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**Marion County Achieves Oregon's Highest Recycling Rate Ever**

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) recently released its 17th annual survey of garbage haulers and private recycling and composting companies. The report shows that once again Marion County leads the state in recycling efforts with a rate of 58.4 percent for 2008. This "recovery rate," includes recycling, composting and material burned for energy recovery. The average statewide is 48.2 percent.

"We're fortunate to have so many residents and businesses who actively participate in the many recycling programs Marion County has to offer," said Marion County Environmental Services Division Manager Jeff Bickford. "We are exceeding our state-mandated goal of 54 percent recovery by 2009. This is the highest recovery rate ever recorded in the state."

The garbage and recycling haulers in Marion County deserve much of the credit – their efforts have allowed for an extensive list of recyclable items that can be collected curbside. "The local haulers are extremely proud to be an integral part of the high level of success of the solid waste management system here in Marion County," said Robin Murbach, president of the Mid-Valley Garbage and Recycling Association.

The "2008 Oregon Material Recovery and Waste Generation Rates Report" is available at: <http://www.deq.state.or.us/lq/pubs/docs/sw/2007MRWGRatesReport.pdf>.

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