Special Recycling Programs

Organics Programs

It is ILLEGAL to put any of these items in your carts:

Motor Oil. Call Republic Services at (925) 685-4711 to request a used oil collection container. Then simply place your sealed container and oil filters next to your carts on your collection day.

Medical injection devices (sharps) require special handling and disposal, and cannot be placed in trash or recycling. For disposal instructions and free, local drop-off locations, visit: recyclesmart.org/HHW

Unused medications shouldn’t be tossed in the toilet or trash. Instead, place your prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines into a sealed plastic bag and take them to your local police or sheriff’s station. For a complete list of drop-off locations, visit: recyclesmart.org/HHW

Important: Compostable plastics are not acceptable because they don’t break down completely in our compost process.

Home composting is an inexpensive and natural process that transforms your yard trimmings and food scraps into a soil amendment for your garden. RecycleSmart offers home composting workshops, discounts on composting bins and a monthly savings on your garbage bill. For more information go to: recyclesmart.org/composting

Food scraps and soiled paper items can go into your green organics cart. A food scrap container is also available at no charge. You can use this pail to collect your scraps and dump them in your organics cart. Call Republic Services at (925) 685-4711 to request a pail.

For more information go to: recyclesmart.org/foodscraps

Reuse and Cleanup Days Program

Twice each year, single family residents can place a variety of items at their curb for reuse or e-waste recycling. This convenient program is brought to you by RecycleSmart, Mt. Diablo Recycling, and Republic Services.

Most materials collected during your Reuse Day go to local charities or are sold in thrift stores in Contra Costa County. Look for your new Reuse Brochure in the mail about two weeks in advance of your Reuse and Cleanup day. For more information visit: recyclesmart.org/reusedays or call Mt. Diablo Recycling at (925) 682-4518.

Got paint, pesticides, or other toxic products to get rid of? You can take them to the Central San’s Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Facility at 4797 Imhoff Place in Martinez. For more information go to: centralsan.org or call (800) 646-1431. Free paint drop-off locations at www.paintcare.org.

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Packing Peanuts
Juice Pouches
Chip Bags
Snack Wrappers
Broken
Dishware
Styrofoam
Food Trays or Containers
Diapers
Pet Waste
Other Trash

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Recyclable Items
Electronic Items
Sharps
Medicine
Batteries
Fluorescent Bulbs
Motor Oil/Filters
Hazardous Materials

BAGS
• Compostable Liner
• Paper Bag
• No Bags

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