

## Apartment and Condo Recycling Law

Composting organics is now the law in California! When organic material (food scraps, food-soiled paper and yard waste) ends up in the landfill, it decomposes and emits harmful greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change. To reduce these emissions, state law **Senate Bill (SB) 1383** requires all California residents to separate food scraps, food-soiled paper and yard waste and place them into an organics recycling dumpster instead of a trash dumpster to divert organic waste from landfills. The organic material is turned into a nutrient-rich compost!

**Multifamily dwelling properties are required to subscribe to and participate in an organics and recycling program. For more information on this law, visit [Calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp](http://Calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp).**

### How to do your part:

- ✓ Prevent food waste, where possible. For tips, visit [Calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/foodwaste](http://Calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/foodwaste).
- ✓ Separate your food scraps, food-soiled paper and yard waste. Use the green organics cart or organics dumpster available to you for disposal.
- ✓ Know what goes where! SB 1383 requires local jurisdictions to monitor contamination and proper sorting by performing audits. Follow this guide for proper sorting.

### 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).
- ✓ Provide information on proper waste sorting to new tenants within 14 days of occupation of the premises.

## Food Scrap Composting

**Food scrap pails are available for residents for no charge!**

Food scrap pails help residents separate and collect organic waste before emptying in the green cart. You may line your food scrap pail with newspaper or a paper bag. Plastic bags are not accepted.



If you are interested in receiving a food scrap pail, please inquire with your property manager. Property managers may request pails for interested tenants by emailing [RecyclingCoordinators@RepublicServices.com](mailto:RecyclingCoordinators@RepublicServices.com).



## Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)



**It is ILLEGAL to throw hazardous waste and electronic waste in your property's carts and dumpsters! Never pour chemicals down the drain.**

NO CHARGE HHW drop-off is available for residents of Hercules, Pinole, Richmond, San Pablo and Unincorporated West County at: **West Contra Costa Household Hazardous Waste Facility; 101 Pittsburg Ave., Richmond, CA**  
Wed. – Sat., 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Proof of residency is required.

## Say Bye Bye to Your Old Mattress and Box Spring!



Republic Services has teamed up with the Mattress Recycling Council's Bye Bye Mattress program to allow residents of Hercules, Pinole, Richmond, San Pablo and Unincorporated West County to drop off old, unwanted mattresses, box springs or futons for NO CHARGE. Drop off at:  
**West Contra Costa Household Hazardous Waste Facility**  
**101 Pittsburg Ave., Richmond, CA**  
Wed. – Sat., 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Please bring proper identification with proof of residency or a utility bill with your address.

## Large Items & Extra Waste



Check out [ReSource.StopWaste.org](http://ReSource.StopWaste.org) to explore local options for donation or repair of furniture or electronics! Annual City-wide Community Cleanups also offer Hercules residents the opportunity to dispose of extra waste at no cost. For dates and details, please visit [Herculesca.gov](http://Herculesca.gov).

Residents may drop-off waste for a fee at Golden Bear Transfer Station, **1 Parr Blvd., Richmond**.

No-cost drop-off for electronics and batteries is available for Hercules residents at **101 Pittsburg Ave., Richmond**.

## Container Exchanges and Repairs

Your property may be eligible for no-charge container cleaning, repair or replacement. **Property managers/owners** may call our Customer Service team at **510.262.7100** to inquire.



Contact our customer service team at **510.262.7100**, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.



### Holiday Schedule

If any of the following holidays falls on a Monday–Friday, service will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week: July 4 (Independence Day), Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, New Year's Day.



# Apartment and Condo Waste Services Guide

## Hercules



Sustainability in Action



# Organics

# Recycling

All recyclables must be empty, clean and dry!

# Landfill

## Sorting is important!

Sorting our waste is state law. Placing organics or recycling into the correct dumpster avoids contaminating the entire truckload. Think before you toss, including using the right bag (or no bag). Thank you for being a responsible tenant!

### Yes

- ✓ Meat and seafood (including bones and shells)
- ✓ Food-soiled paper (including napkins and paper towels)
- ✓ Yard trimmings
- ✓ Dairy products
- ✓ Fruits and vegetables
- ✓ Bread



No bag is best! If a bag is required, please use paper bags.



### Yes

- ✓ Rigid plastics
- ✓ Paper
- ✓ Metal
- ✓ Cardboard
- ✓ Glass



No bag is best! Please place recyclables loose in the container. If a bag is required, please use a clear plastic bag or paper bag ONLY.



### Yes

- ✓ Plastic utensils
- ✓ Broken dishware
- ✓ Styrofoam™ and Packing peanuts
- ✓ Diapers
- ✓ Juice pouches
- ✓ Pet waste
- ✓ Snack wrappers and bags
- ✓ Milk cartons and Tetra Paks
- ✓ Clothing and Bedding



**IMPORTANT:** Do not place batteries in ANY collection containers! This creates serious fire risk and endangers the community.

### No – These items are considered contamination

- ✗ Plastic
- ✗ Pet waste
- ✗ Biodegradable or compostable rigid plastics
- ✗ Glass
- ✗ Diapers
- ✗ Plastic bags
- ✗ Metal

### No – These items are considered contamination

- ✗ Food scraps
- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Yard trimmings
- ✗ Trash
- ✗ Electronics
- ✗ Plastic bags/ plastic film
- ✗ Wood
- ✗ Paper towels
- ✗ Carpet
- ✗ Styrofoam™
- ✗ Hazardous waste
- ✗ Hot ashes

### No – These items are considered contamination

- ✗ Recyclables
- ✗ Fluorescent bulbs
- ✗ Food scraps
- ✗ Electronics
- ✗ Motor oil/filters
- ✗ Yard trimmings
- ✗ Sharps
- ✗ Hazardous waste
- ✗ Medicine
- ✗ Hot ashes
- ✗ Batteries

## RE:Source! For Reuse, Repair, & What-Goes-Where

Unsure where to dispose of a specific item? Need furniture repaired, or want to donate it for reuse? Search your item, and enter your ZIP code on [RE:Source](https://www.stopwaste.org/re-source), a convenient online guide by StopWaste. Scan the QR code, or visit: [ReSource.StopWaste.org](https://www.stopwaste.org/re-source)



## Technical Assistance and Resources

Republic Services' Sustainability Advisors are here to help! We offer a range of no-cost support, for tenants and property managers, including:

- ✓ Educational materials and signage
- ✓ Staff trainings and presentations
- ✓ Waste assessments and program setup
- ✓ Recommendations for service improvements
- ✓ Answers to any waste-related questions

Resources and presentations are available in English and Spanish. To schedule a site visit, request materials, or arrange a training, contact your local Sustainability Advisor team at **510.262.7140** or email [RecyclingCoordinators@RepublicServices.com](mailto:RecyclingCoordinators@RepublicServices.com).

## Service Reminder

For Service questions, please call customer service at **510.262.7100**.

- ✓ Lids must close.
- ✓ Overloaded or contaminated dumpsters are subject to additional charges or non-collection.
- ✓ Keep all containers accessible and free from obstruction on service day.

