

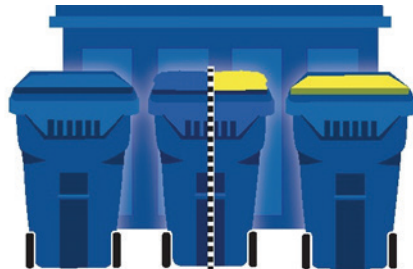


Proud to be your service provider for the collection of **Recyclables**, Garbage, **Food Scraps**, & **Yard Trimmings**.

Commercial Customer News

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Sorting Makes a Difference!



Maintain A Clean Stream

Empty and scrape recyclable plastic, metal and glass containers before placing them in the **blue recyclables** container. Items that are dirty or still have food inside may contaminate clean items, causing the whole load of recyclables to wind up in the landfill.



Recyclable Containers –

Items in this category include glass bottles and jars, metal cans and scrap pieces, aluminum foil, and hard plastic bottles, jars, tubs and trays. These items are often incorrectly thrown away with the garbage and food scraps. To ensure these items get recycled, place them in the **blue recyclables** container.

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 recyclable containers are frequently placed in the wrong containers.

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



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.

Need Help Becoming Compliant?

State and local regulations, like Senate Bill 1383, require commercial businesses to sort **recyclables**, **food scraps**, and **yard trimmings** out of the garbage. To comply with state and local laws, start these services today! **Non-Compliance Will Lead to Fines and Penalties.**

Milpitas Sanitation representatives are available to:

- Assist you with starting, or improving, your **recycling**, **food scraps**, and **yard trimmings** services
- Visit your business to conduct waste assessments
- Make service suggestions
- Provide posters, service guides, and other resources
- Help train employees and tenants



Contamination Monitoring Notice

Throughout the year, City of Milpitas Public Works staff conducts contamination monitoring, (looking for items that aren't in the proper container), which is a state law requirement, by visiting randomly selected properties and checking the contents of their containers for proper sorting. If you see the City in their high visibility vests looking inside your containers, they're performing contamination monitoring and will leave an educational tag on the container if contamination is found.

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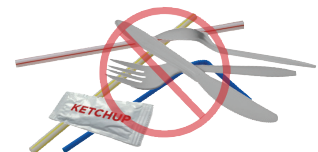
Regulations to Remember

AB 827 - Businesses with on-site dining must provide **recycling & food scraps** collection containers inside for customers. Containers must be easily accessible and clearly marked.



AB 1276 - Businesses selling food and drinks cannot provide single-use foodware accessories or condiments to a customer unless requested. Single-use foodware accessories include:

- Utensils/Chopsticks
- Condiment cups and packets
- Straws/Stirrers



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

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