

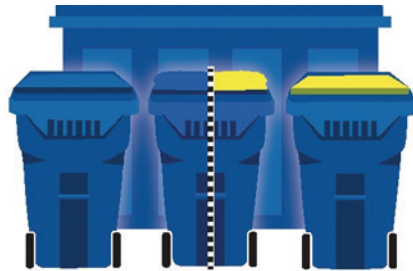


Proud to be your service provider for the collection of **Recyclables, Garbage, Food Scraps & Yard Trimmings.**

Multi-Family Residential News

AUGUST 2023

Sorting Makes a Difference!



We thank you for your efforts!

Milpitas residents are doing a great job of keeping most recyclable items out of the landfill through proper sorting. Some fine tuning will take recycling to the next level. Recent contamination monitoring in Milpitas showed that these items are frequently placed in the wrong carts:



Cardboard

1. **Cardboard** – A lot of cardboard gets wrongly thrown away in the garbage. To recycle *clean* cardboard, place it in the **blue recyclables** container. If you have a container with a **yellow lid**, place the cardboard there.



Recyclable Containers

(Empty, Clean, and Dry)

2. **Recyclable Containers** – Items in this category include glass bottles and jars, metal cans and scrap pieces, aluminum foil, and hard plastic bottles, jars, tubs and trays. These items are often wrongly thrown away in the garbage. Place recyclable containers in the **blue recyclables** container.

A WORD ABOUT CARDBOARD



Please remember to flatten cardboard and paper boxes and cut pieces down to 2' x 2' or smaller if they don't fit in the container.

This helps:

- Maximize space in the recyclables container
- Prevent blockage inside the container
- Keep drivers safe and the collection program efficient

MAINTAIN A CLEAN STREAM

Empty and scrape recyclable plastic, metal and glass containers before placing them in the **blue recyclables** container. Items that are dirty or still have food inside may contaminate clean items, causing the whole load of recyclables to wind up in the landfill.



Remember *food-soiled* paper and *food-soiled* cardboard belongs in the **brown food scraps** container.

Avoid Wishcycling and Contamination

Contamination occurs when recyclable items are not empty and dry or when non recyclable material is placed in the **recyclables container**. This in turn can:

- damage sorting machinery
- injure employees
- increase collection costs
- send entire recycling loads to the landfill

THESE ITEMS BELONG IN THE GARBAGE:

- chip/snack packaging
- film plastic & plastic wrap
- crockery & dishware
- bubble wrap
- masks & gloves
- CDs & VHS tapes
- plastic plates, cups & cutlery
- small appliances
- Styrofoam® blocks, foodware & packaging peanuts



WHEN IN DOUBT...FIND OUT!

Have You Received an SB 1383 Notice? We Can Help!

To comply with state regulations, start your recycling and organics programs today! Milpitas Sanitation representatives are available to:

- Assist you with starting, or improving, your recycling and organics services
- Visit your complex to conduct waste assessments
- Make service suggestions
- Provide posters, service guides, recycling totes, and kitchen scraps pails
- Help train employees and tenants



The City of Milpitas Summer Public Events Are Back!

Visit: www.milpitas.gov/448/Activity-Guide-Registration



SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR TENANTS!

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Remember to:
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Recycle, Rot & Donate!

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Holiday Service Schedule

There will be NO CHANGES to the collection schedule during the week of Labor Day.



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