



Proud to be your service provider for the collection of **Recyclables, Garbage, Food Scraps, & Yard Trimmings.**

Single Family Residential News

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Proper Sorting Makes a Difference!

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

We thank you for your efforts! Putting non-recyclable items in the recycling containers causes contamination and can damage sorting machinery, injure employees, increase collection costs, and make it so recyclables end up in a landfill.

These items belong in the Garbage:

- Gloves/masks/soiled paper used for cleaning
- Plastic wrap/single bags/film
- Chip/snack packaging
- Styrofoam® blocks/cups/peanuts
- Plastic plates/cups/cutlery
- Diapers/wet wipes/personal hygiene items
- Pet waste/cat litter



PLEASE REMEMBER: Masks and gloves belong in the garbage. Please dispose of these items properly and do not litter.

These items belong in the Food Scraps:

- Food: fresh/frozen/cooked/moldy
- Food-soiled paper: plates/cups/towels/napkins

Please NO glass, metal, or plastic.



These items belong in the Yard Trimmings:

- Grass clippings, leaves, small branches, yard trimmings and prunings.

Please NO dirt, rock, brick, or concrete.



Repair, Reduce, & Reuse Before You Recycle!

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

- Before you purchase a new item, try to repair or replace it with a gently used item.



- Choose reusables. Avoid single-serve or single-use items.



- Reduce paper waste by stopping unwanted mail.



- Remove your address from direct mail registries: Direct-mail.com/mail_preference/.
- Discontinue unwanted catalogs: CatalogChoice.org.
- Stop phonebook deliveries: YellowPagesOptOut.com.

For more reuse and reduction tips visit: www.MilpitasSanitation.com/reduce-reuse-recycle/.

Help Us Provide Safe & Efficient Service

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.



SIZE MATTERS! A WORD ABOUT CARDBOARD

Corrugated cardboard and paper boxes should be flattened, and large pieces cut to 2' x 2' or smaller before placing into the blue split **RECYCLABLES** cart.



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.

NO SHARPS OR HAZARDOUS WASTE

Please remember that sharps and other hazardous waste items are NOT allowed in any Milpitas Sanitation collection container. Ask your doctor or pharmacist about available disposal options for sharps. Or contact Santa Clara County Household Hazardous Waste at (408) 299-7300 or HHW.org for information about safe, free disposal.



Sorting Matters!

OUR SPLIT TRUCKS KEEP MATERIALS SEPARATE.

Our collection vehicles that service the split carts have split bodies that keep the materials separated. The trucks empty the materials separately at the processing facilities.



SEE MORE!

Scan the QR code for our "Why Sort?" webpage and a video.



Holiday Service Schedule



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

Thank you! Your efforts keep our drivers safe and the collection program cost effective & efficient!



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

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