

# Household Hazardous Waste

- Paint
- Solvents
- Pesticides
- Fluorescent light tubes
- Propane tanks
- Fire extinguishers
- Medication
- Smoke detectors
- Treated wood
- Batteries

For more details about hazardous waste disposal, visit [cupertino.gov/hhw](http://cupertino.gov/hhw)



Schedule a free drop-off appointment at [hhw.org](http://hhw.org) or call (408) 299-7300

# 2025 Environmental Days

Environmental day is an opportunity for residents to drop-off difficult-to-recycle materials.



For additional information, scan the code or visit [cupertino.gov/environmentalday](http://cupertino.gov/environmentalday)

## 2025 Dates

8 am to 12 noon  
De Anza College  
Parking Lot A  
• January 18  
• April 26  
• August 23

## Acceptable Materials

- Confidential documents for shredding - three box limit
- Yard Waste
- Batteries, cell phones, fluorescent bulbs
- Computers, monitors, printers, etc.
- Appliances: washer, dryers, non freon refrigerators, microwaves, toasters. No freon.

## Unacceptable Materials

- No products containing toxic chemicals (paints, pesticides, fertilizers)
- No painted or treated wood
- No mattresses
- No kitchen appliances that contain freon

# Bulky Item: On-Call Collection

Each household can schedule two pick-up service of the following items at no additional cost:

- Construction and Demolition Debris
- Bulky Goods
- Garbage (normal household debris)
- Yard Waste and Clean Wood Waste

Schedule a pick-up call (408) 725-4020  
Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
or email [recologysouthbay@recology.com](mailto:recologysouthbay@recology.com)



## RESTRICTIONS APPLY

For details, visit [recology.com/recology-south-bay/cupertino/bulky-items/](http://recology.com/recology-south-bay/cupertino/bulky-items/)

# Backyard Compost Classes

Residents can attend a free compost workshops taught by UCCE's Composting Program, then request a free bin to get started.

NEW  
Weeknight  
Class!



Register for a workshop at [ucanr.edu/compost](http://ucanr.edu/compost)

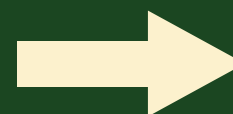
## Cupertino Library Classes

- Wednesday, March 19: 6 pm to 8 pm
- Saturday, June 28: 10:30 am to 12:30 noon
- Saturday, October 25: 10:30 am to 12:30 noon

\*attend any class location countywide



# Clear the Confusion: "Compostable" Plastics Go In The Landfill Cart!



If it looks like plastic and has a "compostable" label, please place it in the landfill cart. "Compostable" plastic does not fully break down at our local composting facility. It's ironic - we know! Learn more at [cupertino.gov/foodscraps](http://cupertino.gov/foodscraps)



# Waste Service Guide Cupertino 2024-2025

# Important Contacts



## Recology South Bay

[recology.com/cupertino](http://recology.com/cupertino)  
**Customer Service:** (408) 725-4020  
[recologysouthbay@recology.com](mailto:recologysouthbay@recology.com)  
**Education & Outreach:**  
[southbaywastezero@recology.com](mailto:southbaywastezero@recology.com)

To pay your residential bill: (408) 418-5288  
Open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



## City of Cupertino

[cupertino.gov/nowaste](http://cupertino.gov/nowaste)  
(408) 777-3236  
[environmental@cupertino.gov](mailto:environmental@cupertino.gov)

## Countywide Recycling Info

[recyclestuff.org](http://recyclestuff.org)  
(800) 533-8414

## Household Hazardous Waste

HHW includes paint, cleaners, pesticides, light bulbs, propane, drugs, batteries, etc.  
[hhw.org](http://hhw.org)  
(408) 299-7300

## Home Composting Education Program

Register for a free home composting class at [ucanr.edu/compost](http://ucanr.edu/compost) or call (408) 918-4640

