



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

Single Family Residential News

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Sorting Makes a Difference!

Gray = Garbage
Brown = Food Scraps
Blue = Recyclable Containers
Yellow = Paper/Fibers
Green = Yard Trimmings

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

1. **Non-Recyclable Plastics** – Plastic utensils, plastic cup lids & straws, foam/Styrofoam, and plastic delivery/mailer packaging are often incorrectly placed in the recycling. Place these non-recyclable plastics in the **gray lid side** of your **gray garbage** split cart.



Recyclable Containers

2. **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 lid side** of your **blue recyclables** container.

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

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.

RECYCLABLE FOOD PACKAGING

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



FOOD SCRAPS SERVICE REMINDERS

Californian's send nearly 6 million tons of food scraps to landfills each year – about 18% of all landfill waste. Putting food scraps in the **brown lid side** of your **gray garbage/food scraps split cart** helps keep them out of landfills, where they release harmful gases that pollute the air.



When using the food scraps container, remember:

- **Keep it clean** - Only food belongs in the food scraps container. Remove all packaging, such as takeout containers and salad bags, before placing them in the container... OR
- **Use clear bags only** - Food scraps may be placed directly in the container or in clear bags. Black, white, or opaque bags will be treated as garbage.

DOWNLOAD THE WASTECONNECT MOBILE APP!

With the WasteConnect Mobile App, you can:

- View your waste collection and street sweeping days and set up alerts so you never miss them
- Use the Waste Wizard tool to learn which containers to place tricky items in
- Contact us to request service changes, report a missed pickup, make secure payments and more

Scan the QR codes to download the WasteConnect Mobile App today!



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App Link (iOS)



WasteConnect
App Link (Android)

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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