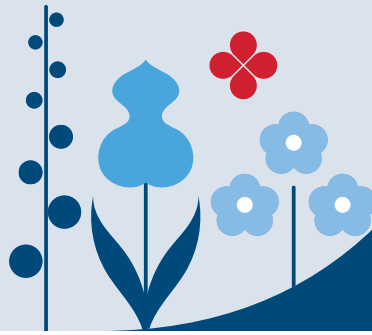


Fairfield

Recycling, Organics
and Waste Services



Sustainability in Action

Let's Celebrate Earth Day Every Day by Becoming More Sustainable!

Reduce

There are many ways to reduce your waste disposal. Here are two easy everyday ideas on how to reduce waste.

- ▶ Say no to disposable single-use plastic items like straws, plastic utensils, disposal coffee cups and shopping bags. These products are intended to be used once and discarded. Replace them with a reusable option. Plastics don't really break down; they just break up. Over time, sun and heat slowly turn plastics into smaller and smaller pieces until they eventually become what are known as microplastics. These types of plastics are very harmful to our environment.
- ▶ Prevent food waste by organizing your pantry and refrigerator so you are aware of what you have, and use items that are going to expire first.



Reuse

Before you throw something out, think about whether you could repair it or use it for another purpose. You can also find out if the item can be donated. There are nonprofit organizations in Fairfield that take donation items. Here are some examples.

- ▶ Habitat for Humanity, at 104 Commerce Ct., Fairfield. Visit [solanonapahabitat.org](https://www.solanonapahabitat.org) to find out what items can be donated there.
- ▶ United Cerebral Palsy of the North Bay, Gone for Good, at 2860 Cordelia Rd., #100, Fairfield. Visit [ucpnbdonate.org](https://www.ucpnbdonate.org) to get a list of donation items.
- ▶ Goodwill Store & Donation Center, at 2211 N. Texas St., Fairfield. Visit [sfgoodwill.org](https://www.sfgoodwill.org) for a list of items that can be donated.



Recycle

Empty, clean and dry bottles, cans and jugs before placing them into your curbside recycling cart. These items are sorted and processed, and the materials are given new life, all without contributing additional waste to the landfill.

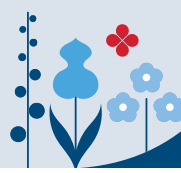
Recycling saves energy, conserves natural resources and prevents pollution.

Please do not place recyclable materials in bags.



Scan for a complete list of recyclable materials that can be placed in your recycling curbside program.





Compost Food, Soiled Paper and Yard Waste

You can place food scraps, yard trimmings and soiled paper materials in your organics cart (gray body with a green lid). These organic materials will be taken to a compost facility, where they biodegrade and create a nutrient-rich soil mix that you can add to your garden or lawn.



Please scan for a complete list of organic materials that can be placed in your organics curbside program.



Keep Up the Good Work, Fairfield!

Fairfield residents recycled 8,892 tons of recyclable materials and 14,278 tons of organics materials in 2023. Organic waste was sent to a compost facility. Composting organics helps reduce potent methane gas emissions. These emissions are 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide and are a source of greenhouse gases. The statewide goal is to reduce the amount of organic waste we dispose of in landfills by 75% by 2025. We are on our way to achieving this goal, but we still need your help. Keep going green, Fairfield!

Senate Bill (SB) 1383 Contamination Monitoring

State law SB 1383 requires local jurisdictions to monitor contamination and proper sorting of organics and recycling by performing annual route audits. Republic Services employees may be in your neighborhood throughout the year performing lid flips, looking into all three of your carts. We are looking for proper sorting of materials in each cart and may leave an educational tag if something should have gone into a different cart.



Here are a few things to know:

- ▶ No bags are opened.
- ▶ No contents are taken or emptied.
- ▶ No contents are touched.
- ▶ Only a small number of streets will be randomly selected for these audits.

Please Help Us Serve You Better

Please place carts at least 2 feet apart and 6 feet away from other objects, such as cars, mailboxes and light poles.

