

Republic Services San José Fall 2025 Update

Prevent Truck Fires by Disposing of Batteries Properly

Never place hazardous materials, including batteries, paint, lightbulbs, vape pens, propane tanks, or motor oil, in your containers. These products require special handling and disposal practices to prevent harm to workers and the environment. Electronic items like computers, printers, and cell phones are also considered hazardous waste because they may contain heavy metals and other substances that pose risks to workers.

When a lithium battery, like those found in electronics, overheats or is crushed, it can trigger a chemical reaction that spreads throughout the battery and can't be stopped. This can lead to the battery catching fire or exploding, putting the public, Republic truck drivers and facility workers at risk.

As a Santa Clara County business, you may qualify for the Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQG) program that allows small generators to easily dispose of hazardous material. Scan the QR code below to learn more.



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New Labels for Republic Services Waste Containers

Republic Services will be installing new stickers on your waste containers beginning the week of October 6th through the end of the month. These stickers will show how to properly sort your waste. Proper sorting can help keep solid waste fees low and helps protect our environment. The stickers will be in several languages and include pictures of what does and does not belong in each of your waste containers. There is no cost to you for these stickers. Please continue to place your waste containers out as normal on your regular collection days and representatives from Republic Services will handle the sticker installation. For more information and resources on proper sorting, please visit republicservices.com/municipality/san-jose-ca.

