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Ukiah Recycling News

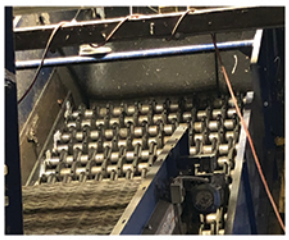


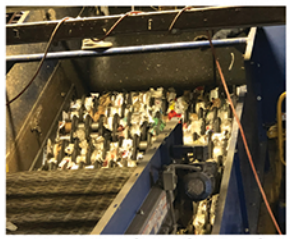
KEEP DANGEROUS & HAZARDOUS ITEMS OUT OF YOUR BLUE CART

To understand why certain items should not be put in your blue cart, it's important to know what happens to the material in your cart. When you put all different kinds of recyclable material in one blue cart, that is called *single-stream recycling*. When the material is collected at the curb, this mixed material is delivered to a Material Recovery Facility (MRF) located in Ukiah. The MRF is responsible for sorting this mixed recycling into separate groups (by material type) to be recycled.



When mixed material arrives at the MRF, it is loaded onto a conveyor belt to first go through what is known as the "pre-sort" line. Multiple recycling workers physically pull out items by hand that did not belong in the blue cart like garbage, large ridged plastic, wood, metal, e-waste and "tanglers" (e.g. clothing, plastic bags, hoses, cords, wires, etc.).





Remaining material continues along the belt, and next, the system automatically sorts cardboard, paper and glass from the belt off the line into separate piles. The end of the line uses magnets to pull tin cans, eddy currents to separate aluminum cans, and recycling workers to sort plastic bottles and containers by hand. Your single-stream cart has now been sorted into individual groups of materials through a combination of automation and manual labor.



Sorted materials that have a recycling market are baled and shipped to their final destination. Garbage collected from both the pre-sort and end of the line is known as residual and is disposed of at a landfill.

HERE ARE SOME COMMONLY FOUND ITEMS THAT ARE HARMFUL TO BOTH THE MACHINERY AS WELL AS THE RECYCLING WORKERS.



We Tangle Machines

Tanglers are generally long stretchy items including plastic bags, clothing/textiles, bedding, bungee cords, garden hoses, electrical cords, and Christmas lights. When these items get caught in the MRF line, there is increased risk for fire, worker injury and permanent damage to equipment. Tanglers from blue carts will shut down the sort line, forcing workers to scale machinery and cut them out. This jeopardizes the equipment and endangers the health and safety of recycling workers. Keep these items out of your blue cart. See *UkiahRecycles.com* to learn how to dispose of these items properly.



We are Hazardous

Real people sort through your recyclables. Keeping recycling workers safe is the top priority at material processing facilities. Batteries can cause fire, needles can pierce even the strongest cut-resistant gloves, and propane cylinders can explode. Keep these items out of your blue cart. See *UkiahRecycles.com* to learn how to dispose of these items safely.

Friendly Reminders

COMPOST & MULCH
Conserve water by incorporating compost and mulch into your yard and garden. Recycled landscape materials are available in bulk and by the bag at the Ukiah Transfer Station, located at 3151 Taylor Drive, or call us at (707) 234-6400 to arrange for large order delivery.

SPRING CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION
April 11 - April 15, 2022
City of Ukiah customers may place up to seven (7) additional bags or 32-gallon cans of leaves at the curb on your normal collection day this week. Emptied bags and cans will be left on the curb.

AVOID CONTAMINATION & EXCESS TRASH FEES
Do your part to keep your recycling free of contamination. Place only clean recyclables in the blue cart and trash in your gray cart. If you have more trash than will fit in your container, please call us ahead of time at (707) 234-6400 to arrange for extra trash collection. There is a charge for additional material. Thank you.

HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE
Collection is delayed by one day for customers whose service day falls on or after the following holidays when they occur on a weekday:

- **Memorial Day**
- **Thanksgiving Day**
- **July 4th**
- **Christmas Day**
- **Labor Day**
- **New Year's Day**

For a complete description of the holiday schedule, visit us at www.candswaste.com.

UKIAH TRANSFER STATION HOLIDAYS
CLOSED: Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day & New Year's Day

HAZARDOUS WASTE?
Call (707) 468-9704

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK: UKIAH WASTE SOLUTIONS

COMMERCIAL CORNER
Did you know? If you are a commercial business or multifamily complex that produces 4 cubic yards or more of solid waste every week, you are required by the state to participate in a recycling program.

RECYCLING

ALL ITEMS EMPTY & CLEAN • TODO VACÍO Y LIMPIO


Plastic to
Plásticos


Aluminum & Household Metal
Latas y Aluminio


Glass
Vidrio


Shredded Paper
Papel Molido


Cartons
Cartones de Jugo y Leche


Paper & Cardboard
Papel y Carton

YES
Place these items in your Blue Cart

Recyclables should be loose in cart, not in plastic bags, except for shredded paper, and must fit inside cart with lid closed. Place cart at curb with front of cart facing the street. Cart must be within 3 feet of the street to be serviced.

NO *DO NOT place these items in your Blue Cart*

- Garbage
- Batteries
- Ceramics
- Clothing
- Syringes
- Light Bulbs
- Hazardous Waste
- CDs/DVDs/Videos
- Tarps & Hoses
- Styrofoam

NO

- Basura
- Baterias
- Cerámica
- Ropa
- Jeringas
- Bombillas
- Residuos Peligrosos
- CDs / DVDs / Videos
- Lonas y Mangueras
- Espuma de Poliestireno

MIXED ORGANIC WASTE

Lid Must Be Closed • Tapadera Cerada


Food Scraps
Desperdicios de comida


Small lumber unpainted & untreated
Madera no Tratada


Garden & house plants
Plantas de Exterior y Interior


Leaves
Hojas


Brush & prunings
Ramas de Poda


Food soiled paper
Papel manchado de comida


Meat, poultry, fish & bones
Carne de vaca, carne de ave, espinas de pescado y huesos


Branches less than 4" in diameter & cut to fit loosely in container
Ramas del Árbol Pequeñas


Grass clippings & weeds
Hierba


Pizza boxes
Cajas de pizza, cartón y papel encerado


Coffee grounds & filters
Granos de café y filtros


Food soiled paper plates, cups, napkins & paper towels
Platos de papel sucios, servilletas sucias, tazas y toallas de papel sucias

YES
Place these items in your Green Cart

Mixed organic waste should be loose in cart, not in plastic bags and must fit inside cart with lid closed. Place cart at curb with front of cart facing the street. Cart must be within 3 feet of the street to be serviced.

NO *DO NOT place these items in your Green Cart*

- Grease or Oil
- Nails or Metal
- Hot Ashes
- Hazardous Waste
- Palm Fronds
- Poison Oak
- Tree Stumps
- Biodegradable bags
- Compostable utensils
- Soiled tissue (Kleenex)
- Toilet Paper
- Styrofoam
- Diapers
- Soil
- Garbage/Recyclables
- Brick/Concrete/Rock
- Painted/Treated Wood
- Pet Waste/Litter
- Plastic Bags or Pots

NO

- Grasa o Aceite
- Clavos o Metal
- Cenizas Calientes
- Material Peligroso
- Hojas de Palma
- Hiedra
- Troncos de Árboles
- Plásticos Biodegradables
- Utensilios de compostaje
- El tejido sucio (Kleenex)
- Papel Higienico
- Empaque y envases de espuma de poliestireno
- Pañales
- Tierra
- Basura/Reciclables
- Ladrillo/Concreto/Piedra
- Madera Pintado/Tratada
- Desechos de Animales
- Bolsas o Macetas de Plástico