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Mail-back programs for medicines and sharps

CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS CAN SAFELY DISPOSE OF UNWANTED MEDICINES AND SHARPS AT NO COST

WHY SAFE DISPOSAL MATTERS

- Protects children and pets
- Prevents accidental poisoning
- Keeps medicines out of the wrong hands
- Protects sanitation workers
- Keeps sharps out of household trash
- Protects waterways and the environment

DO NOT

Flush medicines down the toilet

Put sharps into household trash or recycling bins

Place needles or sharps into medicine drop boxes



MEDICINES

Prescription
Over The Counter
Pet meds

1. Request a ***free*** mail-back envelope.
2. Place unwanted medicines inside.
3. Seal and mail using prepaid postage.

medtakebackcalifornia.org

SHARPS

Needles
Syringes
Lancets and sharps



1. Order a ***free*** sharps container.
2. Place needles and sharps safely inside.
3. Mail back using prepaid shipping.

sharpstakebackcalifornia.org

CALL: 844.4.TAKE-BACK

CONTACT US!
Se Habla Español

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OTHER RESOURCES

recycle@chicoca.gov
chico.ca.us

PUT COATED PAPER IN THE GARBAGE

Businesses commonly generate coated-paper products such as disposable coffee cups, waxed paper, frozen food packaging, some takeout containers, and paper plate or food trays with moisture-resistant coatings.

Do not put products coated with wax or plastic in recycling or compost bins. Toss them in your gray garbage bin.

Recycling cannot separate these coatings from the paper, and composting cannot break them down.

A simple way to identify coated paper is to tear the item. If you notice a thin plastic film or a waxy layer, it belongs in the trash.

Clear signage and employee training can significantly reduce contamination, keep compost and recycling programs operating efficiently, and improve diversion rates.

SORT CORRECTLY

COMPOST

All food scraps, including meat, poultry, fish, fruits, vegetables, coffee grounds, and eggshells. Plants, sticks, leaves. Uncoated, food-soiled paper products.

RECYCLE

Clean and dry paper, cardboard, and other accepted recyclables.

GARBAGE

Paper products contaminated with cleaning chemicals or coated with plastic, foil, glitter, or other such materials.

For free assistance and signage, contact rbccwastezero@recology.com.

SOILED NAPKINS? COMPOST THEM!

Think all paper goes in the recycling bin? Not quite. Clean office paper and cardboard are recycling superstars, but used napkins, paper towels, and tissues are a different story.

Once these items are soiled with food, grease, or liquids, their fibers can no longer be recycled into new paper products. Tossing them into the recycling contaminates the entire bin.

Used, uncoated paper napkins, paper towels, and tissues belong in the green compost bin alongside your food scraps. There, they break down naturally and are turned into nutrient-rich compost.

FROM CURB TO COMMUNITY

Recology offers hands-on education

There's nothing quite like the smile on a child's face when they climb into the cab of a real garbage truck.

Recology team members love bringing our trucks to the communities we serve for events such as the popular Touch-a-Truck event at Mariam Park and to schools and businesses.

These hands-on experiences let kids climb behind the wheel, honk the horn, and discover firsthand what happens to their recycling, compostables, and garbage long after the truck rolls away from the curb.



Recology is proud to share our knowledge, show off our equipment, answer questions, and spark conversations about sustainability.

Want a Recology truck at your event? Or a Recology Waste Zero Specialist to visit your business, organization, or community group for an educational presentation?

Contact us at rbccwastezero@recology.com to learn more, and let us help make your next event one to remember!

NEVER PLACE THESE ITEMS IN YOUR LANDFILL BIN

- Sharps and medication
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Flammables, pesticides, or herbicides
- Electronic waste

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY

1101 Marauder Street, Chico, CA 95973
9 AM – 1 PM Friday, 9 AM – 4 PM Saturday
Call **530.343.5488** for an appointment.