



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

Multi-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!

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:



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 items in the **gray garbage** container.



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 recyclables** container.

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

Thank you! Your efforts keep our drivers safe and the collection program cost effective & efficient!

FREE ZANKER FACILITY SELF-HAUL VOUCHERS



The City of Milpitas, partnering with Milpitas Sanitation, offers vouchers that allow for the disposal of one (1) vehicle load (up to 3 cubic yards) of accepted bulky items (such as furniture, mattresses) at the Zanker Material Processing Facility. Contact Milpitas Sanitation at **Info@MilpitasSanitation.com** or call **408-988-4500** to request a voucher.

BEFORE REQUESTING YOUR VOUCHER, REUSE, RECYCLE OR DONATE FIRST

Santa Clara County's Recycling Hotline
- **recyclestuff.org** or **800-533-8414**

Goodwill Industries
- **goodwillsv.org** or **408-262-4131**

Salvation Army
- **salvationarmyusa.org**
or **1-800-95-TRUCK**

Freecycle
- **freecycle.org**

City of Milpitas Reuse Line
- **408-586-2680**

Avoid Wishcycling and Contamination

Contamination occurs when recyclable items are not empty and dry or when non-recyclable material is placed in the **recyclables container**. This can:

- damage sorting machinery
- injure employees
- increase collection costs
- send entire recycling loads to the landfill

THESE ITEMS BELONG IN THE GARBAGE:

- chip/snack packaging
- film plastic & plastic wrap
- crockery & dishware
- bubble wrap
- masks & gloves
- CDs & VHS tapes
- plastic plates, cups & cutlery
- Styrofoam® blocks, foodware & packaging peanuts



WHEN IN DOUBT...FIND OUT!



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www.milpitasanitation.com/multifamily/resources/.



Senate Bill 1383 Requires Organics/ Food Scraps Collection - It's the Law!

To comply with state law, start your recycling and organics programs today! Milpitas Sanitation representatives are available to:

- Assist you with starting, or improving, your and organics services
- Visit your complex to conduct waste assessments
- Make service suggestions
- Provide posters, service guides, and kitchen scraps pails
- Help train employees and tenants



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visit www.MilpitasSanitation.com and click on the translate button.

Remember to:
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Recycle, Rot & Donate!

Holiday Service Schedule

There will be NO CHANGES to the collection schedule during the week of Labor Day.



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