

THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST SECONDARY SORTING DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

How Does It Work?



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First, recyclables are collected from residential and commercial locations to be taken to a Materials Recovery Facility, or MRF.



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Next, these recyclables arrive at the MRF. Once at the MRF, select recyclables are sorted and recovered.



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The remaining material that cannot be recovered at the MRF is sent to the secondary sorting facility where six additional streams of materials will be recovered.



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Last, the materials collected will be measured, recovered, and sold to satisfy the demand for these products.



Items being collected in the stream include:

PET



HDPE



LDPE



PP



PS



Cartons



This project can demonstrate how the efficiencies and economics of recycling can be positively shifted with added secondary sorting capabilities.

This project will mean that less recyclables will be sent to a landfill.

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