

Single Family Residential News

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Recycling is Changing

Last year, China announced “National Sword,” a change in its import policies that has a profound impact on recycling efforts in California.

Strict new contaminant thresholds have been applied to certain grades of paper, and import bans on mixed paper and various grades of post-consumer plastics are in effect.

California recyclers are familiar with market changes, plan for the occasional significant drop in the recycling market and can anticipate some fluctuations in commodities pricing. **What is happening today is completely different.** The mixed paper market, the largest component of the recycling stream, has largely disappeared with no sign that it will return anytime soon.

Recyclables continue to be collected and recovered, but there are very limited markets for the material. Until this year, 85% of California’s mixed paper and cardboard was exported to China. China no longer wants a large portion of our material and the rest of the Asian export market cannot absorb the entire volume that is being rejected. We are years away from developing sustainable domestic markets for these materials. In the interim, we are challenged with finding alternative outlets for mixed paper and various plastic containers.



What do we do now? Keep up the good work! Be sure to avoid contamination to maintain the cleanest stream possible. See proper sorting tips listed to the right. Thank you!

SOURCE: “China’s New Import Standards and the Impact on Waste Recycling in California,” California Refuse and Recycling Council White Paper, February, 2018.

Proper Sorting is Now More Important Than Ever Before!

The cleanest and most efficient sorting to achieve high quality recovered materials starts with you, the generator. We thank you for all of your efforts.

SUPPORT THE SORT!

Please place recyclable materials in the proper side of your blue split **RECYCLABLES** cart.



JUST SAY “NO” TO CONTAMINANTS! Garbage, Food Scraps and Yard Trimmings **DO NOT** belong in the blue split **RECYCLABLES** cart.

MAINTAIN A CLEAN STREAM!

When possible, empty and rinse recyclable plastic, metal and glass food containers before placing them in the recyclable containers side of the blue split **RECYCLABLES** cart.



KEEP AN EYE ON SIZE!

Corrugated cardboard and paper boxes should be flattened and large pieces cut to 2’ x 2’ or smaller. This prevents materials from getting stuck in the cart or blocking the hopper of the collection vehicles.



Spring Cleaning?

Take Advantage of our Bulky Item/On Call Clean-up Program.

Single-family residential customers are entitled to four bulky item/clean ups per a rolling 12-month period (scheduled no less than eight weeks apart). A clean up consists of the pick up of one large, bulky item or the collection of 3 cubic yards or material using two 1.5 cubic yard bags.

Have Extra? Extra bulky item/clean ups can be arranged for a fee. A special type of collection bin is required for construction and demolition materials such as dirt, sod, cement, rock and brick.

Contact us at **408-988-4500** or visit **www.MilpitasSanitation.com** for more information.



Before you Schedule Your Clean Up... Reuse, Recycle or Donate First

Before throwing items away, consider reusing, donating or recycling them first.



City of Milpitas Reuse Line - 408-586-2680

Goodwill Industries - www.goodwillsv.org or (408) 262-4131

Salvation Army - www.salvationarmyusa.org or 1-800-95-TRUCK

Santa Clara County's Center for Development of Recycling - www.recyclestuff.org or 800-533-8414

Freecycle.org - www.freecycle.org



Community Compost Giveaway

Saturday, April 21, 2018
7:00 am - 11:00 am
KLA-Tencor Parking Lot
1 Technology Drive
Milpitas, CA 95035

Milpitas residents can pick up 2 free bags of compost (photo I.D. and signed coupon required) - while supplies last! Carpool with a neighbor or friend to reduce traffic. Visit City of Milpitas public counters or **www.MilpitasSanitation.com** for a coupon and more information.

Holiday Service Schedule

There are NO changes to the collection schedule during the weeks of Memorial Day and July 4th.



**Remember to:
Reduce, Reuse,
Recycle, Rot & Donate!**

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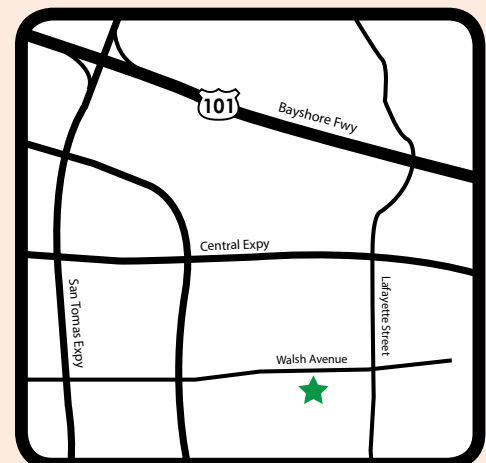
hours: Monday-Friday: 8am-6pm


location: 1080 Walsh Avenue, Santa Clara, CA 95050

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