

# Fairfield

Recycling, Organics and Waste Services



Sustainability in Action

## Take Charge. Stay Safe.

### DON'T Recycle or Trash Lithium Batteries at Home

Lithium batteries are extremely popular because they are reliable and long-lasting. These types of batteries are found in a wide range of devices, including cell phones, power tools, laptops, tablets, children's toys, scooters, electric toothbrushes and more.



#### PREVENT FIRES

Lithium and lithium-ion batteries, which are made from highly flammable materials, can pose a serious fire risk. If overheated, punctured or faulty, these batteries can cause fires or explode.



#### PRESERVE THE ENVIRONMENT

Improper disposal of lithium batteries can have dire consequences for the environment. The materials within these batteries can harm ecosystems and contaminate water supplies, causing long-lasting damage.



#### PROTECT PEOPLE

Lithium battery fires are incredibly difficult to extinguish and may reignite days later. When batteries fail, they can release toxic gases that endanger individuals in their homes and workplaces.



#### CONSERVE PRECIOUS RESOURCES

By recycling lithium batteries correctly, you can help preserve the valuable resources contained within them, such as nickel, cobalt, graphite, lithium and manganese.



#### WHERE TO RECYCLE

There are several ways to recycle your batteries.

You can recycle your batteries at one of the City of Fairfield battery drop-off locations:

Fairfield Civic Center Library  
Cordelia Library  
Fairfield City Hall  
Fairfield Adult Recreation Center

Fairfield residents can also take batteries to the Republic Services BOPA center, located at 2901 Industrial Ct., Fairfield, CA, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed 11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m., Monday – Friday). Proof of residency is required. BOPA also accepts car batteries, oil (motor and cooking), latex paint and antifreeze.

Recycle lithium batteries for FREE at retail drop-off locations like Best Buy, Home Depot, Staples, Ace Hardware and Lowe's.

### DO'S & DON'T'S

**DON'T** Overcharge lithium batteries or leave them plugged in overnight.

**DON'T** Throw away lithium batteries in the trash.

**DON'T** Try to recycle lithium batteries at home.

**DO** Store batteries between 40° and 80°F.

**DO** Cover battery terminals with electrical tape and/or place them in separate plastic bags when disposing.

**DO** Dispose of lithium-ion batteries at designated recycling or household hazardous waste collection points.

## Protect Our Environment by Properly Disposing of Household Hazardous Waste

Fairfield residents can dispose of household hazardous waste (HHW) items for free. Republic Services' HHW facility is open the second and fourth Saturday of January – October and the first and third Saturday in November and December. Proof of residency is required, and it is by appointment only. The facility is also open on July 25 and October 24 this year. For all dates, the HHW facility is open from 9 a.m. – noon. Call the HHW hotline at **707.437.8971** for more information and to register.



### Acceptable HHW Items

Paint	Oil and latex paints, stains, varnishes, solvents, thinners and adhesives
Automotive Items	Motor oil, oil filters, contaminated motor oil, antifreeze, gasoline and batteries
Chemicals	<b>Household:</b> oven cleaners, drain cleaners, bleach, sprays, wax and polishes <b>Garden:</b> pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, ant trap poison and gopher bait <b>Other:</b> pool chemicals, photographic chemicals, flammable liquids/gases, aerosol cans, roofing tar and roofing products
Fluorescent Lights	Tubes, bulbs and other mercury-containing lamps
Batteries	AA, AAA, C and D cell and button batteries
Mercury Gauges	Barometers, manometers and old thermostats
Needles	Place in a clear, rigid container with the lid taped closed to prevent spilling

*No single container larger than 5 gallons is accepted. The maximum allowable quantity is 15 gallons or 125 pounds per trip. This is a partial list of HHW items. Contact Republic Services at **707.437.8971** for more information.*

## Electronic Waste Collection

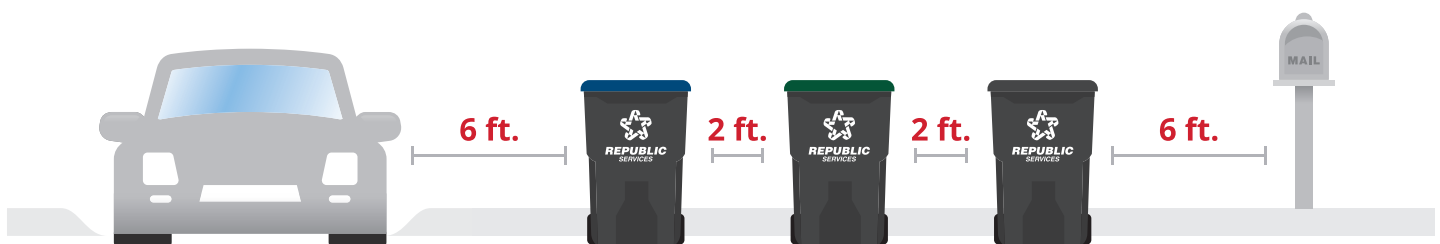
Fairfield residents can drop off electronic waste and small appliances at the Republic Services facility located at 2901 Industrial Court, Fairfield. Hours: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday – Friday (closed 11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

The weight limit is 60 pounds. Customers can bring up to five items per visit. All batteries must be removed from electronic devices. Medical equipment is not accepted.

## Used Oil Curbside

Used motor oil and oil filters are picked up curbside free in special jugs and bags. Place jugs and bagged filters next to your recycling cart (blue lid). Do not place in cart.

To request jugs and bags, call customer service at **707.437.8900**. No other containers are accepted. We will replace the full jug with a clean one.



## Help Us Serve You Better

Please place carts at least 2 feet apart and 6 feet away from other objects, such as cars, mailboxes and light poles.