



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

Commercial Customer News

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Prevent Food Waste

Californians throw away nearly 6 million tons of food waste each year. This equals 18 percent of all the material that goes to landfills.



FIND FOOD WASTE PREVENTION TIPS AT:
www.StopFoodWaste.org, www.SavetheFood.com,
 and www.lovefoodnotwaste.org

- Use perishable produce quickly.
- Track inventory to prevent over-ordering and spoilage.
- Store all food properly.
- Keep your storage equipment in good working order. Prepare for power loss by having a back up power plan.

GIVE EDIBLE LEFTOVERS TO EMPLOYEES OR DONATE EDIBLE FOOD TO A CHARITY OR FOOD BANK.

- Second Harvest Food Bank of Silicon Valley
www.shfb.org or (408) 266-8866
- Visit: www.sccfoodrecovery.org to find other potential food recovery organizations that you can connect with.
- www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/Food/Donation/

Did You Know?

YOU WON'T BE SUED FOR DONATING LEFTOVER FOOD.

The Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act passed in 1996 protects restaurants from civil and criminal liability should a recipient get ill or hurt as a result of consumed donated food. Donors are only culpable in cases of gross negligence or intentional misconduct. SOURCE: www.EPA.gov



RECYCLING REMINDER Size Matters! A Word About Cardboard

- Flatten boxes to maximize space.
- Keep your **Recyclables** collection carts or bins lids closed.
- Do not overload.
- Contact us if you need additional service.

Holiday Service Schedule

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S DAY WEEKS: There are **NO CHANGES** to the residential service schedule this year as each holiday falls on a weekend.

DECEMBER 25 - 31, 2022
 There are **NO CHANGES** to the residential service schedule during the Christmas Holiday week.

JANUARY 1 - 7, 2023
 There are **NO CHANGES** to the residential service schedule during the New Year's Day Holiday week.

Everyone at Milpitas Sanitation appreciates your reducing, reusing, recycling, and composting efforts. We wish you the happiest of holidays and a prosperous 2023.

SENATE BILL 1383 California's Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy

California is requiring organic material (such as food scraps and food-soiled paper) be diverted away from landfills & surplus food be redirected to food insecure communities. How can you comply?



- All businesses and multi-family properties in the City of Milpitas will need to have organic waste collection services (YARD TRIMMINGS & FOOD SCRAPS). Contact MSI to sign up for organics collection services today!
- Large grocery stores and food distribution businesses (among some others) must donate edible food to food recovery organizations (such as food banks) with other food businesses starting in 2024. To find out if you are required to donate excess edible food, visit: www.sccfoodrecovery.org.
- Non-compliance will lead to fines and penalties.

REDUCING ORGANIC WASTE IN LANDFILLS = LESS METHANE.

Organics like food scraps, yard trimmings, paper, and cardboard make up half of what Californians dump in landfills. Organic waste in landfills emits methane, a climate super pollutant 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide.



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:
www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp
www.MilpitasSanitation.com
or email: MilpitasRecycles@milpitas.gov

Keep the Recycling Stream Clean!

Garbage, Food Scraps, Food-Soiled Paper, and Yard Trimmings **DO NOT** belong in the blue **RECYCLABLES** bins, dedicated carts, and split carts.



PLEASE NOTE: FILM PLASTIC/SHRINK WRAP, FOAM BLOCKS & WOODEN PALLETS DO NOT BELONG IN THE RECYCLABLES!

For a complete list of what belongs in the blue **RECYCLABLES** containers and industry specific waste and reduction guides, visit: www.milpitassanitation.com/commercial/resources/.

SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR EMPLOYEES/TENANTS! This newsletter can be downloaded and printed from our website: www.milpitassanitation.com/commercial/resources/.



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

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