

Residential Recycling & Waste Service Newsletter

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Your Top Recycling and Compost Questions, Answered!

We're addressing your most frequently asked questions about what goes where!

► Pizza boxes — recycling or compost?

- A. Compost!** Place your greasy pizza boxes right into your green cart. Look for this item on the label of newer green carts. Need a new cart? Call our Customer Service Department at **510.262.7100** for assistance.



► Where can I dispose of used cooking oil?

- A.** Absorb small quantities of leftover cooking oil with a paper towel, and discard it in your green cart! Larger quantities can be contained in a bottle or jar and brought to the West Contra Costa Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 101 Pittsburg Ave. in Richmond for no-cost drop-off with proof of residency. The facility is open from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday. Visit [RepublicServices.com/municipality/wccc-ca](https://www.republicservices.com/municipality/wccc-ca) for additional details.

► Paper envelopes with plastic bubble wrap — where do they go?

- A. Trash!** Envelopes made with both paper and plastic bubble wrap are considered mixed materials and cannot be recycled in your blue cart. Please place this material and similar mixed materials in your black or brown trash cart.



► What about plain plastic bubble wrap?

- A. Trash it!** While bubble wrap is plastic, it is considered a soft plastic. This material can tangle in the processing machinery and is not accepted in the recycling stream.

► Plastic packaging peanuts or compostable packaging peanuts — which can be recycled?

- A. Neither.** Regardless of whether they're classic Styrofoam™ or labeled as "compostable" (often cornstarch-based), all packing peanuts should go in your black or brown trash cart. Any type of Styrofoam™ product is considered trash. Packing peanuts made from compostable plastics will not break down in the 60-day degradation process.

► Can cardboard with plastic packing tape still be recycled?

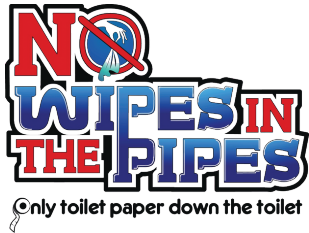
A few strips of plastic packing tape on a cardboard box will not contaminate the cardboard for recycling. Recycling facilities are equipped to handle small amounts of non-cardboard material on otherwise recyclable items. However, if a box is overwhelmingly covered in plastic tape or other non-cardboard materials, it's best to remove as much as possible, or place it in the trash if it's mostly non-cardboard.



No Wipes in the Pipes

Baby wipes and sanitizing wipes should be thrown away in the trash, not in the toilet. They do not break apart like toilet paper and will cause unwanted backups and could even cause permanent and expensive damage. Save your pipes — don't flush your wipes!

Please contact the Rodeo Sanitary District with any questions at **510.799.2970**.



Republic Services 2025 Holiday Schedule

Please be aware that we will be observing the following holidays in 2025:

- ▶ New Year's Day: Wednesday, January 1
- ▶ Independence Day: Friday, July 4
- ▶ Labor Day: Monday, September 1
- ▶ Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 27
- ▶ Christmas Day: Thursday, December 25

As a result of these holidays falling on weekdays, our service schedule will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week in which they occur. For example, if a holiday falls on a Wednesday, our services for that week will be delayed by one day from Wednesday to Thursday, and so on.



When in Doubt, Find Out!

Uncertain of where to place your waste? Feeling overwhelmed by sorting options? Do you have a broken item you're not sure how to fix? Visit **ReSource.Stop waste.org**. This online tool by StopWaste is your one-stop online guide for all things reuse, repair, recycle and safe disposal. It provides detailed and localized information on the disposal and/or disposal alternatives of specific items entered into the search box and by providing your ZIP code.

Need more help?

Visit **RepublicServices.com/municipality/wccc-ca**.



We're Giving Away Compost!

This quarter's giveaways will occur on July 2, August 6 and September 3.

Residents in our service area can obtain up to 2 cubic yards of compost EVERY first Wednesday of the month, all year, for NO CHARGE. Add compost to your garden this summer to help retain nutrients and preserve water year-round. More information: **Tinyurl.com/CompostProgram**.

