



City of Cupertino
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Important Contacts



Recology South Bay

[Recology.com/Cupertino](https://www.recology.com/Cupertino)
recologysouthbay@recology.com

Customer Service Department: (408) 725-4020
To pay your residential bill: (408) 418-5288

Office Hours:
Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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cupertino.org/nowaste
(408) 777-3236
environmental@cupertino.org

Countywide Recycling Info

recyclestuff.org
(800) 533-8414

Household Hazardous Waste

HHW includes paint, cleaners, pesticides, light bulbs, propane, drugs, batteries, etc.
hhw.org
(408) 299-7300

Home Composting Education Program

Register for a free home composting class at ucanr.edu/compost or call (408) 918-4640

What Goes Where?

Recycle Cart

Plastics

- All plastics containers
- Bubble wrap and other clean, dry plastic bags and film plastic (bagged)



Glass and Metal

- Empty aerosol cans
- Aluminum, steel, and bi-metal cans
- Aluminum foil (no food)
- Glass bottles and jars



Mixed Paper

- Books (paperback and hardcover)
- Cereal and cracker boxes (plastic liners removed)
- Envelopes, junk mail, paper bags
- Shredded paper (in a paper bag stapled or taped closed)



Cardboard

- Flattened cardboard
- Oversized cardboard must be flattened, no larger than 3ft x 3ft, and bundled or neatly stacked next to the recycling cart



⊘ No styrofoam™, utensils, straws, or stir sticks

When sorting recyclable materials, there are three simple rules:

**EMPTY,
CLEAN,
and DRY!**



Empty any residual food or liquid or scrap off debris.



Organics Cart

Food Scraps

- Fruits and vegetables
- Meat, poultry, and seafood
- Rice, beans, and pasta
- Eggshells
- Dairy products (no liquids)



Yard Trimmings

- Branches and brush
- Flowers and floral trimmings
- Grasses and weeds
- Leaves and tree trimmings



Soiled Paper Products

- Paper bags, napkins, towels, cups, and plates
- Coffee filter and paper tea bags
- Uncoated paper take-out
- Paper cartons and containers
- Greasy pizza boxes
- Paper take-out boxes and containers



⊘ No compostable plastic containers, poison oak, stumps, or bug infested material



Collect your food scraps in newspaper, paper bags, or BPI certified compostable plastic bags.



Garbage Cart

- Chip bags, candy, granola bar wrappers, dirty plastics, and dirty foil



- Cat litter and pet waste



- Diapers and feminine products



- Disposable masks and gloves



- Styrofoam™ packing peanuts, meat trays, and other packing material



- Compostable plastics

- Aseptic containers



- Garden hoses



- Dirty packaging



- Straws and plastic utensils



- Ashes and coals, cooled in a container

- Textiles, leather, and hangers



⊘ No batteries, chemicals, paints, food waste, or clean recyclable materials



It is easy to compost in Cupertino

Step 1: Collect food scraps in the kitchen
Include scraps from cooking, plate-scrappings after meals, and moldy food from the fridge.

Step 2: Empty into green compost cart

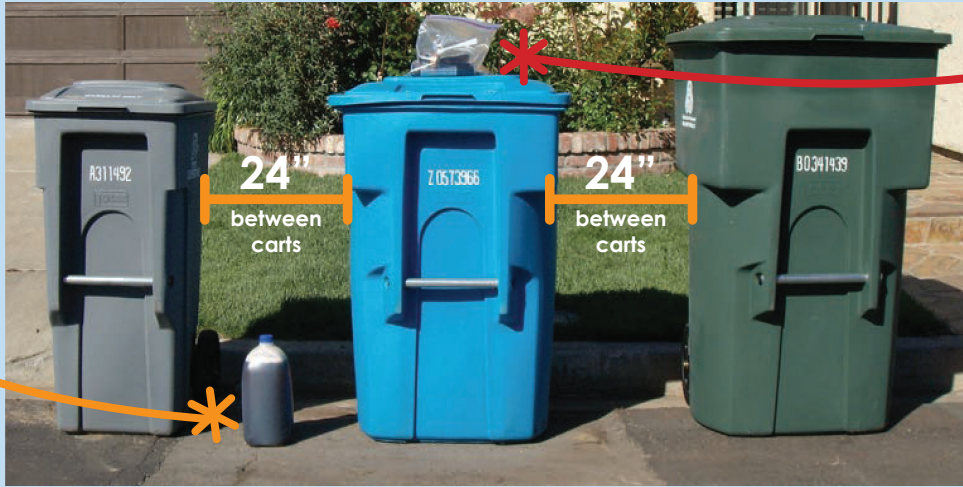
Request a free pail at cupertino.org/foodscraps



