

Major Milestones in Regional Collection System Metro Region/Oregon

Compiled from a variety of sources including DEQ, City of Portland, and Metro documents.

1950's – 80's The region had unregulated residential and commercial collections with some 300+ companies in operation. Solid waste flowing primarily to St. Johns landfill. Some facilities in region process recovered metals and papers (scrap metal, newsprint, and cardboard).

1971 DEQ requires permits for solid waste disposal for landfills and dumps.

1971 Oregon passes first bottle bill in nation.

1974 Metro predecessor Metropolitan Service District adopts first Solid Waste Management Plan.

1980 DEQ issues first Hazardous Waste Permit.

1983 Oregon's first **Opportunity to Recycle** act is passed, curbside recycling expands beyond newsprint. Metro South Transfer Station opens.

1988- 1993 Metro region LG/haulers began multi material curbside collections in bins. Consolidation of haulers occurs.

1991 St. Johns Landfill closes. Solid waste flowing to Columbia Ridge in Arlington through Metro South and Metro Central (opened in 1991) Transfer Stations.

1992 All residential collection in region is now franchised, commercial as well outside of Portland.

Late 1990's Metro begins authorizations for solid waste facilities, Licenses, Franchises, Designated Facility Agreements (DFAs), and Non System Licenses (NSLs) follow.

1995-1998 Jurisdictions and haulers begin moving to commingled recycling curbside in bins, carts make an appearance.

Mid 1990's Following major consolidation, less than 70 haulers in region.

1999 Metro and local governments begin offering recycling technical assistance to businesses.

2007 Bottle Bill expands to include drinking water bottles.

2008 Metro Council passes Business Recycling Requirement.

2008 Solid Waste Roadmap Projects underway.

2009 Oregon E-Cycles established.

2012 Most jurisdictions/haulers fully automated and fully carted.

2015 Lots on the plate... Roadmap projects in high gear, food waste, end of life for discards, contaminants in recycling, new packaging materials in marketplace, new Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP) on horizon, oil prices plunging, recycling commodity prices plunging...