

Hazardous Waste

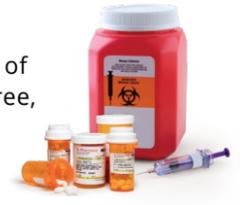
It is **ILLEGAL** to put hazardous waste in your carts and bins

Take paint, pesticides, fluorescent bulbs, motor oil and oil filters, solvents, personal care products, and other household chemicals **FREE OF CHARGE** to Central San's Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 4797 Imhoff Place in Martinez. To learn more visit centralsan.org/hhw



Medications & Needles

Medications and needles must be disposed of properly. Visit RecycleSmart.org/hhw for free, local disposal locations. **California now provides free mail-back boxes for sharps!**



Batteries

Batteries cause fires in our trucks and at facilities. They also contain materials that can be harmful to the environment. Drop off batteries for free at these local drop-off locations: RecycleSmart.org/hhw



E-Waste

Contact your property manager to schedule an e-waste pick-up with Republic Services for a fee, or take e-waste to Rapid Recycle or the Concord Recycling Center for free. Visit RecycleSmart.org/HHW for more information.



Extra Materials

Residents can take cardboard boxes, e-waste and other recyclable materials to the Concord Recycling Center. The facility accepts many items for free! This is the preferred disposal option, rather than contaminating or overflowing your property's bins. For more information visit ConcordRecyclingCenter.com

Empty, Clean, and Dry Recycling

If your recycling or organics cart/bin is contaminated with unacceptable materials, it may not be serviced and your property may be charged a go-back fee.



Empty. Remove any remaining food or liquid.



Clean. Wipe or lightly rinse the item.



Dry. Shake out excess moisture or air dry.



Learn More by Watching our Video!

Scan the QR code to watch or share our short instructional video to learn more about your recycling and composting services.



Reuse, Repair, and Thrift Search Tool

Give your things a second life and keep them out of the landfill. There are many central Contra Costa businesses that help repair and reuse items. Find them by using our online search tool: RecycleSmart.org/reuse.

Hello Recycling Bin

Chat with RecycleSmart 24 hours a day for proper sorting information! We have a quick new tool called **Hello Recycling Bin** where you can ask if something goes in recycling, organics, or landfill. Not sure where to put that milk carton when it's empty, or what to do with shipping materials? **Scan the QR Code and our bin bot will let you know!** We're building up our database with your searches so that our bin bot responses to the community improve over time.



Go Beyond The Bin

Use the Contra Costa County re:source search tool to find local outlets and disposal information about all kinds of material types: Resource.StopWaste.org

Overflowing Containers: Lids must be completely closed or your property may be charged for overages.

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Apartment and Condo Service Guide



Landfill

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Organics

Senate Bill 1383: Composting Organics is Now the Law!

Organic material accounts for more than half of the material in California's waste stream. Greenhouse gas emissions caused by the decomposition of organic material in landfills contribute to climate change. Residents are required to separate organics, including all food scraps, uncoated food-soiled paper, and yard trimmings for composting. Visit [RecycleSmart.org/1383](https://www.recycle-smart.org/1383) or use the QR code below for more information.

Property managers are required to annually educate tenants on the legal requirement to separate organics for composting, and how to properly sort materials (organics, recycling and landfill).

Residents can participate by:

- Preventing/reducing food waste
- Composting at home
- Using the green organics cart



SB 1383 also requires local jurisdictions to monitor contamination and proper sorting of organics by performing annual route audits. RecycleSmart or its contractor may be in your neighborhood throughout the year assessing your carts and bins.

Organics Programs

Residents can compost organics at home and/or use the green organics cart. Composting at home is still an option, even in smaller spaces or with no backyard. It's called "vermicomposting" and yes, it involves worms—red wigglers actually! For more information about this easy, compact composting method visit [RecycleSmart.org/WormComposting](https://www.recycle-smart.org/WormComposting)

Or, let Republic Services compost for you! **Kitchen pails are available to residents at no cost.** Contact your property manager to request a kitchen pail. Place food scraps in your kitchen pail, then empty into the green organics cart. Green cart material is sent to a Republic Services commercial composting facility and turned into a natural soil amendment. Line your food scraps pail with newspaper, a paper bag, or a BPI-Certified Compostable bag (the only type of compostable plastic we accept in the green cart).

To refresh an organics program at your property, or for more information about kitchen pails, carts and other resources, call Republic Services at 925.685.4711 or email sustainabilityadvisors@republicservices.com.



Important: Compostable plastics such as cold cups and utensils **do not break down** completely in our compost process. All compostable plastics should go in your black landfill cart. Only BPI-Certified compostable bags to contain food scraps are accepted in the green organics cart.



Yes

- Plastic Utensils
- Plastic Packaging
- Compostable & Biodegradable Plastic Food Service Ware
- Juice Pouches
- Chip Bags
- Snack Wrappers
- Broken Dishware
- Expanded Polystyrene Foam
- Diapers
- Pet Waste
- Receipts
- Coated Paper Food Cartons
- Plastic (without a recycling number)
- Non-Usable Textiles
- Mixed Materials (two or more different materials combined together)

No

- Food Scraps
- Uncoated Food Soiled Paper
- Yard Trimmings
- Recyclables
- Electronics
- Medical Needles/Sharps
- Medicine
- Batteries
- Fluorescent Bulbs
- Motor Oil/Filters
- Hazardous Waste
- Hot Ash
- Chemicals

Yes

- Empty, Clean, and Dry™
- #1–#7 Plastic Containers
- Bundled Plastic Bags
- Metal Containers
- Clean Aluminum Foil
- Glass Bottles and Jars
- Clean Paper (If shredded, put in clear bag)
- Dry and Broken Down Cardboard

No

- Broken glass
- Food Scraps
- Food-Soiled Paper and Containers
- Garbage
- Paper Towels
- Paper Plates
- Organics
- Wood
- Expanded Polystyrene Foam
- Hazardous Waste
- Batteries
- Electronics
- Plastic Utensils

Recycling totes are available to residents at no cost to help make recycling easier. Contact your property manager to request your free reusable tote.

Recyclables should be loose (no bags) or in paper bags

Yes

- Small Twigs and Branches (less than 4' in length and 6" in diameter)
- Yard Trimmings
- Paper coffee filters and tea bags
- Uncoated Food-Soiled Paper (including napkins, paper towels, paper plates, pizza boxes)
- Raw and Cooked Food, Leftovers, To-Go Food
- Fruits and Vegetables (raw and cooked)
- Dairy Products
- Breads
- Meat and Seafood (including bones and shells)
- Clean Wood (lumber, chop sticks, skewers; no paint, stain, or coating.)

No

- Plastic
- Glass
- Metal
- Dirt
- Pet Waste
- Diapers
- Plastic Food Containers
- Compostable & Biodegradable Plastic
- Expanded Polystyrene Foam
- Treated or Painted Wood
- Coated Food-Soiled Paper (including paper cups, cartons, clamshells, and takeout boxes that appear shiny)
- Palm Leaves

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