

# 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**

- Aseptic containers
- 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
- Extra or 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
- Paper take-out containers (no plastic lining)
- Fiber-based (bamboo, wood) utensils
- Greasy pizza boxes

❌ **No “compostable” plastic foodware, poison oak, stumps, or bug infested material**

 Collect your food scraps in newspaper, paper bags, or BPI certified compostable bags.

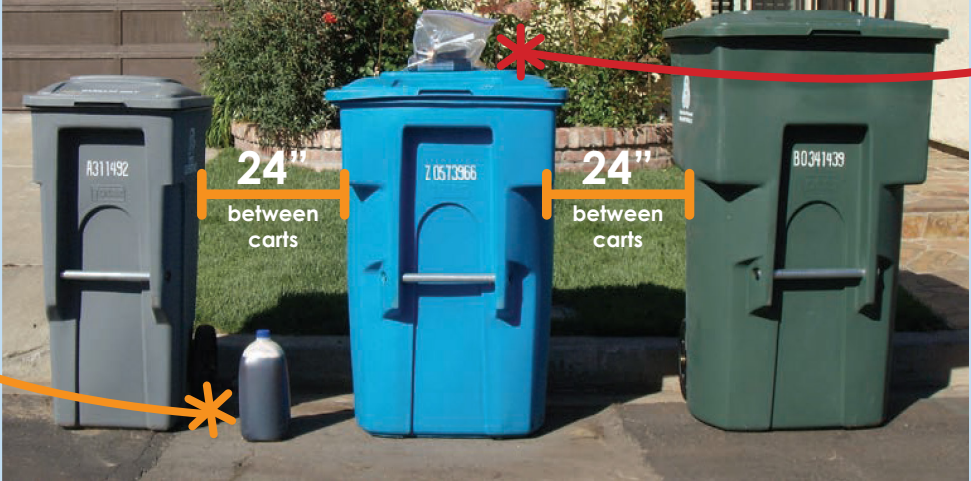
### Landfill Cart

- 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
- 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 Setout

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.

## 2025-26 Holiday Collection Schedule

| Monday                          | Tuesday                         | Wednesday                       | Thursday                                                        | Friday                                               | Saturday                                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>11/24</b><br>Regular Service | <b>11/25</b><br>Regular Service | <b>11/26</b><br>Regular Service | <b>11/27</b><br>No Service<br>Thanksgiving Day<br>Office Closed | <b>11/28</b><br>Service for<br>Thursday<br>Customers | <b>11/29</b><br>Service for<br>Friday<br>Customers |
| <b>12/22</b><br>Regular Service | <b>12/23</b><br>Regular Service | <b>12/24</b><br>Regular Service | <b>12/25</b><br>No Service<br>Christmas<br>Office Closed        | <b>12/26</b><br>Service for<br>Thursday<br>Customers | <b>12/27</b><br>Service for<br>Friday<br>Customers |
| <b>12/29</b><br>Regular Service | <b>12/30</b><br>Regular Service | <b>12/30</b><br>Regular Service | <b>1/1</b><br>No Service<br>New Years<br>Office Closed          | <b>1/2</b><br>Service for<br>Thursday<br>Customers   | <b>1/3</b><br>Service for<br>Friday<br>Customers   |

## Holiday Tree Recycling

Before setting your tree on your curb for pickup from January 2 to January 31:

1. Remove decorations and tinsel.
2. Cut trees to five feet or less.
3. Place smaller pieces in the compost cart with the lid closed.
4. Place your tree pieces and cart roadside on your collection day and make sure your cart lid is closed.

\*If disposing of tree before or after January, tree must be fully contained within the compost cart.

**Correct**

✓ Cut trees to five feet or less.

5'

**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)



# Household Hazardous Waste

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



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



Find drop-off locations and mail-back supplies for medication and sharps at [med-project.org](https://med-project.org)



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

## 2026 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](https://cupertino.gov/environmentalday)

**2026 Dates**  
8 am to 12 noon  
De Anza College  
Parking Lot A  
• **January 17**  
• **April 18**  
• **August 29**  
• **November 14**

### 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 services per year at no additional cost. Items include:

- **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/](https://recology.com/recology-south-bay/cupertino/bulky-items/)

## Backyard Compost Classes

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

### Cupertino Library

- **Saturday, February 28:** 10:30 am to 12:30 noon
- **Saturday, August 1:** 10:30 am to 12:30 noon

### Blackberry Farm

- **Saturday, April 11:** 10 am to 12 noon
- **Saturday, September 26:** 10 am to 12 noon

Register for a workshop at [bit.ly/SCCcompost](https://bit.ly/SCCcompost)

\*attend any class location



# Prevent Fires Before They Start: Keep Batteries Out of the Bin!



If an item is electronic, toxic, or flammable, keep it out of the bins.  
**Household batteries:** Place in a sealed clear bag on top of recycling cart on collection day.  
**Other hazardous items:** Schedule a free and safe disposal at [HHW.org](https://HHW.org) or call (408)299-7300.



## Waste Service Guide Cupertino 2025-2026

## Important Contacts



**Recology South Bay**  
[recology.com/cupertino](https://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](https://cupertino.gov/nowaste)  
(408) 777-3236  
[environmental@cupertino.gov](mailto:environmental@cupertino.gov)

### Countywide Recycling Info

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

### Household Hazardous Waste

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

### Home Composting Education Program

Register for a free home composting class at [bit.ly/SCCcompost](https://bit.ly/SCCcompost) or call (408) 918-4640