



## HILLSBORO'S FOOD COMPOSTING PROGRAM HAS BEGUN

Residents with curbside yard debris service can now empty food scraps into the yard debris bin. Waste haulers delivered countertop composting pails to residents in January and February.

### Why is Food Composting Important?







Composting your food scraps helps reduce waste in landfills and prevents carbon emissions that occur when food breaks down in the landfill. Composted food creates a nutrient-rich soil fertilizer.

### Can I Use a Liner in The Pail?

The countertop pails are easy to wash between uses, but if you prefer to use a liner, please ensure it's BPI certified only.

[Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/Garbage](http://Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/Garbage)

## SUSTAINABILITY BY THE NUMBERS

 <p><b>26% Reduction</b> in energy use at City facilities since 2009</p>	 <p><b>100%</b> of City electricity use is offset with renewable energy credits.</p>
 <p>Residential energy retrofits increased nearly <b>20%</b> compared to 2012.</p>	 <p><b>32% Reduction</b> in daily residential water use since 2002</p>
 <p><b>10% Reduction</b> in residential energy consumption since 2010</p>	 <p>More than <b>400 households</b> participated in the Eat Smart, Waste Less challenge</p>

## Help Us Plan For an Environmentally Sustainable Hillsboro

We're updating the Hillsboro Community Environmental Sustainability Plan, and we'd love to hear from you!

Please take a few moments to share your ideas for:

- Transitioning to a clean energy future
- Protecting and enhancing environmental resources
- Advancing resource recovery and renewal



Survey: [Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/ESPupdate](http://Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/ESPupdate)



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*Let's clear the air.*

Rebates up to **\$3,500**

Trade in your old or uncertified wood stove for a new, cleaner heating device.

[WoodStoveExchange.com](http://WoodStoveExchange.com)

## HILLSBORO SUSTAINABILITY GUIDE 2020







## HILLSBORO IS THE NUMBER ONE GREEN POWER COMMUNITY IN THE U.S.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) ranks Hillsboro as America's leader in green power usage.

### What is Green Power?

Green power is zero-emissions electricity that is generated from environmentally preferable renewable resources, such as wind, solar, geothermal, and others sources.



*“Our community is sending a message that using clean, renewable energy is an important tool in reducing one’s carbon footprint in the fight against climate change.”* – Sustainability Manager Peter Brandom



[Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/BeeCity](https://Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/BeeCity)

## COMMITTED TO HELPING POLLINATORS THRIVE

The City Council designated Hillsboro as a Bee City USA affiliate in 2019. The program includes a set of commitments for cities to create sustainable habitats and maintain a healthy environment for pollinators.



## YAC STUDENTS HELP PASS STATEWIDE BILL RESTRICTING SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS

The State's single-use plastic bag restriction went into effect January 1, 2020. Led by students from Hillsboro's Youth Advisory Council, the Hillsboro City Council passed a plastic bag ordinance in November 2018. Hillsboro's ordinance is now overridden by the State law.

### What Does This Mean For Consumers?

Consumers pay a \$0.05 fee for each paper bag used at checkout. You can bring your own reusable bags to avoid paying the fee.

### What Happens to the \$0.05 Fee?

Stores keep the fee to help cover the cost of providing paper bags. None of the fee goes to the City of Hillsboro or the State.

[Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/Sustainability](https://Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/Sustainability) ♻️



## ELECTRIC AVENUE MAKES CHARGING EASIER

To support the growth of electric vehicles, PGE selected Hillsboro for one of its six charging stations in the region. Along TV Highway, Hillsboro's Electric Avenue supports charging for up to six vehicles at a time.



[PortlandGeneral.com/ElectricAvenue](https://PortlandGeneral.com/ElectricAvenue)



Hillsboro is one of three cities in Oregon testing Smart Grid Technology. The flexible smart grid helps PGE customers use electricity more efficiently and with cleaner energy.

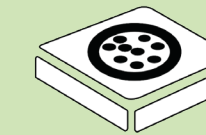
[PortlandGeneral.com/SmartGrid](https://PortlandGeneral.com/SmartGrid)

## 5 Items You Might Put in the Recycling Bin by Mistake



Plastic Bags

Plastic bags jam machinery at recycling facilities. These belong in the trash bin.



Frozen Food Boxes

These cardboard boxes are coated with plastic that can't be recycled. In the trash they go.



Paper Coffee Cups

Coffee cups also contain plastic or wax that can't be recycled. Please put them in the trash.



Clamshell Containers

These containers have materials that won't break down or are contaminated with food. Add them to the trash bin.



Batteries

Batteries don't belong in the recycling or trash bin. Please take them to a hazardous waste facility.