



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

Single Family Residential News

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2023

Sorting Makes a Difference!

- Gray = Garbage
- Brown = Food Scraps
- Blue = Recyclable Containers
- Yellow = Paper/Fibers
- Green = Yard Trimmings

We thank you for your efforts!

Milpitas residents are doing a great job of keeping garbage out of their recycling carts through proper sorting. Some fine tuning will take recycling to the next level. These items are frequently placed in the wrong carts:



Non-Recyclable Plastics

1. **Non-Recyclable Plastics** - Plastic clamshells/takeout containers, plastic utensils, plastic cup lids & straws, foam/Styrofoam, and plastic delivery/mailer packaging are often incorrectly placed in the recycling. Place non-recyclable plastics in the **gray** lid side of your **gray** garbage split cart.



Plastic Bags/ Film/ Wrap

2. **Plastic Bags/Film/Wrap** - Film plastic, plastic bags, shrink wrap, and bubble wrap are often incorrectly placed in the recycling. Place these items in the **gray** lid side of your **gray** garbage split cart.

HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

THANKSGIVING WEEK:

If your regular collection day is Thursday or Friday, service will be one day later.

NOVEMBER 20-25, 2023					
If your collection day is:	Mon. 20	Tue. 21	Wed. 22	Thu. 23	Fri. 24
Your holiday collection day will be:	Mon. 20	Tue. 21	Wed. 22	Fri. 24	Sat. 25

CHRISTMAS WEEK:

All collections this week will occur one day later than your regular collection day.

DECEMBER 25-30, 2023					
If your collection day is:	Mon. 25	Tue. 26	Wed. 27	Thu. 28	Fri. 29
Your holiday collection day will be:	Tue. 26	Wed. 27	Thu. 28	Fri. 29	Sat. 30

NEW YEAR'S DAY WEEK:

All collections this week will occur one day later than your regular collection day.

JANUARY 1-6, 2024					
If your collection day is:	Mon. 1	Tue. 2	Wed. 3	Thu. 4	Fri. 5
Your holiday collection day will be:	Tue. 2	Wed. 3	Thu. 4	Fri. 5	Sat. 6

Sustainable Holiday Tree Ideas

- Rent or Adopt a live tree.
- Decorate a plant or tree you already have.
- Purchase a potted tree that you can use each year or plant after the holidays.
- Get creative! Make a tree out of books, recycled cardboard, a photo collage, or wooden frames. The possibilities are endless!



Prevent Food Waste

Californians throw away nearly 6 million tons of food each year. Manage food thoughtfully before it becomes part of the **food scraps** collection program: plan your purchases so you don't buy in excess, encourage guests to bring to-go containers and take leftovers home, and freeze leftovers so they last longer.



MORE TIPS

- **SHOP YOUR FRIDGE:**
Use food you already have.
- **MEAL PLAN:**
Use the Meal Prep Mate and Guest-imator tools at www.SaveTheFood.com.
- **GET SOCIAL:**
Follow @SaveTheFood on social media for recipes, videos, and more!
- **STORE FOOD PROPERLY:**
Get the latest news, alerts, and tips about safe food handling and storage at www.foodsafety.gov.
- **PREVENT FOOD WASTE:**
To find more ways you can prevent food waste, visit <https://bayarearecycling.org/stop-food-waste>



PROPER SORTING MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Put all food scraps, food soiled cardboard, and food soiled paper, including napkins/paper towels in the **brown lid side** of your **gray garbage/food scraps** split cart.

Fall & Winter Leaf Clean-up



Place leaves and branches in your green yard trimmings cart every week to keep them off the street and out of the storm drains.

DID YOU KNOW?

Street Sweepers are designed to pick up smaller debris, not large piles of leaves. If the vehicle comes into contact with a pile of leaves, it will spread the leaves all over the street. During November and December, select neighborhood streets will be swept for excess leaves once a week.

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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