



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

# Multi-Family Residential News

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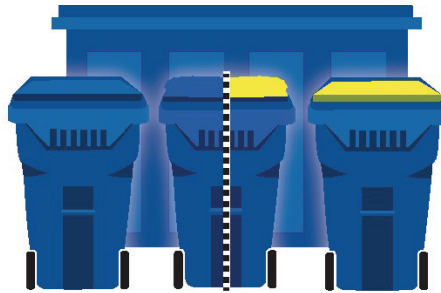
## RECYCLING 1 - 2 - 3...

### 1. KNOW WHAT

**TO THROW** GARBAGE, **FOOD SCRAPS** & **YARD TRIMMINGS** DO NOT belong in

the blue **RECYCLABLES** collection containers.

For posters, guides, lists of what belongs in each collection container, and more, please visit: [www.milpitassanitation.com/multifamily/resources/](http://www.milpitassanitation.com/multifamily/resources/).



### 2. MAINTAIN A CLEAN STREAM!

Empty and/or wipe recyclable plastic, metal, and glass food containers. Make sure recyclables are clean and dry before placing in the proper **RECYCLABLES** cart/dumpster.



**3. KEEP IT LOOSE!** Keep recyclables loose inside your collection container. Recyclables in bags (especially opaque/black ones) are sorted out as garbage and end up in the landfill.

### Sorting Tip! Keep an Eye on Size!

Corrugated cardboard and paper boxes should be flattened and large pieces cut to 3' x 3' or smaller. **Why?**

- Allows for more room in your cart or bin.
- Prevents litter and container overflow issues.
- Assures the pieces will fit in the hoppers of our trucks for safe and efficient collection of recyclables.



**See it in action!** Scan the QR code for a video link to see why properly sized cardboard is so important!



## The Positive Impacts of Recycling

- Compliance with the City of Milpitas collection program and State Regulations AB341, AB1826, and SB1383.
- Lowering methane emissions by keeping items out of the landfill.

For more information, visit: [www.milpitassanitation.com/sorting/](http://www.milpitassanitation.com/sorting/)

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## Why Recycle?

Did you know that organic waste (e.g.: food waste and yard trimmings) accounts for more than one-third of all waste generated in California?

Senate Bill 1383 requires all California jurisdictions, including those in Santa Clara County, to reduce the amount of organic waste that ends up in landfills and recover surplus uneaten food.

Want to learn more? Scan this QR code to watch an informational video.



## Sorting Makes a Difference!

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 wrongly thrown away in the garbage. To recycle clean, dry cardboard, place it in the **blue recyclables** container. If you have a container with a **yellow lid**, place the cardboard there.



Food Scraps

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

## 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.

## Neighborhood Clean-Up Days

The City of Milpitas, together with Milpitas Sanitation, will be holding Neighborhood Clean-Up Events (aka Dumpster Days) to provide debris bins for residents to dispose of large/bulky items.

**Must make an appointment to attend.** For more information, please scan the QR code.



### PROPERTY OWNERS & MANAGERS: SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR TENANTS!

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Reduce, Reuse,  
Recycle, Rot & Donate!

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