

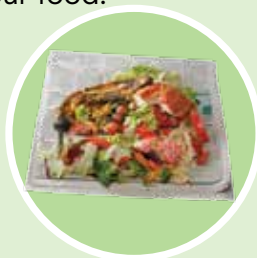
# South Bay Fall 2017 Newsletter

## STEPS TO MAKE FOOD SCRAP COLLECTION EASY!



Place paper bags or newspaper in your own kitchen pail to keep it clean and make it easier to transfer to your organics cart. This will also help soak up any liquids from your food.

Secure your food scraps in old newspaper, a paper bag or an old cardboard milk carton before placing into your organics cart.



Have extra food scraps? Try composting at home. Call the Composting Education Program Rotline to learn more and how to participate in free composting classes at **(408) 918-4640** or sign-up for a free class at [www.ucanr.edu/compost](http://www.ucanr.edu/compost)



Try refrigerating or freezing your food scraps and empty it into your organics cart the night before your service day.



## SERVICE REMINDERS

- Regular office hours are Monday thru Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Please set out materials by 6:00 a.m. on your scheduled collection day. A special charge may be incurred if collection trucks need to return.
- Prior arrangements must be made with Recology for pick up of extra garbage.
- Extra garbage stickers are available for purchase and have no expiration date. Attach one sticker to each securely closed 32 gallon garbage bag and place next to your cart.

# WHAT GOES INTO THE RECYCLE CART?

We accept DRY\* plastics, glass, aluminum, mixed paper and cardboard in the blue recycle bin.

## YOU CAN RECYCLE: PLASTICS

- All plastics, with or without symbols, flower pots, bottles, buckets & party cups
- Bubble wrap
- Plastic bags and film plastic

## GLASS AND ALUMINUM

- Aerosol cans (empty)
- Aluminum and bi-metal cans
- Aluminum foil (clean, no food)
- Glass bottles and jars (labels and lids are OK)

## MIXED PAPER

- Books (paperback and hardcover)
- Cereal, cracker and frozen food boxes (plastic liners removed)
- Envelopes, junk mail, magazines, paper bags
- Shredded paper (please put into a paper bag before placing in recycling cart)

## CARDBOARD

- Aseptics (paper cartons that include boxed soups, juice boxes and soy containers).
- Cardboard must be flattened to fit inside recycling container with lid closed.
- Cardboard needs to be bundled if not in the cart



## UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS FOR THE RECYCLE CART

**Place in Organics Cart:**  
Food contaminated packaging, paper towels, napkins, tissue

**Place in Garbage Cart:**  
Garden hoses, packing foam peanuts, styro-foam, pet waste



*\*Please empty all liquids from containers and remove caps before placing in bins.*

# WHAT GOES INTO THE ORGANICS CART?

We accept all food scraps, soiled paper and plants.

## IN THIS CART, WE CAN COMPOST:

### Food Scraps

- Bread, grains and pasta
- Coffee grounds (and filters)
- Dairy
- Eggshells
- Fish and shellfish
- Fruit, including pits
- Meat, including bones
- Poultry
- Vegetables

### Yard Trimmings

- Branches and brush
- Flowers and floral trimmings
- Grasses and weeds
- Leaves and tree trimmings

### Soiled Paper Products

- Coffee filters
- Milk Cartons\*
- Paper cups (including chain store coffee cups) and plates
- Paper ice cream containers
- Paper bags, napkins and towels
- Paper take-out boxes and containers
- Paper tea bags
- Pizza Boxes
- Waxed cardboard and paper

*\*If carton has a plastic spout it needs to be removed and placed in the recycling cart*



## UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS FOR ORGANICS YARDWASTE CART:

**Place in Garbage Cart:**  
Ashes

Bio-Degradable Plastics\*  
Construction & Demolition  
Cornstarch Items\*  
Dirt, Rock, Concrete  
Pet & Human Waste

**Place in Recycle Cart:**  
Plastic Bags  
Recyclable Items

*\* Bio-degradable and Cornstarch-based plastics decompose too slowly to compost.*





## On-Call Collection

Did you know that **TWICE** a year you can schedule a **FREE on-call collection**?

Waste is limited to normal household debris. **No one item or container can exceed 70lbs or be longer than 6ft.** All items must be manageable by one person, and **fit within a 6ft long, 6ft wide, and 6ft high area.** All material must be bagged, boxed or bundled and placed curbside by 6 a.m.

**Dirt, rock, concrete, Freon-containing appliances, paint, and/or other hazardous materials will not be collected.**

Please call **408.970.5100** at least 48 hours in advance to schedule.

## BULKY ITEMS

Special pickups of bulky items, such as appliances, water heaters, furniture, BBQs, lawn mowers, etc., are available for a fee.

For rates, information or to schedule services, please call our Customer Service Department at **408.970.5100**.



## Treecycling

During the month of January, Recology will provide free Christmas Tree collection and recycling.

- Please remove tree stands and all decorations, including tinsel. (Flocked trees are acceptable).
- Trees should be cut into 5 ft. lengths. Cut pieces may be placed inside your yard waste cart for service.
- Place trees or carts curbside/roadside on your recycling day.
- Apartment dwellers must place trees in a central location and call to arrange a pickup.
- Trees may be collected by a recycling truck other than the regular yard waste truck.



*Did you know you can visit our website and view our services in other languages?*

**See Translation tab on lower right of [recology.com](http://recology.com)**

## Household Hazardous Waste Information

Santa Clara County offers a free Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) drop-off program for County residents. For registration or for more information about the HHW program, please call the HHW Hotline at **408.299.7300** Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or visit **HHW.org** and click on "Make an Appointment"

### ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

Aerosol cans (empty - place in recycle cart)  
Automotive fluids (antifreeze, oils, various fluids)  
Batteries  
Cleaners/household chemicals  
Degreasers/solvents  
Fluorescent tubes and CFLs  
Gasoline/fuels and propane tanks  
Propane/Helium tanks (5-gallon or smaller only)  
Pesticides  
Medications  
Sharps/syringes/needles/lancets (must be in an approved container labeled "Sharps Waste" or with the International Biohazard label)





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# 2017-2018 HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
NOV 20 Regular service	NOV 21 Regular service	NOV 22 Regular service	NOV 23 NO COLLECTION → Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	NOV 24 Collection for Thursday Customers → Office Closed	NOV 25 Collection for Friday Customers	NOV 26
DEC 25 NO COLLECTION → Christmas Day Office Closed	DEC 26 Collection for Monday Customers →	DEC 27 Collection for Tuesday Customers →	DEC 28 Collection for Wednesday Customers →	DEC 29 Collection for Thursday Customers →	DEC 30 Collection for Friday Customers	DEC 31
JAN 1 NO COLLECTION → New Year's Day Office Closed	JAN 2 Collection for Monday Customers →	JAN 3 Collection for Tuesday Customers →	JAN 4 Collection for Wednesday Customers →	JAN 5 Collection for Thursday Customers →	JAN 6 Collection for Friday Customers	JAN 7

There will be no collection services on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day or New Years Day.  
If your regular collection day falls **on or after the holiday**, your service **will be delayed by one day**.  
Your regular collection service schedule will resume the week of January 8, 2018.



## Waste-free gifts

Give an experience (movie tickets, gift certificate for spa treatments, restaurants, etc.), and wrap in cloth fabric that can be reused!