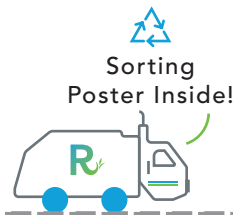


2026 Service Guide for Gilroy Residential Customers



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recology.com/southvalley
 o llame al 408.842.3358

Hard-to-Recycle Items

HOLIDAY TREE RECYCLING

Trees must be cut into sections no larger than three feet and placed next to the green organics cart. Small branches and pieces may be placed inside the cart.

Ornaments, lights, and tree stands must be removed. No flocked trees.



SAFE MEDICATION AND SHARPS DISPOSAL

Please do not place unwanted medications or sharps in your Recology carts. Store sharps in a hard sided container for safe disposal.

CVS Pharmacy will accept these items for free.

CVS Pharmacy
 800 1st Street, Gilroy
 408.842.0373

To find other locations in your area that accept these items visit med-project.org. This website also has information about free mail back services.

FLUORESCENT BULB DISPOSAL

Fluorescent bulbs cannot be placed in your carts. You may drop them off at **Ace Hardware of Gilroy** 1260 1st Street, Suite B

HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES, MOTOR OIL AND FILTERS

All of these items can be collected on your service day.

- Please tape the ends of batteries to help prevent fires. Then place in a clear zippered bag and set them on top of your recycle cart.
- To recycle used motor oil and filters, call customer service to receive one-gallon oil jugs and oil filter bags.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONIC WASTE DISPOSAL

Unwanted household chemical products and electronic waste can be disposed of for free by using the Santa Clara County Household Hazardous Waste Program. To schedule a free appointment, call 408.299.7300 or visit hhw.org.

Service Guide

Recology South Valley is proud to be the service provider for residents in the City of Gilroy. This service guide provides basic guidelines for recycling, organics, and garbage service.



Residential Service Information

ORGANICS COLLECTION— IT'S THE LAW!

Place your food scraps and food soiled paper into your existing green organics cart along with your yard waste.

BULKY ITEM COLLECTION PROGRAM

Residential customers with cart service receive two **free** curbside bulky item collections per year. Call Customer Service at **408.842.3358** to schedule your collection.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Convenient bill pay options available. For more information, visit recology.com/bill-pay

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Recology provides regular service on Thanksgiving Day.

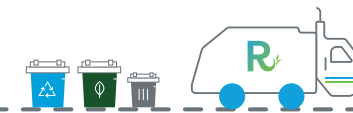
The two holidays where service is disrupted are Christmas Day and New Year's Day. If your regular service day falls on or after the holiday, your collection will be delayed by one day.

MATTRESS DROP-OFF EVENTS

Residents have two opportunities to recycle mattresses and box springs for **free**. Please refer to THE CONNECTION newsletter or call Customer Service for event details.

Curbside Set-Out

Place carts at the curb two feet apart by **6 AM** on your service day.



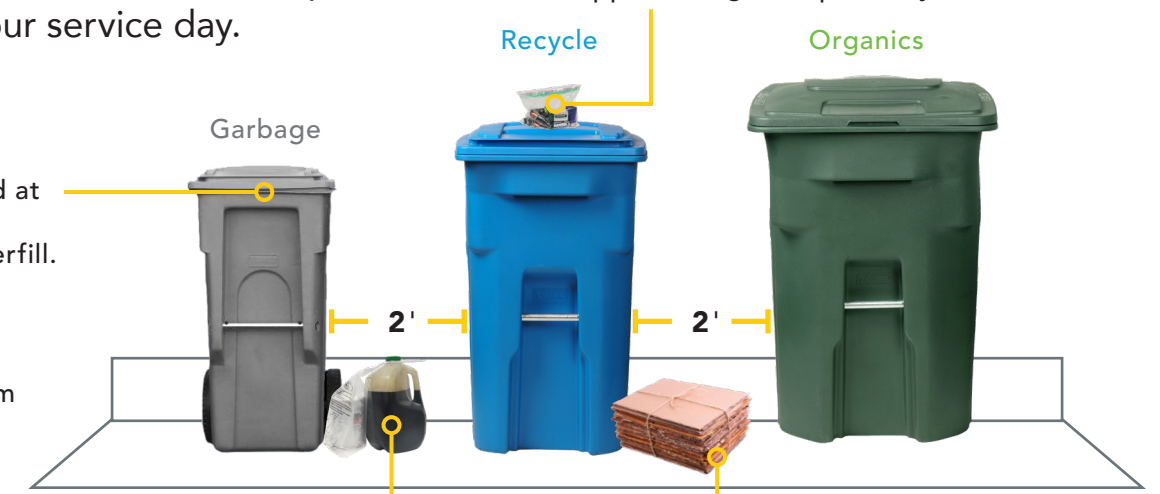
Place household batteries in clear zippered bag on top of recycle cart.

