



# Recycling is everyone's RESPONSIBILITY

We're working together to meet stricter standards and protect the value of your recyclables

## RECYCLE DRY PAPER, PLASTIC, GLASS & METAL

Please empty, clean and dry your recyclables before placing in cart.

Combine glass food & beverage jars, plastic bottles and tubs, papers and all metal food and beverage containers in your blue recycling cart or bin.



## CLEAN UP OUR RECYCLABLES

Recycling right is more important than ever before. The U.S. is facing challenges marketing recyclables that are too contaminated with food and moisture to meet international standards. Just because you put something in a recycling cart doesn't mean it gets recycled. We need everyone's help to prepare their recyclables so that value is preserved.

### TIPS:

- Ensure materials are **Empty, Clean, and Dry**: 1) Wipe or rinse out items, 2) Remove any food waste, and 3) empty all liquids.
- Don't bag your recyclables, as this makes them difficult to sort. The only recyclables that should be bagged (*in clear bags only*) are:
  - 1) Clean and dry plastic bags such as newspaper, dry cleaner and grocery bags; and
  - 2) Shredded paper.
- 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 Recycle Cart?

Must be empty, clean, and dry.

## YOU CAN RECYCLE:

### PLASTICS

- All plastics, with or without symbols, including flower pots, bottles, buckets
- Bubble wrap
- Plastic bags and film plastic  
*Only acceptable when bagged together*

### 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 and cracker boxes (plastic liners removed)
- Envelopes, junk mail, paper bags
- Shredded paper (please put into a paper bag before placing in recycling cart)

### CARDBOARD

- Cardboard must be flattened to fit inside recycling container with lid closed
- Oversize cardboard must be flattened no larger than 3ft x 3ft sections and bundled or neatly stacked next to the recycling cart



*\*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 your brown or green cart.

## YOU 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

- Paper bags, napkins and towels
- Coffee filters
- Paper cups (including disposable paper coffee cups) and plates
- Paper ice cream containers
- Paper take-out boxes and containers
- Paper tea bags
- Pizza Boxes
- Waxed cardboard and paper



# Garbage:

- Chip bags, candy and granola bar wrappers
- Kitty litter and pet waste
- Diapers and feminine products
- Styrofoam™ packing peanuts, meat trays, and other packing material
- Bio-degradable plastics and cornstarch items
- Garden hoses
- Dirty plastic, metal, or plastic packaging
- Straws and plastic utensils
- Ashes
- Textiles and leather

**Household Hazardous Waste:**  
Visit [hhw.org](http://hhw.org) for proper disposal information





# Curbside Collection of Compost, Recycling & Garbage

**Questions?** Regular office hours are Monday thru Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30pm.



**\* New Safety Rules for Household Batteries:**  
Tape both battery terminals by using masking, electrical, or duct tape to prevent the terminals from coming into contact or rubbing with other terminals or objects that can potentially cause a fire

## On Call Collection

Each household can choose one of the following twice per calendar year:

- A Construction & Demolition Debris
- B Bulky Goods (Limit of 3 items)
- C Compostable Materials and clean wood waste
- D Garbage

### CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION

- Debris must be containerized
- Individual boxes not weighing more than 50lbs
- Total weight not to exceed 250lbs
- No pressure treated wood, such as railroad ties

### BULKY GOODS

- Limit of 3 items per bulk pick up.
- Bulky goods are items that weigh more than 50lbs or exceed 6ft in length
- Bulky Goods include discarded furniture; carpets; mattresses; household appliances including refrigerators, ranges, washers, dryers, water heaters, and dishwashers. Electronic equipment such as stereos, televisions, computers and VCRs.
- No items with oil, diesel, or gasoline

### COMPOSTABLE MATERIALS AND WOOD WASTE

- Clean unpainted and untreated wood must be neatly stacked, boxed or in a trash can and cannot weigh more than 50 lbs or exceed 6ft in length
- Branches must be less than 6-inches in diameter
- No stumps, poison oak, or bug infested material accepted
- No loose piles or organics placed in plastic bags will be collected.
- Must be boxed or in a trash can and cannot weigh more than 50 lbs
- No painted, stained, or pressure treated wood such as railroad ties



To arrange for an on-call pickup, please call our Customer Service Department (408) 725-4020, Monday through Friday during regular business hours. Unused on-call collection days are not transferable from one calendar year to the next.



