



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

Multi-Family Residential News

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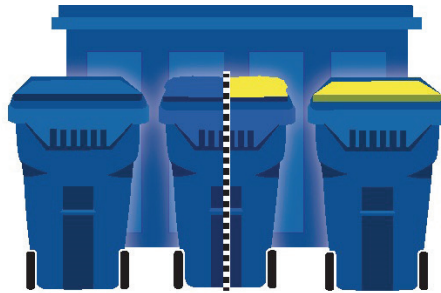
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1. KNOW WHAT

TO THROW GARBAGE, **FOOD SCRAPS** & **YARD TRIMMINGS** DO NOT belong in

the blue **RECYCLABLES** collection containers.

For posters, guides, lists of what belongs in each collection container, and more, please visit: www.milpitassanitation.com/multifamily/resources/.



2. MAINTAIN A CLEAN STREAM!

Empty and/or wipe recyclable plastic, metal, and glass food containers. Make sure recyclables are clean and dry before placing in the proper **RECYCLABLES** cart/dumpster.



3. KEEP IT LOOSE! Keep recyclables loose inside your collection container. Recyclables in bags (especially opaque/black ones) are sorted out as garbage and end up in the landfill.

Sorting Tip! Keep an Eye on Size!

Corrugated cardboard and paper boxes should be flattened and large pieces cut to 3' x 3' or smaller. **Why?**

- Allows for more room in your cart or bin.
- Prevents litter and container overflow issues.
- Assures the pieces will fit in the hoppers of our trucks for safe and efficient collection of recyclables.



See it in action! Scan the QR code for a video link to see why properly sized cardboard is so important!



The Positive Impacts of Recycling

- Compliance with the City of Milpitas collection program and State Regulations AB341, AB1826, and SB1383.
- Lowering methane emissions by keeping items out of the landfill.

For more information, visit: www.milpitassanitation.com/sorting/ or scan the QR code.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Truth About Cardboard

- Recycling 1 ton of cardboard saves 46 gallons of oil AND 9 cubic yards of landfill space.
- Recycling cardboard takes only 75% of the energy needed to make new cardboard.

Recycling cardboard makes a big difference and it's easy, just flatten your boxes and cut down any large pieces before placing them inside your recycling container.

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 containers:



Cardboard

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



Food Scraps

2. **Food Scraps/Food-Soiled Paper** – Food scraps, food soiled cardboard, food soiled paper, and food soiled napkins are often wrongly thrown away in the garbage. To ensure these items get recycled, place them in the **brown food scraps** container.

Thank You For Starting Food Scrap Recycling Services!

As of January 2022, multi-family complexes are required to offer food scrap recycling services for residents. It's California Law! If your complex does not have food scraps services yet, please reach out to us at **408-988-4500** or **bbettencourt@milpitassanitation.com**. We can help you determine what type of food scraps services fit your needs. We can even meet with you on site! **Non-compliance will lead to fines and penalties.**

For more information, visit milpitassanitation.com/commercial/sb1383/ or scan the QR code.



Neighborhood Clean-Up Days

The City of Milpitas, together with Milpitas Sanitation, will be holding Neighborhood Clean-Up Events (aka Dumpster Days) to provide debris bins for residents to dispose of large/bulky items. **Must make an appointment to attend.** For more information, please scan the QR code.



PROPERTY OWNERS & MANAGERS: SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR TENANTS!

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Recycle, Rot & Donate!

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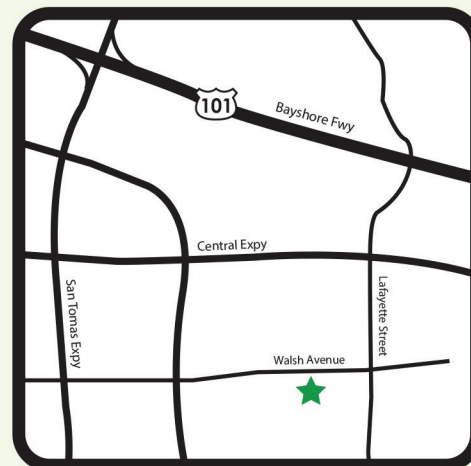
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