

# What Goes in the Garbage?

## NON-RECYCLABLE GLASS

- ceramics
- lightbulbs (no fluorescent)
- mirrors, tempered & window glass

## NON-RECYCLABLE PAPER

- carbon paper
- laminated items
- metallic wrapping paper
- chip bags
- paper used for cleaning (soiled)
- photographs
- vacuum bags

## NON-RECYCLABLE PLASTIC

- 6-pack rings (please cut)
- plastic film & wrap
- plastic plates & utensils
- plastic drinking straws & stir sticks
- records, tapes & CDs
- shower curtain liners
- tape (duct, scotch, masking)

## TEXTILES

- cotton balls
- rugs & mats
- shoes, clothing & stuffed animals (that cannot be donated)
- sponges

## NO RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

## NO CONSTRUCTION OR DEMOLITION MATERIALS



## OTHER

- balloons (latex & mylar)
- clothes hangers
- diapers
- feminine products
- foam & styrofoam
- hose (garden or rubber)
- pet feces
- rubber bands
- toothpaste tubes
- toys (that cannot be donated)
- wooden chopsticks

## FOOD SCRAPS

- fruits & vegetables including peels, pits & rinds
- bread, pasta & other grains
- dairy products & egg shells
- coffee grounds & tea leaves
- Spoiled/expired food (packaging ok)
- meat & bones
- meal prep waste
- plate waste & scraps

## FOOD-SOILED PAPER

- paper plates & cups
- paper napkins & towels
- paper coffee filters & tea bags
- soiled paper bags
- paper takeout containers
- soiled newspaper
- greasy pizza boxes
- waxed paper & boxes



# What Goes in the Recycling?

## PAPER PRODUCTS

- corrugated cardboard & paper boxes – large or multiple pieces should be flattened and/or cut
- Shredded paper – in a paper bag, secured with a staple
- junk mail
- newspaper
- phonebooks & catalogs
- aseptic boxes – juice, soup & soy milk
- books up to 40 lbs.

## GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS

- clean and dry

## ALUMINUM & METAL

- aerosol cans (empty)
- cans & pans (clean and dry)
- scrap pieces up to 20 lbs.

## PLASTICS LABELED 1-7

- bottles & jars (clean and dry)
- tubs & trays
- plastic bags – Protect the environment by avoiding single-use bags; reuse them when possible. When recycling multiple bags, use one bag and fill it with the others; tie off the full bag before placing in the recycling.

## NO FOOD SCRAPS

## NO GARBAGE OR ORGANICS

## NO FOOD-SOILED PAPER OR PIZZA BOXES

## NO STYROFOAM



## WHY IS ORGANIC WASTE GOING INTO THE GARBAGE?

- The City of Santa Clara now provides mixed waste processing to franchised customers with their garbage service.
- California Senate Bill 1383 requires every jurisdiction to provide organics waste collection services to all residents and businesses.
- Mixed waste processing allows organic material to be separated from garbage before going to the landfill. The organic material captured by mixed waste processing is taken to a composting facility to meet state requirements for organics diversion from the landfill.

## I ALREADY HAVE AN ORGANICS OR FOOD SCRAP BIN. WHERE SHOULD I PUT ORGANIC WASTE?

- You may continue to use your food scrap or organics bin, but these services are no longer mandatory. You are compliant with SB 1383 organics recycling requirements through mixed waste processing. Large food generators may be required to donate surplus edible food under SB 1383. For more information, visit [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics).

**HAZARDOUS WASTE HAS ITS PLACE.** Hazardous waste does NOT belong in any of the Mission Trail Waste System collection bins. Please call the Santa Clara County Household Hazardous Waste line at 408-299-7300 or visit [HHW.org](http://HHW.org) for information on proper disposal of items like paint, car batteries, fluorescent bulbs, toxic cleaners, poisons, sharps and medications.

**TREATED WOOD WASTE.** Treated wood waste cannot be thrown in the garbage. Please visit <https://dtsc.ca.gov/> for information and disposal locations.