$15,149
22-Mar	\$372,974	\$18,649	21-Mar	\$317,998	\$15,899
22-Apr	\$337,769	\$16,888	21-Apr	\$313,784	\$15,689
22-May	\$327,442	\$16,372	21-May	\$327,480	\$16,373
22-Jun	\$373,437	\$18,672	21-Jun	\$335,373	\$16,767
22-Jul	\$379,075	\$18,954	21-Jul	\$326,314	\$16,314
22-Aug	\$401,284	\$20,064	21-Aug	\$336,685	\$16,834
22-Sep	\$367,567	\$18,378	21-Sep	\$325,321	\$16,266
22-Oct	\$386,761	\$19,336	21-Oct	\$312,408	\$15,619
22-Nov	\$360,067	\$18,003	21-Nov	\$312,759	\$15,637
22-Dec	\$408,808	\$20,440	21-Dec	\$362,656	\$18,133
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,354,815</b>	<b>\$217,738</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,868,517</b>	<b>\$193,417</b>

# Financial

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## State of Income

*Republic Services  
Benton County  
Statement of Income  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021 & 2022*

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<i>Revenue</i>	3,735,580	3,934,506	5.3%
<i>Cost of Operations</i>	2,766,645	2,926,931	5.8%
<i>Gross Profit</i>	968,935	1,007,576	4.0%
<i>Sales, General and Administrative</i>	482,667	527,144	9.2%
<i>Operating Income</i>	486,268	480,431	-1.2%
<i>Provision for Income Taxes</i>	139,073	137,403	-1.2%
<i>Net Income</i>	347,195	343,028	-1.2%
<i>Net Income as a Percent of Sales</i>	9.3%	8.7%	

# Financial

## Schedule of Direct Expense

*Republic Services  
Benton County  
Schedule of Expense  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021 & 2022*

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b><i>COST OF OPERATIONS</i></b>			
Labor	756,434	782,092	3%
Repairs and Maintenance	359,940	381,549	6%
Vehicle Operating Costs	108,500	141,765	31%
Facility	131,763	144,008	9%
Insurance	102,881	93,577	-9%
Disposal & Recycle Purchases	784,301	851,623	9%
Franchise Fees	193,417	192,504	13%
Franchise Fee Overpayment		25,234	
OR Corp Activity Tax	21,329	22,461	5%
Other Operating Costs	107,450	131,398	22%
Depreciation	200,631	160,718	-20%
<b><i>TOTAL COST OF OPERATIONS</i></b>	<b>2,766,645</b>	<b>2,926,931</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b><i>Sales, General and Administrative</i></b>			
Salaries	234,658	225,679	-4%
Rent and Office Expense	30,926	36,400	18%
Travel and Entertainment	8,303	9,506	14%
Professional Fees	5,999	20,636	244%
Bad Debt Expense	6,165	10,564	71%
Management Services	142,359	140,768	-1%
Other Expenses	54,257	83,591	54%
<b><i>TOTAL SALES, GENERAL &amp; ADMINISTRATIVE</i></b>	<b>482,667</b>	<b>527,144</b>	<b>9%</b>



Sustainability in Action

# Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act

The Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act updates Oregon’s recycling system by building on local community programs and leveraging the resources of producers to create an innovative system that works for everyone. The law requires packaging producers to share responsibility for effective management of their products after use. **The new law goes into effect January 1, 2022 and program changes will start in July 2025.**

## KEY BENEFITS



**Shares and scales responsibility across the recycling system.** Producers will be brought into the recycling system to fund improvements and expand recycling services. Cost to producers will be based on what materials they use and how much they sell into Oregon.



**Creates one statewide list of what can be recycled.** The uniform collection list will provide clarity to households and businesses about what can be recycled, and create efficiencies in recycling operations across the state.



**Increases access to recycling.** The new law will provide recycling services to people who didn't previously have it, such as those who live in apartments and rural areas.



**Incentivizes sustainable products.** Producer fees will be higher for non-recyclable products and those creating more environmental pollution.