# What Goes Where?

## Recycle Cart

- Plastics**
    - All plastics containers
    - Bubble wrap and other clean, dry plastic bags and film plastic (bagged)
  - Glass and Metal**
    - Empty aerosol cans
    - Aluminum, steel, and bi-metal cans
    - Aluminum foil (no food)
    - Glass bottles and jars
  - Mixed Paper**
    - Books (paperback and hardcover)
    - Cereal and cracker boxes (plastic liners removed)
    - Envelopes, junk mail, paper bags
    - Shredded paper (in a clear plastic bag, tied closed)
  - Cardboard**
    - Flattened cardboard
    - Oversized cardboard must be flattened, no larger than 3ft x 3ft, and bundled or neatly stacked next to the recycling cart
- No styrofoam™, utensils, straws, or stir sticks**

**When sorting recyclable materials, there are three simple rules:**

**EMPTY, CLEAN, and DRY!**



Empty any residual food or liquid or scrap off debris.

## Compost Cart

- Food Scraps**
    - Fruits and vegetables
    - Meat, poultry, and seafood
    - Rice, beans, and pasta
    - Eggshells
    - Dairy products (no liquids)
  - Yard Trimmings**
    - Branches and brush
    - Flowers and floral trimmings
    - Grasses and weeds
    - Leaves and tree trimmings
  - Food Soiled Paper Products**
    - Paper bags, napkins, towels, cups, and plates
    - Coffee filter and paper tea bags
    - Uncoated paper take-out
    - Paper cartons and containers
    - Greasy pizza boxes
- No compostable plastic containers, poison oak, stumps, or bug infested material**
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- Collect your food scraps in newspaper, paper bags, or BPI certified compostable bags.

## Landfill Cart

- Chip bags, candy, granola bar wrappers, dirty plastics, and dirty foil
  - Cat litter and pet waste
  - Diapers and feminine products
  - Disposable masks and gloves
  - Styrofoam™ packing peanuts, meat trays, and other packing material
  - "Compostable" plastics
  - Aseptic containers
  - Garden hoses
  - Dirty packaging
  - Straws and plastic utensils
  - Ashes and coals, cooled in a container
  - Textiles, leather, and hangers
- No batteries, chemicals, paints, food waste, or clean recyclable materials**

## Cart Set-Out

Place household batteries in clear bags **on top** of the recyclables cart, tape battery ends before bagging.

Sealed used motor oil and cooking oil jugs, sealed used oil filter bag.



Batteries should **never** be placed in any landfill, recycle, or compost cart. Batteries contain toxic metals and can be flammable.

## 2024-25 Holiday Collection Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11/25 Regular Service	11/26 Regular Service	11/27 Regular Service	11/28 No Service Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	11/29 Service for Thursday Customers	11/30 Service for Friday Customers
12/23 Regular Service	12/24 Regular Service	12/25 No Service Christmas Office Closed	12/26 Service for Wednesday Customers	12/27 Service for Thursday Customers	12/28 Service for Friday Customers
12/30 Regular Service	12/31 Regular Service	1/1 No Service New Years Office Closed	1/2 Service for Wednesday Customers	1/3 Service for Thursday Customers	1/4 Service for Friday Customers

## Holiday Tree Recycling

Before setting your tree on your curb for pickup from December 26 to January 31:

- Remove decorations and tinsel.
- Cut trees to five feet or less.
- Place smaller pieces in the organics cart with the lid closed.
- Place your tree pieces and carts roadside on your collection day and make sure your cart lid is closed.

**Correct**



✓ Cut trees to five feet or less.

**Incorrect**



## It is easy to compost in Cupertino

**Step 1: Collect food scraps in the kitchen**  
Include scraps from cooking, plate-scrappings after meals, and moldy food from the fridge.

**Step 2: Empty into green compost cart**  
Request a free pail at [cupertino.gov/foodscraps](http://cupertino.gov/foodscraps)

