

South Bay Fall 2018 Newsletter

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.**

Clean Up Our Recyclables

Recycling the right way keeps the environment cleaner and conserves energy. However, the U.S. is at risk of being stuck with too much trash for its overflowing landfills because our recyclables contain too much contamination to meet international standards.

Just because you put something in a recycling cart doesn't mean it gets recycled. Worse, it can contaminate loads of otherwise recyclable material.

TIPS:

- 1 Ensure materials are free of liquid or solid food waste by wiping or rinsing out items.
- 2 Don't bag your recyclables, as this makes them difficult to sort. The only recyclables that should be bagged (in a clear bags only) are:
1) Clean and dry plastic bags such as newspaper, dry cleaner and grocery bags; and 2) Shredded paper.
- 3 Remove all Styrofoam packaging from a recyclable box before placing it in your recycle cart. The Styrofoam should then be placed in your garbage cart.



Wipe or rinse out items

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.*



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 or a paper bag before placing into your organics cart.



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

Have extra food scraps? Try composting at home. Call the Composting Education Program Hotline 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

INCORRECT



CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Before setting your tree out on your curb for pickup:

- **Make sure your organics cart is on the curb along with your tree**
- Cut trees into five-foot sections. Small pieces can go inside the cart, but the lid needs to be closed
- Remove all decorations and tinsel
- Remove tree stand
- Flocked trees are acceptable

CORRECT - cut in 5 foot sections



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.**



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)



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

See Translation tab on lower right of **recology.com**





675 Rogers Avenue
San Jose, CA 95112
408.970.5100

Recology.com

Proudly Employee Owned

Fall 2018 Newsletter

For Residents of Unincorporated
Santa Clara County District East



Printed on recycled stock with soy-based inks.



© Recology Silicon Valley and Recology South Bay 2018 All rights reserved.

2018 Holiday Collection Schedule

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
NOV 19 Regular service	NOV 20 Regular service	NOV 21 Regular service	NOV 22 NO SERVICE Thanksgiving Office Closed	NOV 23 Service for Thursday Customers	NOV 24 Service for Friday Customers
DEC 24 Regular service	DEC 25 NO SERVICE Christmas Day Office Closed	DEC 26 Service for Tuesday Customers	DEC 27 Service for Wednesday Customers	DEC 28 Service for Thursday Customers	DEC 29 Service for Friday Customers
DEC 31 Regular service	JAN 1 NO SERVICE New Year's Day Office Closed	JAN 2 Service for Tuesday Customers	JAN 3 Service for Wednesday Customers	JAN 4 Service for Thursday Customers	JAN 5 Service for Friday Customers

There will be no Recycle, Compost and Garbage collection services on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22 and on Tuesday, December 25, 2018 and Tuesday, January 1, 2019. 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 7, 2019.



SERVICE REMINDERS

- Regular office hours are Monday thru Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. For info, call (408) 970-5100
- Please set out materials by 6:00 a.m. on your scheduled collection day.
- 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.
- To pay your residential bill, please call (408) 418-5289