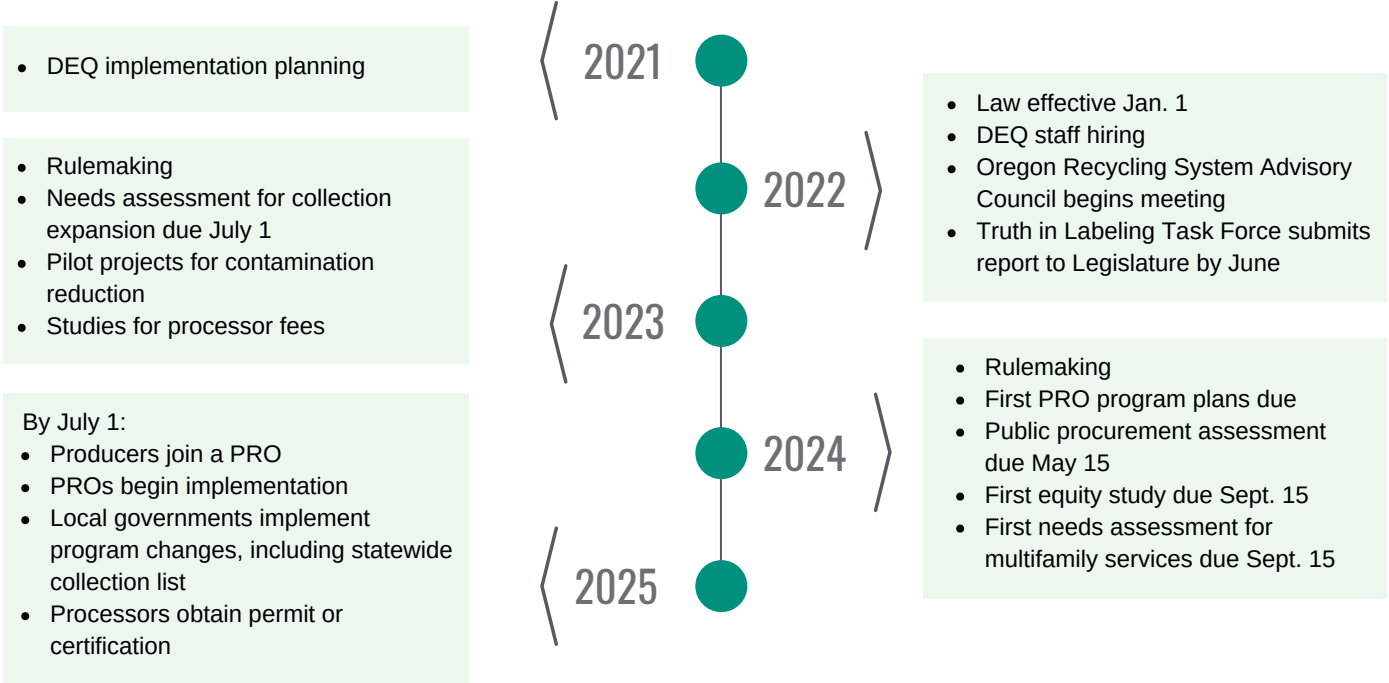
**Prevents plastic pollution.** Ensures collected materials are recycled responsibly and keeps plastic and other trash out of our waterways and communities — both domestically and overseas.



**Creates accountability to outcomes.** DEQ will permit and audit recycling processors, and a Governor-appointed advisory council will review producer program plans, the statewide collection list and educational resources.

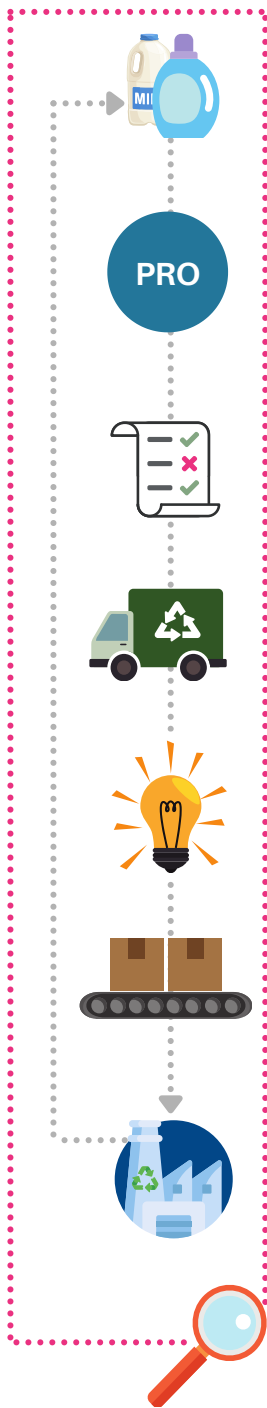
## WHAT'S NEXT?

