



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.
- **Reduction in the amount of material going to the landfill.** Nearly 6 million tons of food are discarded in California landfills annually, resulting in organic waste making up 18% of our landfilled waste.
- **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 climate change. Composting organic material captures carbon and reduces greenhouse gas emissions.



SOURCE: [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/organics](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/organics)

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

Visit: [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp](http://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. 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 fiber based option like bamboo.

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.

**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.

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, scan the QR code or visit [www.milpitas.gov/358/Urban-Runoff-Program](http://www.milpitas.gov/358/Urban-Runoff-Program).



## Cardboard Collection Tips

Please remember to flatten cardboard boxes and cut larger pieces to 3' x 3' or smaller before placing them in your **blue Recyclables** container. If you have a container with a **yellow lid**, place the cardboard there.

This helps:

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



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**Remember to:  
Reduce, Reuse,  
Recycle, Rot & Donate!**

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