



State of Oregon
Department of
Environmental
Quality

2050 Vision

for Materials Management in Oregon

*Oregonians in 2050 produce and use materials responsibly
conserving resources • protecting the environment • living well*

Recognizing that Earth's resources are finite, Oregonians live within the limits of our sustainable share of the world's natural resources. We

make and use materials and products in a manner that maintains and restores a healthy environment and fertile soils.

Materials and products minimize the use and release of toxins, the release of greenhouse gases and pollutants, the use of energy and water, and the extraction of nonrenewable materials.

We take into account the full impacts of materials throughout their life cycle. We minimize harmful

disturbance of land and natural ecosystems, using resources in a responsible way only as necessary to meet human needs and maintain healthy, vibrant and prosperous communities. When materials and products are no longer useable or wanted, they are recovered for their next highest and best use.

We use renewable resources at levels that can be sustained in perpetuity while maintaining the resiliency of natural systems.

Wherever they are made, the materials and products we purchase in Oregon similarly are made in a manner that supports human health, well-being and healthy, resilient environments and communities.

All Oregonians have access to the knowledge, capabilities, resources and services required to use materials responsibly. This Vision

provides for a prosperous and clean economy that allows all people to live fulfilling lives, now and in the future.