## **Garbage**

Your **black** trash cart is collected weekly.



#### What goes inside

- Any non-recyclable, non-organic waste items
- Individual plastic film, grocery bags, resealable bags
- Bubble wrap
- Paper towels, napkins, tissues
- Polystyrene foam (Styrofoam® and packing peanuts)
- Hoses
- Waxed paper
- Plastic-coated milk cartons
- Utensils
- Window glass
- Drinking glass
- Mirrors
- Light bulbs (not fluorescent lamps or tubes)
- Children's toys
- Clothing, cotton and fabric

#### What does NOT go inside

- Hazardous material
- Electronics (TVs, VCRs, cell phones, telephones and radios)
- Any kind of battery
- Hot ashes and coals

# Organic Waste

Your **green** organic waste cart is collected weekly. (up to 3 for no extra charge).



#### What goes inside

- Food waste
- · Food-soiled paper
- BPI-certified compostable bags
- Fruits and vegetables
- Meat
- Bones
- Grass
- Leaves
- Weeds
- Tree trimmings
- Unpainted and untreated wood

Senate Bill 1383 requires all residents to separate food waste and place it in a separate cart for processing.

#### What does NOT go inside

- Hazardous material
- Hot ashes and coals
- Garden hoses
- Plastic gardening pots
- · Pet waste and litter
- Plastic bags
- Clothing
- Electronics

# Recycling

Your **blue**recycling cart is
collected biweekly
(up to 3 for no
extra charge).



#### What goes inside

- Plastic carts
- Glass bottles and jars
- Steel and tin cans
- · Aluminum cans and foil
- Small scrap metal (no metal hangers)
- Newspaper
- Corrugated cardboard
- Chipboard (such as cereal and tissue boxes)
- Mixed paper magazines, junk mail, office paper, computer paper, catalogs, paperboard, telephone books, brown paper bags, paper egg cartons, envelopes, legal pad backing
- Shredded paper\*

#### What does NOT go inside

- Remodeling and demolition debris
- Food-contaminated material
- Polystyrene foam (Styrofoam® and packing peanuts)
- Household glass (dishes, window glass)
- Paper towels, napkins, tissues
- Small, flat plastic (straws, sporks)



# **Elk Grove**

## Residential Customer Service Guide

Offering recycling and waste services to Elk Grove residents since 2004







<sup>\*</sup>Place in paper or plastic bag and staple shut.

# Programs offered by Republic Services® at no extra cost

#### 1. Up to 3 Recycling and 3 Organic Waste Carts

Each household in Elk Grove may have up to 3 recycling and 3 organic waste carts at no additional charge. Any additional carts exceeding the 3 recycling and 3 organic waste carts will be billed to your account. To order additional carts, call Republic Services.

Carts must be placed curbside by **6 a.m.** on your scheduled service day, and then removed as soon as possible after being serviced. Service times vary weekly. Place carts at least 3 feet apart from one another and 6 feet from large objects, like cars and basketball hoops.



#### 2. Special Waste Collection Center Access

Household hazardous waste (HHW) is dangerous and cannot be placed in any curbside carts. Residents are entitled to drop off HHW at the Elk Grove Special Waste Collection Center (SWCC) with no appointment required. Some examples of HHW include paint, pesticides, antifreeze, cleaning products, fluorescent tubes and batteries. Scan the QR code on this page for more information and a full list of accepted materials.

Elk Grove Special Waste Collection Center 9255 Disposal Lane | Elk Grove, CA 95624 916.478.2228, extension 4

#### 3. Electronic Waste Recycling

Electronic waste can be picked up curbside during a scheduled bulk pickup (see item 6). Residents may also bring electronic waste to the Elder Creek Transfer Station\* year-round. When scheduling a bulk waste pickup, inform the Republic Services representative if you have electronic waste with a screen (such as TVs or computer monitors) as these items should be separated from the rest of your pile.

#### 4. Oil and Oil Filter Collection

Residents may recycle used motor oil and oil filters curbside with no appointment required. Simply place used oil container(s) and filter(s) next to your recycling cart on your regular service day. Filters should be drained of all oil and placed in a sealed, plastic bag. Republic Services will pick up your container(s). You may obtain free used oil containers from SWCC. The limit is 2 disposed gallons per recycling pickup.

#### **5. Household Battery Collection**

Residents may recycle their household batteries curbside with no appointment required. Place batteries (9V, AA, AAA, D, DD and button) inside a clear, resealable bag. Place the bag of batteries on top of the lid of your recycling cart on your regular scheduled recycling day. Lithium batteries must be taped at both ends.

#### 6. Bulk Waste Pickups

Each household is entitled to 3 curbside bulk waste pickups a year, by appointment only. Up to 5 cubic yards of material and 1 large or bulk item will be collected per pickup. Residents must call Republic Services to schedule a pickup. Bulk items include mattresses and large household items not to exceed 75 pounds.

#### 7. Sharps, Needle and Auto-Injector Disposal

Republic Services will pick up approved sharps containers at your front door by appointment only. Call Republic Services to schedule a pickup. Residents may also drop off sharps year-round at the Elder Creek Transfer Station\* with no appointment required.

Sharps must be in an approved container, which can be purchased from your doctor's office, local pharmacy or online. Sharps must be completely enclosed in the container. The container must be closed and sealed; it cannot be broken, split or damaged. Sharps containers will not be returned to the resident. Residents may also mail in sharps year-round. Call Republic Services to sign up for the mail-in program.

#### 8. A Trip to the Dump

Each household is entitled to 1 free annual self-hauled trip to the dump at the Elder Creek Transfer Station\* with no appointment required. Up to 5 cubic yards of material will be accepted (equivalent of a pickup truck bed filled to the top of the cab).

#### 9. Holiday Tree Collection

Curbside holiday tree collection is available the first regular organic waste collection day following Christmas Day and continuing through January 31 of the following year. Trees taller than 6 feet must be cut down to 3 feet or shorter pieces. Trees may also be delivered to the Elder Creek Transfer Station\* during December or January. No artificial or flocked trees will be collected. No appointment is required for either service.

#### 10. Compost

Elk Grove residents may pick up free compost at the Elder Creek Transfer Station\* with no appointment required. Compost is self-loaded and limited to 5 cubic yards twice a year.

## 11. On-Property Services for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities

Individuals with a disability or seniors older than age 75 who do not have additional residents in their home are eligible to receive special pickup services by Republic Services at no additional charge.

Individuals with disabilities must be verified by a medical doctor; proof of age as evidenced by a driver's license, birth certificate or other government document is required.

#### \*Elder Creek Transfer Station

8642 Elder Creek Road | Sacramento, CA 95828 6 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Monday – Friday 6 a.m. – 3 p.m. | Saturday

Residents must show proof of Elk Grove residency (such as a driver's license or utility bill)

For questions or to schedule a service pickup, call Republic Services at **916.635.2500**.

For more information, or to sign up for weekly service reminders, visit **ElkGroveCity.org/recycle** or scan the QR code below.

#### **SCAN THE QR CODE TO:**

- Get your collection schedule.
- Use the lookup tool to properly sort the material.
- Discover all of the waste and recycling programs offered to Elk Grove residents.

