

Single Family Residential News

JULY - SEPTEMBER 2018

Refuse, Reduce, Reuse and Repair Before You Recycle!

Small changes in your purchasing habits and daily routine can make a big impact!

REPAIR INSTEAD OF PURCHASE. Before you replace an item, see if it can be repaired. *If you do purchase something new, find the highest quality/longest lasting option possible.*



OPT FOR USED PRODUCTS. Reuse what you already have or purchase a “gently used” item from a resale/thrift shop. Browse resale websites or share/trade items with friends and neighbors.

AVOID PURCHASING PRODUCTS WITH EXCESSIVE PACKAGING. Choose items sold with recyclable/environmentally mindful packaging. Avoid single-serve or single-use items. Skip the straw at restaurants.



CHOOSE REUSABLES. Shop with reusable bags and totes, bring your travel mug to the coffee shop, pack reusable utensils for lunch and carry a reusable water bottle with you!

SERVICE REMINDER

You Can Use a Plastic Bag for Food Scraps!

You can use any plastic bag, newspaper or brown paper bag to line the Food Scraps side of your Gray Garbage/Food Scraps Split Cart or your handy Kitchen Food Scraps Pail. *Do not place the pail at the curb for collection.*



Avoid Wishcycling

Make sure everything you put into the blue split Recyclables cart is recyclable.



Many times something you may think is recyclable actually isn't. Items that are not recyclable cause contamination, damage sorting machinery, and make it so recyclables end up in a landfill.



COMMON WISHCYCLED ITEMS THAT **DO NOT** BELONG IN THE BLUE SPLIT **RECYCLABLES** CART:

- Chip/snack packaging
- Film plastic/plastic wrap
- Crockery/dishware
- Styrofoam (*blocks, food ware, packaging peanuts*)
- Bubble wrap
- CDs & VHS tapes
- Plastic plates/cups/cutlery
- Small appliances

WHEN IN DOUBT... FIND OUT! Visit our website or contact us if you have a question.

Did You Know?

40% of the material in the blue recyclables cart is paper.



Reduce paper waste by stopping unwanted mail.

- Remove your address from direct mail registries at: **DirectMail.com**.
- Discontinue unwanted catalogs at: **CatalogChoice.org**
- Prevent automatic phonebook deliveries at: **YellowPagesOptOut.com**

Size Matters! A Word About Cardboard

Corrugated cardboard and paper boxes should be flattened and large pieces cut to 2' x 2' or smaller. Extra cardboard must be flattened and cut to size before placing into the blue split **RECYCLABLES** cart. When your cart is full, you can stack cut cardboard next to the blue cart for collection.

Why do we have limits on size?

Besides creating more room in the recycling cart, keeping pieces 2' x 2' or smaller prevents materials from blocking carts and obstructing the hopper of the collection vehicle. Manageable sizing also keeps drivers safe and the collection program efficient.



See it in action!

Visit www.MilpitasSanitation.com and click on the "Watch a Milpitas Sanitation Split Recycling Truck In Action" link on the home page to see a video!

Mark Your Calendar!

"Red, White & BOOM!"

Fireworks and Concert
July 4, 2018 - 5:00-9:00pm
Milpitas Sports Center

Hot August Bites

Aug. 25, 2018 - 4:00-8:00pm
Milpitas Civic Center

Oktoberfest

Sept. 29, 2018 - 11:00am-4:00pm
Milpitas Civic Center

Holiday Service Schedule



There will be **NO CHANGES** to the collection schedule during the weeks of July 4th and Labor Day.

Proper sorting makes a difference! We thank you for your efforts!

Gray = Garbage
Brown = Food Scraps
Blue = Recyclables
Green = Yard Trimmings



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

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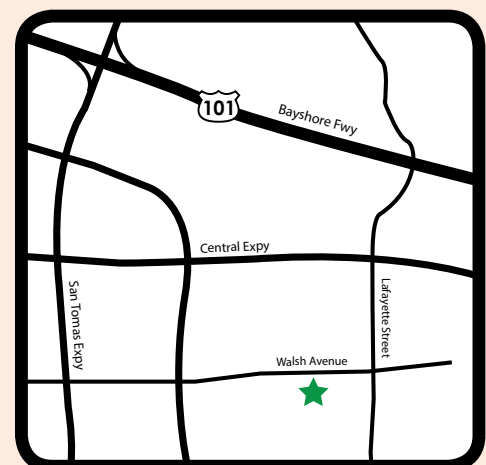
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