



City of Cupertino
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Annual Waste Service Guide Cupertino 2021-2022

Important Contacts



Recology South Bay

recologycupertino.com
recologysouthbay@recology.com

Customer Service Department: (408) 725-4020
To pay your residential bill: (408) 418-5288

Office Hours:
Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Countywide Recycling Info

recyclestuff.org
(800) 533-8414



Household Hazardous Waste

HHW includes paint, cleaners, pesticides, light bulbs, propane, drugs, batteries, etc.
hhw.org
(408) 299-7300



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Home Composting Education Program

Register for a free home composting class at ucanr.edu/compost or call (408) 918-4640

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Sort It Out

Recycle Cart

Plastics

- All plastics containers (with or without symbols)
- Bubble wrap and other clean, dry plastic bags and film plastic (bagged)



Glass and Metal

- Empty aerosol cans
- Aluminum, steel, and bi-metal cans
- Aluminum foil (no food)
- Glass bottles & jars



Mixed Paper

- Books (paperback and hardcover)
- Cereal and cracker boxes (plastic liners removed)
- Envelopes, junk mail, paper bags
- Shredded paper (in a paper bag stapled or taped closed)



Cardboard

- Flattened cardboard
- Oversized cardboard must be flattened, no larger than 3ft x 3ft, and bundled or neatly stacked next to the recycling cart



⊘ No styrofoam™, utensils, straws, or stir sticks

When sorting recyclable materials, there are three simple rules:

**EMPTY,
CLEAN,
and DRY!**



Empty any residual food or liquid from a bottle or container, clean the product by quickly rinsing or scraping off debris, and shake the container to remove moisture before tossing in your recycling bin.

Organics Cart

Food Scraps

- Fruits and vegetables
- Meat, poultry, and seafood
- Rice, beans, and pasta
- Eggshells
- Dairy products (no liquids)
- Coffee filter and paper tea bags



Yard Trimmings

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



Soiled Paper Products

- Paper bags, napkins, towels, cups, and plates
- Coffee filters
- Uncoated paper take-out
- Paper ice cream containers
- Waxed cardboard and paper, and milk cartons
- Greasy pizza boxes
- Paper take-out boxes and containers



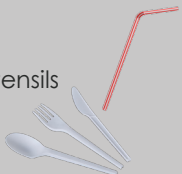
⊘ No compostable plastic containers, poison oak, stumps, or bug infested material



Collect your food scraps in newspaper, paper bags, or BPI certified compostable plastic bags.

Garbage Cart

- Chip bags, candy and granola bar wrappers
- Cat litter and pet waste
- Diapers and feminine products
- Disposable masks and gloves
- Styrofoam™ packing peanuts, meat trays, and other packing material
- Compostable plastics (corn or potato starch, other plantware-based plastic items)
- Aseptic containers
- Garden hoses, rubber gloves, and extension cords
- Dirty plastic, metal or plastic packaging
- Straws and plastic utensils
- Ashes and coals, cooled in a container
- Textiles, leather, and hangers



Household Hazardous Waste

- HHW includes paint, solvents, pesticides, fluorescent light tubes, propane tanks, fire extinguishers, medications, smoke detectors
- Visit hhw.org or call (408) 299-7300 to schedule a drop-off appointment



2021 Holiday Collection Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11/22 Regular Service	11/23 Regular Service	11/24 Regular Service	11/25 No Service Thanksgiving Day, Office Closed	11/26 Service for Thursday Customers	11/27 Service for Friday Customers
12/20 Regular Service	12/21 Regular Service	12/22 Regular Service	12/23 Regular Service	12/24 Regular Service Office Closed	12/25
12/27 Regular Service	12/28 Regular Service	12/29 Regular Service	12/30 Regular Service	12/31 Regular Service Office Closed	1/1

Holiday Tree Recycling

Before setting your tree on your curb for pickup by 1/31:

1. Place trees or carts curbside/roadside on your collection day.
2. Cut trees not to exceed five feet in length. Small pieces can go inside the cart.
3. Remove decorations, tinsel, and tree stands.
4. Flocked trees accepted.
5. Please ensure lid is closed.



2022 Environmental Days

Recology South Bay offers quarterly recycling and reuse events as an opportunity for residents to drop off difficult-to-recycle materials. Due to the impacts of COVID-19, 2022 Environmental Days will be determined on an on-going basis. Visit cupertino.org/environmentalday for updates and information.

Acceptable Materials

- Confidential documents for shredding - three box limit
- Yard Waste (processed for compost)
- U-Waste (batteries, cell phones, compact fluorescent bulbs and fluorescent tubes)
- E-Waste (computers, monitors and printers, etc.)
- Kitchen appliances that do not contain freon (acceptable items: washer, dryers, non freon refrigerators, microwaves, toasters)
- Construction debris (Limit of two-cubic yards (one pick-up-truck load) of construction debris, untreated wood, dirt, rock, and concrete)
- Reusable/donatable items such as furniture, clothes, toys, or shoes

Unacceptable Materials

- No products containing toxic chemicals (paints, pesticides, fertilizers)
- No painted or treated wood
- No mattresses
- No kitchen appliances that contain freon



It's easy to compost in Cupertino

Step 1: Collect food scraps in the kitchen.

Include scraps from cooking, plate-scrappings after meals, and moldy food from the fridge.

Handy tip: To keep things clean, use paper bags, newspaper, or BPI-certified compostable plastic bags.



Step 2: Empty into green compost cart.



cupertino.org/foodscraps

Cart Set-Out

Place CFL bulbs and household batteries* in clear bags on top of recyclables cart, tape battery ends before bagging.

Sealed used motor oil and cooking oil jugs, sealed used oil filter bag.



Batteries contain toxic metals and can be flammable.

Batteries should **never** be placed in any trash, recycling, or organics cart.

On-Call Collection

To schedule, call **(408) 725-4020** Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or email recologysouthbay@recology.com

- Items must be set out on private property (entrance to your driveway), not on the street or the sidewalk
- Unused on-call collection days are not transferable from one calendar year to the next
- On-call collections are available year-round and subject to availability

Each household can schedule two of the following services per year:

Construction and Demolition Debris

- Debris must be containerized
- Individual boxes not weighing more than 50 lbs
- Total weight not to exceed 250 lbs
- **Unaccepted:** Pressure treated wood (e.g. railroad ties)

Bulky Goods

- Bulky goods are items that weigh more than 50 lbs or exceed six feet in length
- Limit of three items per bulk pick up
- **Accepted:** Discarded furniture, carpets, mattresses, household appliances (e.g. ranges, refrigerators, water heaters), electronic equipment (e.g. stereos, TVs, computers)
- **Unaccepted:** Items with oil, diesel, or gasoline

Compostable Materials and Clean Wood Waste

- Clean unpainted and untreated wood must be neatly stacked, boxed or in a container
- Items fewer than 50 lbs and less than six feet in length
- Branches less than six inches in diameter
- **Unaccepted:** Stumps, poison oak, or bug-infested material; Loose piles or organics placed in plastic bags; Painted, stained, pressure treated wood (e.g. railroad ties)

Garbage

- Waste is limited to normal household debris
- Debris must be containerized
- Container not to exceed 50 lbs