

# What Goes Where Guide



## RECYCLABLES Material must be spatula cleaned with lids and caps on.

### METAL – Empty & spatula clean

- Aerosol cans (empty and non-hazardous)
- Aluminum foil, foil trays & pans (clean)
- Cans (e.g., food, beverage, pet food)
- Lids & caps – metal (e.g., from glass bottles, jars)
- Scrap metal

### PAPER – Staples & tape ok

- Bags (e.g., white, colored, non-metallic)
- Books – softback
- Cardboard – (cut/folded to fit inside cart)
- Cereal & cracker boxes (remove liners)
- Colored or construction paper
- Egg cartons – cardboard
- Envelopes (plastic window OK)
- Frozen food packaging – cardboard
- Gift wrap & tissue paper (non-metallic)
- Junk mail
- Magazines & catalogs
- Newspaper – clean (including inserts)
- Pizza boxes (little to no grease)
- Shoe boxes
- Shredded paper (tie in clear plastic bag)
- White office paper



### PLASTIC – Plastics #1, #2, #5 (empty, spatula clean, and with lids on)

- Baskets & flower pots – plastic (no black plastic)
- Bottles (e.g., beverage, laundry and household cleaners, personal care products, prescription)
- Buckets
- Crates – plastic
- Food containers (e.g., yogurt)
- Shelving – plastic
- Squeezable bottles (e.g., honey, mayo, ketchup)
- Take-out food containers – plastic (no black plastic)

### GLASS – Empty & spatula clean

- Beverage bottles
- Food jars
- Wine bottles

**Occasional extra cardboard** can be flattened and bundled with tape or rope (no larger than 3x3 feet per bundle) and placed next to your recycle cart for collection day for no additional charge.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

### Household hazardous waste (HHW) NEVER belongs in any of your carts.

Below are services included with your residential curbside collection. To schedule, call GreenWaste at **(831) 920-6707** or email **PeninsulaCS@GreenWaste.com**.

- **Batteries** – Place in a sealed plastic bag on top of your blue recycling cart.
- **Car batteries** – Place up to one car battery per week next to your blue recycling cart.
- **Motor oil** - Request a free motor oil recycling container and oil filter. Place full containers next to your blue recycling container on your service day.
- **Water-based paint** – Place up to one gallon per week next to your blue recycling cart.
- **Electronic waste** – Up to 5 items per annual bulky item pickup per residential household.

Household hazardous waste items may also be dropped off at ReGen Monterey. For more information, visit **ReGenMonterey.org/hazardous-materials**.

- Lightbulbs, lithium-ion batteries, thermostats
- Cleaning supplies, aerosols, pest control
- Health and personal care products
- Paints, stains and varnishes
- Propane tanks up to 5 gallons

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## ORGANICS

### YARD TRIMMINGS

- Flax
- Flowers
- Grass clippings
- Hay
- Holiday trees (unflocked and undecorated with stand removed)
- Landscape vegetation
- Leaves
- Plant trimmings (no poison oak or ivy)
- Sawdust (no treated or painted wood)
- Shrubs
- Small pruning
- Sod (remove as much soil as possible)
- Stumps – must not exceed 6" in diameter
- Tree trimmings/branches – cut to fit loosely in container

### FOOD SCRAPS

- Bones
- Bread & dough
- Coffee grounds and paper filters
- Cooked meat & poultry
- Dairy products (no liquids)
- Eggshells
- Cooked fish & shellfish
- Fruit & vegetables
- Grains & pasta (raw or cooked)

No compostable bags or products are accepted in your green cart.



## GARBAGE

### PAPER

- Carbon paper & thermal fax paper
- Milk, juice & ice cream cartons
- Newspaper – soiled
- Napkins, paper towels, tissues
- Compostable paper cups and plates
- Photos, photo paper & instant film
- Pizza delivery boxes – soiled (bottoms)
- Stickers (in sheets or rolls)
- Take-out food containers – paper
- Waxed paper & waxed cardboard

### PLASTIC – Plastics #3, #4, #6, and #7

- Coffee cups & lids
- Compostable plastics
- Diapers – disposable
- Disposable razors
- Gloves – rubber & latex/single use
- Hoses (must be tied)
- Ink cartridges & toner
- Pipe – PVC/Plastic
- Umbrellas – plastic

### MULTI-LAYERED MATERIALS

- Envelopes (e.g., padded, Tyvek)
- Foil beverage pouches
- Snack packaging (e.g., chip bags)
- Aseptic and gable-top cartons
- Audio & video tapes, CDs & DVDs

### POLYSTYRENE/FOAMED PLASTIC

- Cups & plates - foam
- Egg cartons – molded foam
- Foam packing, packing peanuts
- Meat trays – molded form
- Take-out food containers – foam
- Coolers – foam

### FABRIC AND TEXTILES – Donate when possible

- Clothing, boots & shoes
- Pillows and stuffed animals
- Fabrics – clean or soiled
- Luggage – small carry-on sizes only

### COMPOSTABLE WARE

- Biodegradable bags
- Cups, bowls, plates & take-out containers
- Utensils & napkins

### ORGANIC MATERIAL

- Food soiled cardboard and paper
- Cactus, succulents, genista (brooms)
- Ice plant, ivy & palm fronds
- Pet waste
- Poison oak
- Raw Meat
- Yucca