Below are key dates through 2025. Stakeholder engagement, project planning and research extend throughout implementation.



# How the Recycling Modernization Act Works

The Recycling Modernization Act requires producers of packaging, paper products and food serviceware to share responsibility for effective management of their products after use. These producers will finance improvements to the recycling system and perform specific functions to make Oregon's recycling programs convenient, accessible and responsible. Local governments will maintain their role overseeing collection and education in their communities.



**PRODUCERS** will join and pay a membership fee to a nonprofit Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) that will fund improvements and ensure that collected recyclables go to responsible end markets. Producers will also be required to meet new recycling goals for plastic packaging and food serviceware.

**PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY ORGANIZATIONS** will collect producer membership fees and use them to ensure improved and expanded recycling services. Most collection will continue to be overseen by local governments, but PROs will provide services for certain hard-to-recycle materials. PROs will also fund waste prevention grants, and several studies to assess challenges and recommend improvements to improve multifamily recycling conditions, equity in the recycling system, and litter and marine debris.

**ONE COLLECTION LIST** will allow individuals and businesses to recycle the same items across the state, at home and at work. PRO funding will enable collection of the same items regardless of location or distance from recycling markets.

**RECYCLING SERVICES** will be expanded under the direction of local governments, with support from the PROs, especially for rural communities and people living in apartments. The same private collection companies will continue to provide recycling services.

**EDUCATION** about how to recycle will continue to be offered by local governments, along with new programs to reduce contamination (trash) in our recyclables. PROs will create accessible educational resources that local governments can use and that meet the needs of diverse communities.

**PROCESSING** of recyclables will be done in facilities that meet new performance standards, including for material quality, reporting, and paying living wages to workers. These facilities will be required to obtain a permit from DEQ or meet similar standards to receive material from Oregon communities. Local governments will make sure material collected in their communities goes to approved facilities.

**END MARKETS** that can handle the material appropriately — without creating plastic pollution or other harms — can purchase it after sorting and recycle it into something new. Producers and processors will be obligated to make sure materials collected in Oregon reach responsible end markets.

**OVERSIGHT AND INTEGRATION** will be provided by DEQ, with accountability from all participants. DEQ will plan and implement changes required by the new law, and oversee the recycling system and provide enforcement where necessary. A new Governor-appointed advisory council will provide feedback to DEQ and PROs about important elements of the new system. PROs, recycling processors and local governments will track and report more information about where our recyclables go and ensure that they are managed responsibly and used to make new products.



**BEFORE THE BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONS  
FOR THE STATE OF OREGON**

**In the Matter of Deciding Rates for** )  
**Solid Waste Collection Franchise Services** ) **Order No. D2024-027**  
**Provided by Republic Services** )

**WHEREAS**, on February 20, 2024, the Benton County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing to consider a request from Republic Services, Inc., for a rate change for solid waste collection in the unincorporated area of Benton County; and

**WHEREAS**, the public hearing was held pursuant to Benton County Code 23.510(1)-(8) and public testimony was received; and

**WHEREAS**, Republic Services, Inc., the solid waste collection franchisee for unincorporated Benton County, submitted a request for a rate increase on October 19, 2023 based on a Refuse Rate Index adjustment factor, which was calculated using the Consumer Price Index and disposal costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners having considered the application, testimony, and staff report,

**HEREBY ORDERS** that the Republic Services solid waste collection service revised rate schedule submitted on October 19, 2023, and as shown in Attachment A, be approved as of March 21, 2024.

Adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

Signed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

**BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Xanthippe Augerot, Chair

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Nancy Wyse, Vice Chair

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Pat Malone, Commissioner

Approved as to form:

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County Counsel