

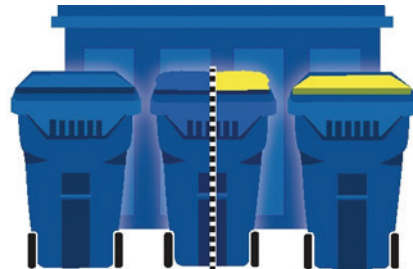


Proud to be your service provider for the collection of **Recyclables**, Garbage, **Food Scraps**, & **Yard Trimmings**.

Commercial Customer News

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sorting Makes a Difference!



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:



Cardboard

1. **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.



Non-Recyclable Plastics

2. **Non-Recyclable Plastics** - Plastic utensils, plastic cup lids & straws, foam/Styrofoam, and plastic delivery/mailed packaging are often incorrectly placed in the recycling. Place these items in the **gray** garbage container.

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

Holiday Service Reminder

There will be no change to the collection schedule during the weeks of Columbus Day and Veterans Day. **During Thanksgiving week, November 23-28, 2026, service normally provided on Thursday and Friday will be one day later.**

NOVEMBER 23-28, 2026

If your collection day is:	Mon. 23	Tue. 24	Wed. 25	Thu. 26	Fri. 27
Your holiday collection day will be:	Mon. 23	Tue. 24	Wed. 25	Fri. 27	Sat. 28

Service Reminders

Proper sorting is the easiest way to keep recyclable materials and organic waste (food scraps and yard trimmings) out of the landfill. Keep the following in mind the next time you're sorting your waste:

Bagging Your Food Scraps

Food scraps, coffee filters, and tea bags belong in the **brown food scraps** collection container. If you want to bag these items, use **clear/see through plastic bags or BPI compostable bags only**. The processing facility will assume anything in a black, white, color or otherwise opaque non-BPI bag is garbage and send it to the landfill.



Clear Plastic Bags

Clear, clean plastic bags can be recycled, **but only if they're bagged together**. Collect your clear plastic bags in another clear plastic bag, tie it, and place it in the **blue recyclables** container to ensure they get recycled. Un-bagged bags, colored bags, and other film plastics like bubble wrap and cling wrap will not be accepted and belong in the **gray garbage** container.



How Does My Business Properly Dispose of Hazardous Waste?

Some small business owners in Santa Clara County may qualify for the Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) Program. To see if your business qualifies, visit hhw.santaclaracounty.gov/drop-business-waste or scan the QR code.



Right Size Your Service Levels!

Overloaded containers lead to unsafe service conditions, potential litter entering our storm drains, illegal dumping, and damage to property and collection containers. If you find that any of your service containers tend to get overfilled before their collection days, please reach out to us so a representative can help adjust your service levels as needed.



Milpitas Sanitation is here to help make sure your **Recyclables**, **Food Scraps**, **Yard Trimmings**, and **Garbage** collection service levels meet local and state requirements and allow for safe, efficient service.



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