



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

Single Family Residential News

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USE A CLEAR PLASTIC BAG FOR FOOD SCRAPS

Line your handy Kitchen Food Scraps Pail with a clear plastic bag, put your food scraps in the bag, then dump the bag and food scraps into the **brown lid side** of your **gray garbage/food scraps split cart**. Do not place the pail at the curb for collection.



CLEAR PLASTIC BAGS CAN NOW BE RECYCLED

Collect your clear plastic bags in another clear plastic bag, tie it, and place it in the **blue lid side** of your **blue recyclables split cart** to ensure they get recycled. Colored bags or un-bagged bags, whether they're clear or colored, will NOT be accepted and instead belong in the **garbage**. Other film plastics like bubble wrap and cling wrap will also NOT be accepted and belong in the **garbage**.



FREE NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP EVENTS ARE BACK!

The City of Milpitas, together with Milpitas Sanitation, is holding Neighborhood Clean-Up Events (aka Dumpster Days) to provide debris bins for residents to dispose of one (1) vehicle load (up to 3 cubic yards) of large/bulky items per household annually.

Must make an appointment to attend. Visit milpitas.gov/511/Neighborhood-Clean-Up-Events, scan the QR code, or contact the City of Milpitas at MilpitasRecycles@milpitas.gov for more information.



A WORD ABOUT CARDBOARD



*Please remember to flatten cardboard and paper boxes and cut larger pieces to 3' x 3' or smaller before placing them into the **yellow lid side** of the **blue recyclables split cart**. This helps:*

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

Have extra cardboard? Flatten, cut, and stack next to your cart. DO NOT place in other streams.

MAINTAIN A CLEAN STREAM

Empty and scrape recyclable plastic, metal, and glass containers before placing them in the **blue lid side** of the **blue recyclables split cart**.



Sorting Makes a Difference!

We thank you for your efforts!

Recycling can sometimes be tricky—but Milpitas residents are doing a fantastic job keeping recyclable materials out of the landfill through proper sorting. However, recent contamination monitoring in Milpitas revealed that a few common items are still ending up in the wrong carts:



Non-Recyclable Plastics

Place these non recyclable plastics in the **gray lid side** of your **gray garbage** split cart.



Recyclable Containers

Place these items in the **blue lid side** of your **blue recyclables** container.

With just a bit of fine-tuning, we can take our recycling game to the next level.

Gray = Garbage
Brown = Food Scraps

Blue = Recyclable Containers
Yellow = Paper/Fibers

Green = Yard Trimmings

Sorting Matters!

OUR SPLIT TRUCKS KEEP MATERIALS SEPARATE.



Our collection vehicles that service the split carts have split bodies that keep the materials separated.

The trucks empty the materials separately at the processing facilities.

SEE MORE!
Scan the QR code for our "Why Sort?" webpage and a video.



Holiday Service Schedule



There will be **NO CHANGES** to the collection schedule during the weeks of July 4th and Labor Day.

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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