



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

Multi-Family Residential News

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Proper Sorting Makes a Difference! (and it's the law)

USE YOUR CONTAINERS TO SORT YOUR WASTE FOR:

- **Compliance with California regulations:** AB341, AB1826, and SB1383.
- **A reduction in the amount of material going to the landfill.** Of the 39 million tons of waste disposed of in California landfills in 2018, one third was compostable organic materials.
- **A reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.** Anaerobic decomposition (decaying without the presence of oxygen) of organic materials in landfills produces methane, a greenhouse gas that contributes to global warming. Composting organic material captures carbon and reduces greenhouse gas emissions.



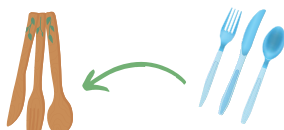
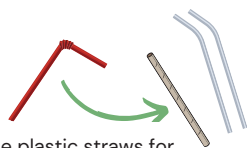
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CALIFORNIA LAW (SB 1383) REQUIRES RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING. All Multi-Family Residences, regardless of complex size, **must sort RECYCLABLES & ORGANIC material (including food scraps and food-soiled paper) out of the garbage.**

Visit: www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp for more information.

Let's Talk Compostable Alternatives:

Replace the non-recyclable plastic straws for compostable options like paper or certified compostable plastic. If you want a more long term solution, switch to a reusable metal straw or skip the straw altogether.



Plastic utensils are single-use, non-recyclable, and easily replaceable. Opt to bring travel utensils to events or swap to a certified compostable plastic option.

Plastic bottles can be recycled but the lifecycle of plastic is limited! Try using non-waxed paper cups that can be composted after use or switch to a reusable bottle.



Do you need to start or improve your Recycling and Organics Program? We can help!

Milpitas Sanitation representatives are available to visit your complex to conduct waste assessments, make service suggestions and help train and give presentations to employees and tenants. **Social distancing protocols must be practiced.**

WE CAN PROVIDE MATERIALS TO ASSIST YOUR TENANTS WITH PROPER SORTING AND WASTE REDUCTION:

Service Guides, Move in/out Flyers, and Posters: Keep your tenants informed on how to properly sort and prevent waste.



Special Recycling Tote Bags: Make it easy for residents to

transport recyclables to the blue recyclables collection container(s) at your complex. Milpitas Sanitation provides one bag per unit at no charge.

Kitchen Food Scraps Pails:* Used to store food scraps until emptied as needed into the food scraps collection containers.



*Kitchen Food Scraps Pails are available to residents of complexes that offer Food Scraps collection services. Contact us today to set up service!



Clean Up is in the Bag!

Multi-family residents can work with their complex managers to arrange a bulky item pick-up/clean up for a fee:

- Two 1.5 Cubic Yard Bags - \$163.51
- Single Bulky Item Pick Up - \$63.63
- White Goods Pick Up - \$47.32

All fees must be prepaid. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Holiday Service Schedule



Collection days will **NOT** change during the week of Presidents' Day.

Only Rain in the Storm Drains!

Anything other than rain water is an illegal discharge in storm drains.

- To report suspicious discharges into a storm drain, call **9-1-1**. The Milpitas Fire Department responds to reports of illegal dumping into storm drains.
- To report water waste running into a storm drain, please call the Public Works Department at **(408) 586-2600** or via the My Milpitas App.
- For more information, visit: www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/milpitas/departments/fire/fire-prevention/hazardous-materials/urban-runoff-program/.



Put Hazardous Waste in the Right Place!

Santa Clara County Hazardous Waste Program provides drop-off centers for medicines, cleaning chemicals, and batteries, etc. There is no charge for Milpitas residents to use this service. To participate, view the drop-off centers schedule for 2023 and make an appointment online or over the phone. For more information and a list of Santa Clara County's free collection facilities visit: HHW.org or call: **408-299-7300**.



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Reduce, Reuse,
Recycle, Rot & Donate!

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