Cart Set-Out

Place CFL bulbs and household batteries in clear bags **on top of** recyclables cart, tape battery ends before bagging.

Sealed used motor oil and cooking oil jugs, sealed used oil filter bag.



Batteries should **never** be placed in any trash, recycling, or organics cart.

Batteries contain toxic metals and can be flammable.

2023-24 Holiday Collection Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11/20 Regular Service	11/21 Regular Service	11/22 Regular Service	11/23 No Service Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	11/24 Service for Thursday Customers	11/25 Service for Friday Customers
12/25 No Service Christmas Office Closed	12/26 Service for Monday Customers	12/27 Service for Tuesday Customers	12/28 Service for Wednesday Customers	12/29 Service for Thursday Customers	12/30 Service for Friday Customers
1/1 No Service New Years Office Closed	1/2 Service for Monday Customers	1/3 Service for Tuesday Customers	1/4 Service for Wednesday Customers	1/5 Service for Thursday Customers	1/6 Service for Friday Customers

Holiday Tree Recycling

Before setting your tree on your curb for pickup by January 31:

1. Remove decorations and tinsel.
2. Cut trees to five feet or less.
3. Place smaller pieces in the organics cart with the lid closed.
4. Place your tree pieces and carts roadside on your collection day and make sure your cart lid is closed.



Household Hazardous Waste

- Paint
- Solvents
- Pesticides
- Fluorescent light tubes
- Propane tanks
- Fire extinguishers
- Medication
- Smoke detectors
- Treated wood
- Batteries

For more details about hazardous waste disposal visit cupertino.org/hhw



Schedule a free drop-off appointment at hhw.org or call (408)299-7300



2024 Environmental Days

Environmental day is an opportunity for residents to drop-off difficult-to-recycle materials.



For additional information scan the code or visit cupertino.org/environmentalday

2024 Dates

8 am to 12 noon

De Anza College
Parking Lot A

- January 20
- April 20
- September 21
- November 16

Acceptable Materials

- Confidential documents for shredding - three box limit
- Yard Waste
- Batteries, cell phones, fluorescent bulbs
- Computers, monitors, printers, etc.
- Appliances: washer, dryers, non freon refrigerators, microwaves, toasters. No freon.

Unacceptable Materials

- No products containing toxic chemicals (paints, pesticides, fertilizers)
- No painted or treated wood
- No mattresses
- No kitchen appliances that contain freon

Bulky Item: On-Call Collection

Each household can schedule two pick-up service of the following items at no additional cost:

- **Construction and Demolition Debris**
- **Bulky Goods**
- **Garbage** (normal household debris)
- **Yard Waste and Clean Wood Waste**

Schedule a pick-up call **(408) 725-4020**
Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
or email recologysouthbay@recology.com

RESTRICTIONS APPLY

For details visit recology.com/recology-south-bay/cupertino/bulky-items/



Backyard Compost Classes

Residents can attend a free compost workshops taught by UCCE's Composting Program, then request a free bin to get started.

Cupertino Library Classes: 10 am to 12 noon

- **May 11, 2024**
- **September 28, 2024**

*attend any class location countywide



Register for a workshop at ucanr.edu/compost

