

Fairfield

Organics, Recycling and Waste Services



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Recycling, Trash, Organics: What Goes Where?

State Law, Senate Bill 1383, requires that businesses educate their employees on how to properly sort their recyclable and organic materials from the trash at work. Republic Services Sustainability Advisors can help you train your employees about proper waste sorting, with resources to teach your employees how to correctly separate organic and recyclable items from trash. Sustainability advisors can conduct waste assessments to help you identify materials that can be recycled or composted.

The City of Fairfield also has an online recycling guide to help residents and businesses properly dispose of waste. The guide can be accessed by scanning the QR code with your smartphone.



Organics

Paper bags/compostable bags, BPI-certified



Food scraps

Bones, baked goods, coffee grounds, dairy products, egg shells, fish, fruit, grains, meat and vegetables



Food-soiled paper

Pizza boxes, coffee filters, non-coated paper plates, napkins



Plant debris

Flowers, plant trimmings, grass

⊗ Not accepted:

Plastic bags, bamboo, dead animals, dirt, rocks, sand, lawn sod, manure or pet waste, construction materials, wood (coated or painted), electronic waste, hazardous waste, hot ashes, medicines, needles and medical sharps, tires, used motor oil/filters, recyclable materials

Recycling

Empty, clean and dry



Paper

Catalogs, brochures, envelopes, junk mail, magazines, newspaper, office paper, phone books



Cardboard

File folders, shipping boxes



Plastics

Water and soda bottles, take-out containers



Glass

Bottles (clear, green and brown), jars



Metal

Aluminum beverage cans, food cans

⊗ Not accepted:

Plastic bags, batteries, construction materials, food waste, food-soiled paper, fluorescent bulbs, electronic waste, clothing, shoes, ceramics, hazardous waste, hot ashes, medicines, needles and medical sharps, tires, used motor oil/filters, yard debris

Landfill



Plastic bags or film



Plastic utensils



Styrofoam™



Snack wrappers



Broken dishware



Other Trash

⊗ Not accepted:

Batteries, construction materials, food waste, food-soiled paper, fluorescent bulbs, electronic waste, hazardous waste, hot ashes, medicines, needles and medical sharps, recyclable materials, tires, used motor oil/filters, yard debris

Hazardous Waste Disposal for Small Quantity Generators

Does your business generate hazardous waste, such as fluorescent light bulbs, batteries, antifreeze, adhesives, batteries, cleaners, fertilizers, fuel, light bulbs, mercury, oil, paints, pesticides, thinners, or other chemicals? If you answer yes, be sure that your business never disposes of these materials in any of your curbside collection carts, as this can pose great harm to the environment and our community.

Who May Participate?

Fairfield businesses that generate less than 220 lbs. of universal hazardous waste, and less than 2.2 lbs. of extremely hazardous waste in any month, may participate in Covered Hazardous Waste disposal. Extremely hazardous waste includes waste that would cause death, disabling personal injury, or serious illness. This waste is more hazardous than ordinary hazardous waste. Some examples are: arsenic acid, benzyl chloride and ethyl cyanide. You can find a complete list on the Department of Toxic Substances Control website.

Covered wastes are toxic/poisonous, flammable, corrosive, ignitable, or an environmental health hazard. Businesses with Covered Hazardous Waste Disposal need an EPA identification number. An EPA ID number is free. For more details and to apply for an ID number, please visit: dtsc.ca.gov/apply-for-hazardous-waste-epa-id-number.

Businesses that need to properly dispose of latex paint, aerosol cans, household-type batteries and fluorescent lamps do not need to apply for an EPA ID number.

Program Guidelines

- Prepare an itemized waste inventory list. Include cart size and amount of each waste type.
- Determine if you need an EPA ID number.
- Call **800.207.8222** to set up an appointment. Program staff will provide you with the disposal costs and information for your appointment.
- Package waste in sturdy, non-leaking containers – not larger than 5 gallons or 50 pounds in size. Do not mix waste.



Holiday Service Schedule

Republic Services observes Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. If your regular service day falls on or after a holiday, service will be delayed one day. Commercial businesses that are usually serviced on Friday will be serviced on Saturday.

Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 28, 2024

No service on Thursday. Service will be one day later (Friday services will occur on Saturday). Administrative office, Buy-Back and BOPA will be closed on Thursday, November 28, and Friday, November 29.

Christmas Day: Wednesday, December 25, 2024

New Year's Day: Wednesday, January 1, 2025

Service will be one day later. For example: Tuesday service will be on Wednesday (Friday services will occur on Saturday). Administrative office, Buy-Back and BOPA will be closed on Wednesday, December 25, 2024, and January 1, 2025.



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