

WASTELINE

A Publication for GreenWaste Recovery Customers in the County of Santa Clara

Summer 2024

Batteries Burn

Batteries can spark and ignite fires in your cart, collection trucks, and sorting facility. They should never be thrown into the garbage or recycling container; not only is it dangerous, it's illegal.

Household batteries include AA, AAA, C, D, 6-volt, 9-volt, camera batteries, nickel cadmium and lithium ion. Correctly recycle your household batteries to protect your community and the environment from fire hazards, water pollution and more. For curbside cart customers, Place batteries in a clear zip-type plastic bag and place on top of (not inside) your recycling container.

For bin customers, contact Customer Service at **408.938.4970** for more information on how to properly recycle household batteries.

For information about safe FREE disposal of other household hazardous waste (HHW) such as used motor oil, paint, fluorescent bulbs, pesticides, chemicals, syringes, and more please contact the Household Hazardous Waste Program for Santa Clara County at **408.299.7300** or visit hhw.org.



Holiday Pickup Schedule

GreenWaste will provide regular collection service on these holidays:

★ Independence Day ~ Thursday, July 4, 2024 ★

★ Labor Day ~ Monday, September 2, 2024 ★

Please set out your containers on your regular collection day by 6:00 AM



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IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

County Integrated Waste Management

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San Jose, Ca 95112
408.282.3180
SCCReduce.Waste@cep.sccgov.gov
www.reducewaste.org

Composting Education Program

408.918.4641



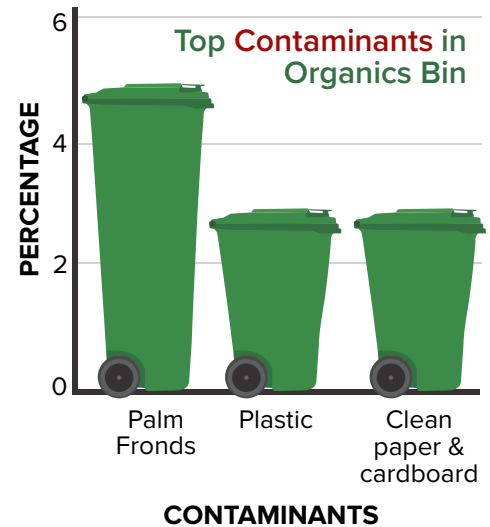
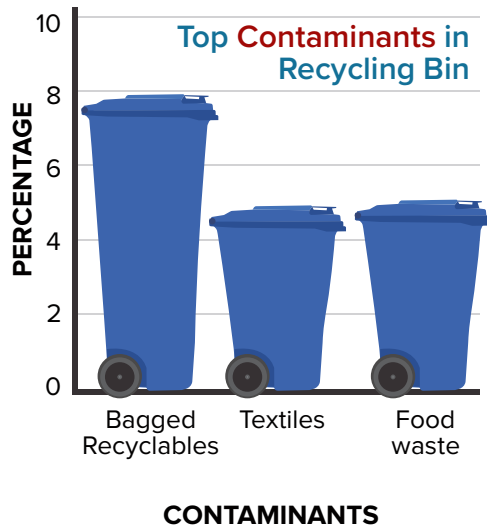
Center for the Development of Recycling/Recycling Hotline

408.924.5453
800.533.8414 - Toll Free
info@recyclestuff.org
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Customer Tips from Route Reviews

County staff have been monitoring randomly selected routes in Unincorporated Santa Clara County, as required by state law SB 1383. When an item is sorted into the wrong cart, it is considered “contamination” of that cart under the law. Key contaminants that staff are seeing include food waste and soiled paper in the garbage cart, bagged recyclables, textiles and food waste in the recycling cart, and palm fronds, clean paper, and plastics in the organics cart.

The tables below show the percentages of the most common contaminants seen during monitoring:



What Goes Where:



Food waste, and food-soiled paper such as pizza boxes, can't be recycled but can be composted if placed in your organics cart with yard trimmings.



Plastic, and clean paper such as cardboard, can best be recycled if placed clean and dry in your recycling cart.



Textiles can be repurposed or donated to a non-profit; otherwise place textiles in your garbage cart.

The County and GreenWaste Recovery are here to help provide resources to support your sorting. Visit the County website reducewaste.santaclaracounty.gov and greenwaste.com. If you have further questions, you can call the County at **408.282.3180** and GreenWaste at **408.938.4970**. Thanks for all that you are doing to minimize materials to the landfill, and keep recyclable and compostable materials clean for maximum recycling!

Rate Adjustment Reminder

Effective July 1, an annual rate adjustment will be applied to your collection services. For more information on annual adjustments please contact Customer Service at **408.938.4970** or visit us online at greenwaste.com

