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# Moving In? Welcome to Your New Home!

It is easy to generate extra items during a move. Check out the list below to find out what to do with materials accumulated during a move, such as recyclables, packing materials, and household goods.

## How to Reduce Waste—Recyclables

Place empty and clean recyclables in the on-site recycling containers. Acceptable recyclables include flattened cardboard, empty plastics #1-7, empty glass bottles and jars, metal cans, newspapers, magazines, etc. For more information, check out the service guide you received with your Recycle Tote Bag, or view a list of recyclables accepted at [RecycleSmart.org/apts-condos/blue-bin](https://RecycleSmart.org/apts-condos/blue-bin).

- **Recycling Tote Bag**—Take a moment to designate a special place in your home for your Recycling Tote Bag. This will make collecting recyclables easier.
- **Food Scraps Composting**—Do you have green organics carts on site? Ask your property manager about food scraps composting and a free kitchen food scrap container.



## How to Reduce Waste—Household Goods and Furniture

If you have items you want to get rid of that still may be of use to someone else, please consider alternatives to throwing them in the landfill by sharing on the networks listed below.

- **Craigslist** features community classifieds. Postings are free. Visit: [www.craigslist.org](http://www.craigslist.org).
- **Freecycle Network** is a grassroots service of people looking to give and get stuff free, such as moving boxes. Each local online group is moderated by a volunteer. Membership is free. Visit: [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) (Be sure to type in ".org" and not ".com," an imposter site).
- **LetGo** and **Facebook Marketplace** are convenient ways to buy and sell local second-hand goods. Visit [www.letgo.com](http://www.letgo.com) and [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) marketplace for more information.
- **Nextdoor** is a community-based website and app that helps connect neighbors on a variety of topics and features a "For Sale and Free" section. Find out more at [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com).
- **Thrift & Consignment Stores** – Please call or check with the stores first to confirm they can accept the item(s). For a list of some local thrift and consignment stores, visit [ContraCostaRecycles.com/resources.cfm](http://ContraCostaRecycles.com/resources.cfm).
- Recycle mattresses at the Republic Services Contra Costa Transfer Station for a fee or scheduled bulky item pickup with your property manager. For more information and pricing, call 925-685-4711.

## How to Reduce Waste—Packing Materials



### Moving Boxes

**Reuse:** Post on [www.craigslist.org](http://www.craigslist.org) or [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org).

**Recycle:** Flatten and place in the blue recycle cart or dumpster.



### Foam Packing Peanuts

**Reuse:** Drop off at a mailing center (like local UPS stores—call first to confirm they will accept it), or put in landfill.



### Newspaper & Packing Paper

**Recycle:** Place in the blue recycle cart or dumpster.



### Bubblewrap

**Reuse:** Post on [www.craigslist.org](http://www.craigslist.org), [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org), or put in landfill.

## How to Reduce Waste—Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste

It is illegal to throw toxic household waste into the trash, down the drain, or into the gutter because it can injure or harm trash collectors, contaminate water, and soil and disrupt sewage treatment. Although moving is a very hectic time, please take care to dispose of your unwanted HHW properly. All hazardous wastes including paint products, solvents, batteries, cleaners and pesticides, can be taken to the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District's facility at 4797 Imhoff Place, Martinez. Call 1-800-646-1431 for information and hours or visit the district's website at [CentralSan.org/hhw](http://CentralSan.org/hhw). Or for additional HHW disposal locations, visit [RecycleSmart.org/HHW](http://RecycleSmart.org/HHW)

For free **Batteries, Medication & Sharps** disposal locations, visit [RecycleSmart.org/HHW](http://RecycleSmart.org/HHW) and coordinate with your Property Manager to schedule a free electronic waste pickup with Republic Services, or drop off **e-waste** at a local recycler such as Rapid Recycle in Pacheco or Concord Recycling in Concord.



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Search [recyclewhere.org](http://recyclewhere.org) for disposal/recycling options for a variety of goods and products.