

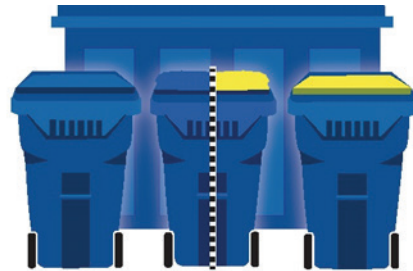


Proud to be your service provider for the collection of **Recyclables**, Garbage, **Food Scraps**, & **Yard Trimmings**.

# Commercial Customer News

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## Sorting Makes a Difference!



### We thank you for your efforts!

Keep recyclable items out of the landfill through proper sorting. We know that recycling can be confusing, but some fine tuning will take your 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 incorrectly 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.



**Food Scraps**

2. **Brown Food Scraps** – Food scraps, coffee filters, and tea bags are often incorrectly thrown away in the garbage and yard trimmings. To ensure these items get recycled, place them in the **brown food scraps** container.

## A WORD ABOUT CARDBOARD



*Please remember to flatten cardboard and paper boxes and cut pieces down to 3' x 3' 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

## Holiday Service Reminder

There will be no change to the collection schedule during the weeks of Columbus Day and Veterans Day. **During Thanksgiving week, November 24-28, 2025, service normally provided on Thursday and Friday will be one day later.**

NOVEMBER 25-30, 2024						
If your collection day is:	Mon. 24	Tue. 25	Wed. 26	Thu. 27	Fri. 28	
Your holiday collection day will be:	Mon. 24	Tue. 25	Wed. 26	Fri. 28	Sat. 29	

# Service Updates

There have been some recent changes regarding what's accepted in each waste stream. Keep the following in mind the next time you're sorting your waste:

## Food-Soiled Paper Products

Food-soiled paper, cardboard, and napkins no longer belong in the **brown food scraps** collection container. Please place these items in your **gray garbage** container from now on.



## Clear Plastic Bags

Clear plastic bags can now be recycled, **but only if they're bagged together**. Collect your clear plastic bags in another clear plastic bag, tie it, and place it in the **blue recyclables** container to ensure they get recycled. Un-bagged bags, colored bags, and other film plastics like bubble wrap and cling wrap will not be accepted and belong in the **gray garbage** container.



## How Does My Business Properly Dispose of Hazardous Waste?

Some small business owners in Santa Clara County may qualify for the Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) Program. To see if your business qualifies, visit [hww.santaclaracounty.gov/drop-business-waste](http://hww.santaclaracounty.gov/drop-business-waste) or scan the QR code.



## Right Size Your Service Levels!

Overloaded containers lead to unsafe service conditions, potential litter entering our storm drains, illegal dumping, and damage to property and collection containers. If you find that any of your service containers tend to get overfilled before their collection days, please reach out to us so a representative can help adjust your service levels as needed.



Milpitas Sanitation is here to help make sure your **Recyclables**, **Food Scraps**, **Yard Trimmings**, and **Garbage** collection service levels meet local and state requirements and allow for safe, efficient service.



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