



City of La Cañada Flintridge Recycling & Waste Newsletter

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Why You Should Recycle Cardboard

According to Recycle Across America, over 90% of all products shipped in the U.S. are packed in corrugated boxes. This totals more than 400 billion square feet of cardboard — that's a lot of cardboard!

Due to the increased use of e-commerce and demand for cardboard, recycling boxes and packaging materials the right way is important to ensure there is enough cardboard in the supply chain to meet demand. Without recycling, it's hard for paper and cardboard manufacturers to keep up with the needs of the health care and grocery industries.

What's even better is that recycling cardboard maximizes the use of our resources. Did you know that recycling cardboard only uses 75% of the energy needed to make new cardboard and that recycling 1 ton of cardboard saves 46 gallons of oil?

Properly recycle cardboard at your business by following these simple tips:

- **Check it.** Before preparing a box or other cardboard material for recycling, make sure it is recyclable! Most cardboard can be recycled, but it must be free of grease, food materials and plastic or film windows.
- **Empty it.** Make sure your box is completely empty. Remove any packaging materials or small pieces of plastic. You do NOT have to remove the tape or packaging label.
- **Break it down.** You might be tempted to throw the box in your recycling bin, but you really need to break it down. It's important that the box is broken down into flat cardboard so that it can be processed at the recycling facility.
- **Keep it dry.** Cardboard (and paper) needs to be dry to be processed and recycled correctly. Make sure bottles and cans are empty and clean so they don't contaminate cardboard or paper. Outside, be sure the recycling bin lid closes fully so that your recyclables aren't contaminated by external elements or littered by wind.



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Recycling Is Mandatory for Most Businesses and Multi-Family Properties

Recyclables: Assembly Bill 341 makes recycling mandatory for businesses that generate 4 or more cubic yards of waste per week and multi-family properties with five or more units. Under AB 341, businesses and properties must recycle paper, boxes, cans, bottles and containers, as well as recyclable items that are unique to their operations.

Organics: Under Assembly Bill 1826, California businesses are required to reduce the amount of organics sent to landfills. Organics include both food scraps and yard debris. Organics recycling is now mandatory for businesses and multi-family properties (with five or more units) that generate 2 or more cubic yards of solid waste (recyclables, waste and organics) per week. At this time, multi-family properties are required to recycle yard debris but do not have to provide food waste recycling.

Restaurant Recycling: Under Assembly Bill 827, limited-service restaurants in California must now provide customers with visible, clearly marked and easily accessible containers for recyclables and organics (uneaten food scraps, soiled paper and similar items) adjacent to trash bins. Full-service restaurants need to provide separate bins for use by employees. This law also applies to food courts and other businesses that sell food for on-site consumption.

For Assistance: You can learn more about all of these requirements at CalRecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial. If you have questions about your business or multi-family recycling programs, or if you wish to make changes or improvements, call Republic Services at 800.299.4898.



Please don't overload commercial containers or contaminate recycling containers with trash! If you have containers that are frequently overloaded at your business or multi-family property, contact Republic Services to discuss your service level and frequency.



Protecting Yourself, Your Customers and Our Planet During the Pandemic

Wearing masks, using hand sanitizer and washing your hands all help protect you, your customers and others from the spread of COVID-19. When you are discarding disposable masks, gloves and sanitizing wipes, please do so properly. Please don't litter, don't flush and don't put these items into the recycling bin. Instead, bag these items and place them into the trash.

You can reduce your waste and stay protected by opting for washable, reusable masks, as well as using washable cloths and rags to clean and disinfect your business and its high-touch surfaces.

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