

Fremont Residential Recycling & Waste News



Sustainability in Action

Spring Cleaning Made Easy With Republic Services

Spring is here, and it's the perfect time for a fresh start! Republic Services offers 2 free bulk pickups a year to help you clear out large items, such as furniture, appliances and more.



- Donate items in good condition by marking them with "Donation" and setting them apart from trash.
- Recycle batteries: place household batteries in a sealed, clear bag a few feet away from the main pile of items.
- Set out items the day before your scheduled pickup.

Call **510.657.3500** today to schedule your bulk pickup and make your spring cleaning stress-free!

Paperless Billing and E-Newsletter

Paperless billing and the e-newsletter are offered online at RepublicServices.com/municipality/fremont-ca. Scroll past Newsletters to Manage Your Services Anytime, Anywhere, and log in to select paperless billing, or locate paperless billing through the Republic Services app. Visit RepublicServices.com/MyAccount to sign up today. (Notice: the e-newsletter will be provided via email to all paperless accounts, unless a written/email request to Republic Services is made for a paper copy.)

Join Us at the Earth Day Fair

Join us for the free, family-friendly Earth Day Fair on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at Fremont Downtown Event Center & Plaza at 3500 Capitol Avenue.

Save the date. There will be lots to do, including:

- Earth Day entertainment and games
- Art activities and displays
- Product takeback/recycle/reuse opportunities

Watch for more details in the Spring Fremont City News, or check city.fremont.gov/earthday in March 2026.

Being a better recycler is simple



Don't bag your recyclables

Items should be loose in your blue cart. Bags tangle up in the equipment and contaminate the good paper, which does more harm than good.



Rinse bottles and jars

Containers must be empty, with no liquids or food residue, in order to be recycled. Dirty containers contaminate other recyclables, so place them in the trash.



Food-soiled paper goes in the green organics cart

Any waxed paper, or paper that is greasy or wet, should not be placed in the recycling cart. Put these items into the green composting cart.



Don't recycle flimsy plastic.

If you can crumple the plastic in your hand, place it in your black trash cart. This includes bubble mailers and pet food bags.



When in doubt, throw it out!

Bottles, cans, jars, paper and cardboard are the primary items you can recycle at home, work and school. Stick to these basic materials.

SPRING GARDENING:

Simple Ways to Refresh Your Yard

Spring is the perfect time to give your garden a healthy, water-wise start. A few small steps now can help your plants thrive all season long.

Boost Your Soil With Compost

Mix 1–3 inches of compost into beds to improve soil health, retain moisture, and support stronger roots. Fremont residents' food scraps and yard trimmings are turned into nutrient-rich compost and mulch—a great way to “close the loop” and return those nutrients back into gardens.

Plant Natives That Thrive in Fremont

Native plants use less water and support local wildlife. Great options include California poppy, Cleveland sage, Yarrow, Douglas iris and Seaside daisy.

Explore the *Calscape Bay Area Garden Planner* for more local plant ideas.

Water the Efficient Way

Follow EPA WaterSense tips:

- Water early in the morning
- Check irrigation for leaks
- Group plants by water needs
- Use drip irrigation to reach roots directly

Helpful Resources:

Calscape Bay Area Garden Planner:

bayarea.calscape.org/

EPA WaterSense Landscaping Tips:

epa.gov/watersense/landscaping-tips

Mulch to Reduce Water Use

Applying a 2–3 inch layer of mulch on the surface—leaving a gap around trees and plants—keeps soil cool, prevents weeds, and reduces evaporation as temperatures rise. Mulch made from Fremont's collected yard waste helps conserve resources and supports a healthier landscape.



Garden With Wildlife in Mind

Native plants provide habitat for birds, butterflies and pollinators — even a small patch makes a difference.

Sort Garden Waste Properly

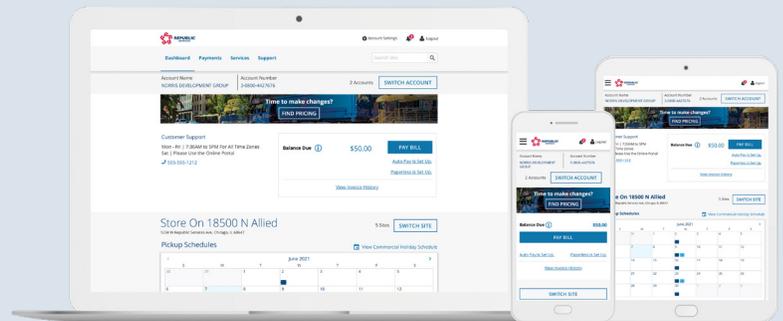
Place trimmings and leaves in your green cart so they can be turned into compost and mulch. Plastic pots, soil bags and liners belong in the trash, unless labeled recyclable.

Simple Account Management

The Republic Services app is an application for mobile devices that can be used to schedule a pickup, report a missed pickup, receive service notifications and much more.

Visit the App Store/Google Play Store to download the Republic Services app to:

- Pay your bill
- Schedule a pickup
- Add new service
- And more



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