Lids closed at all times. Do not overfill.

Please keep carts two feet away from obstacles, such as basketball hoops and vehicles.

Contact Recology for one-gallon motor oil containers and oil filter bags. You may set out up to (3) one-gallon containers of motor oil and three filter bags on your recycle service day.

Extra cardboard that does not fit in your recycle cart can be flattened, stacked, and bundled no larger than 3' x 3'.



Recycle

TIPS FOR RECYCLING

Place items loose in your blue recycle cart. **Do not bag recyclables.**

Containers must be empty or scraped.

Place small pieces of cardboard in cart. Additional cardboard must be flattened, bundled, no larger than 3' x 3', and set next to your recycle cart.



GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS



PLASTICS #1-#7



METALS



Shredded paper must be placed in clear plastic bags

CLEAN PAPER AND CARDBOARD



CARTONS AND ASEPTIC PACKAGING

UNACCEPTED ITEMS

- Food
- Plastic bags
- Clothes, toys, and bedding
- Toilet paper
- Ceramics, glassware, and mirrors
- Styrofoam
- Electronic waste
- Automotive parts
- Hazardous waste

Organics

REMEMBER TO INCLUDE THE FOOD

Collect food in a brown paper bag, newspaper, or kitchen collection container. Paper absorbs moisture which helps control odors and pests.

Store food scraps in the freezer and place into your organics cart the night before service day.

To request a free kitchen collection container, contact Customer Service at **408.842.3358**.



FOOD SCRAPS



Branches must be 6 inches or less in diameter

YARD WASTE



UNCOATED FOOD-SOILED PAPER PRODUCTS



GREASY PIZZA BOXES



BPI CERTIFIED COMPOSTABLE BAGS

UNACCEPTED ITEMS

- Plastic bags
- Animal waste
- Utensils and other products labeled "compostable" or "biodegradable"
- Palm trees, yucca leaves, oleander, and poison oak
- Hazardous waste
- Painted or treated wood
- Wood furniture

Garbage

IF IT'S NOT RECYCLABLE OR COMPOSTABLE, IT BELONGS IN THE GARBAGE

There are three garbage cart sizes to choose from: 32, 64, and 96-gallons. Contact Customer Service for monthly rates.

Each quarterly bill includes one FREE garbage bag tag.

Learn more about the Bulky Item Collection program. Visit bit.ly/3UmfttG



SINGLE-USE PLASTIC



CERAMICS AND MISC. GLASS



BAGGED ANIMAL WASTE AND DIAPERS



SNACK BAGS, WRAPPERS, AND COATED PAPER PRODUCTS



STYROFOAM PACKAGING AND CONTAINERS



OLEANDER, POISON OAK, AND PALM TREES

UNACCEPTED ITEMS

- Hazardous, electronic, and medical waste
- Fluorescent bulbs and tubes
- Household batteries
- Concrete, dirt, and rocks
- Cardboard
- Yard waste
- Recyclables
- Food