INCORRECT in Street | CORRECT in Driveway

### SET OUT GUIDELINES

- Combination of loose items must fit within an 8-foot long, 4-foot wide and 4-foot high area
- Items left out for pick up must be on private property only (entrance to your driveway) and not in the street or on the sidewalk.
- Single items should not weigh more than 50lbs each or exceed 6ft in length and must be manageable by one person. If items are bagged the bag must be securely closed to prevent litter.

## Important Resources

### Recology Cupertino

408-725-4020 [www.recology.com](http://www.recology.com)  
[recologysouthbay@recology.com](mailto:recologysouthbay@recology.com)  
 To pay your residential bill, please call 408-418-5288

### City of Cupertino

408-777-3236 [www.cupertino.org](http://www.cupertino.org)  
[environmental@cupertino.org](mailto:environmental@cupertino.org)

### Countywide Recycling Info

800-533-8414 [www.recyclestuff.org](http://www.recyclestuff.org)

### Hazardous Waste & Sharps

408-299-7300 [HHW.org](http://HHW.org)

### Home Composting Education Program

To register for a free home composting class, visit [www.ucanr.edu/compost](http://www.ucanr.edu/compost) or call 408-918-4640.

## Coat & Blanket Collection

During the month of December, Recology will be collecting new or gently used coats and new blankets, in partnership with a local non-profit organization. Thank you on behalf of the children and adults who will enjoy their warmth through the winter months. Place items in a clearly labeled bag on your regular service day and a Recology employee will collect them. A box will also be available in the City Hall lobby.



## 2020 ENVIRONMENTAL DAYS

### Promoting Recycling & Reuse

**NO JUNK or HAZARDOUS ITEMS  
 SUCH AS PAINT AND CHEMICALS**

**JAN 18, APRIL 18, AUG 15 & NOV 14, 2020**

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

De Anza College - Parking Lot A

Shred your confidential documents - two box limit

Recycle: Children's Plastic Toys | Clothing & Shoes  
 Construction & Demolition Material  
 Batteries, CFLs & E-Waste | Reusable Furniture  
 Yard Waste



Some restrictions apply.  
 For more information visit  
[Recology.com](http://Recology.com)  
 or call 408-725-4020.



## 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 organics 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 organics truck.
- If placing a flocked tree out for collection, please sweep up any loose flocking from the ground after collection.



## Holiday Collection Schedule



There will be no Recycle, Compost and Garbage collection services on Thursday, November 28, Wednesday, December 25, 2019 and Wednesday January 1, 2020. If your regular collection day falls on or after the holiday, your service will be delayed by one day.

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
NOV 25 Regular service	NOV 26 Regular service	NOV 27 Regular service	NOV 28 <b>NO SERVICE</b> Thanksgiving → Office Closed	NOV 29 Service for Thursday → Customers	NOV 30 Service for Friday Customers
DEC 23 Regular service	DEC 24 Regular service	DEC 25 <b>NO SERVICE</b> Christmas Day → Office Closed	DEC 26 Service for Wednesday → Customers	DEC 27 Service for Thursday → Customers	DEC 28 Service for Friday Customers
DEC 30 Regular service	DEC 31 Regular	JAN 1 <b>NO SERVICE</b> New Year's Day → Office Closed	JAN 2 Service for Wednesday → Customers	JAN 3 Service for Thursday → Customers	JAN 4 Service for Friday Customers

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