## **City of Carlsbad**

Multi-Family Recycling & Waste Service Guide



Sustainability in Action



## **MULTI-FAMILY SERVICE GUIDE**

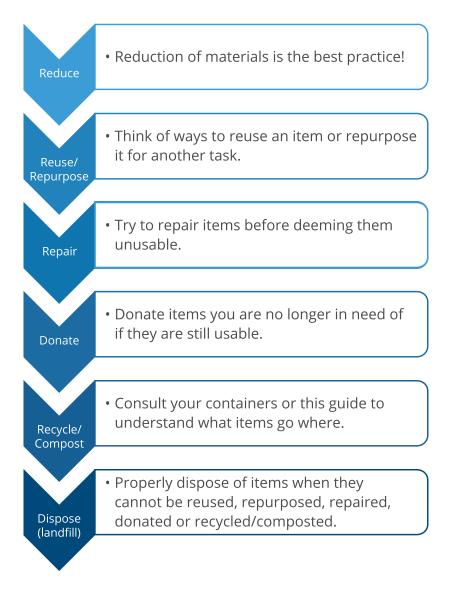
The City's Sustainable Materials Management Division and Republic Services want to make it easy for multi-family residents to dispose of their waste in an environmentally friendly way. This guide is intended to provide residents and property managers with important information about Carlsbad's recycling, organics, trash and other waste reduction and diversion programs available in the city.

### What is a Multi-Family Property?

Any property with a minimum of five residential housing units, including apartments, condominiums, town homes, mobile homes, retirement and senior living housing.

### **Waste Hierarchy**

The best way to reduce, reuse and recycle!



## **DID YOU KNOW?** 75% of our waste is recyclable!

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Residential waste collection does not occur on the following holidays:

- ✓ New Year's Day
- ✓ Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

When the holiday falls on a weekday, collection will be delayed one day for the remainder of the week. If a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, there will be no delays.

## SERVICE BASICS FOR RESIDENTS

### Collection

Republic Services provides recycling, organics and trash service at least one time per week for multi-family properties.

### **Move-In Kit**

Republic Services provides free recycling totes for residents to place their recyclables in prior to placement in the recycling cart. Contact Republic Services at 760.332.6464 or carlsbadservice@RepublicServices.com to request your free recycling tote.

### **Kitchen Caddies**

Republic Services provides free kitchen caddies for residents to place their food scraps prior to placement in the organics cart. Contact Republic Services at 760.332.6464 or carlsbadservice@RepublicServices.com to request your free kitchen caddie.

## **ROOM-BY-ROOM RECYCLING**

### **KITCHEN**

- Recycle packaging from food containers.
- Compost kitchen scraps when cleaning out the refrigerator.
- Recycle paper towel cores, aluminum cans and glass containers.

### **BATHROOM**

 Recycle empty shampoo bottles, empty soap dispensers and toilet paper cores.

### LIVING ROOM

 Break down and recycle cardboard boxes from new electronics and other deliveries.

## **MOVE-IN, MOVE-OUT TIPS**

- Always break down cardboard boxes.
- Ask your Property Manager for a Move-in-Kit or email carlsbadservice@ RepublicServices.com to get your kitchen caddy and other useful information.





Move-In Kit and Magnet







WHAT GOES WHERE?

## Recycling

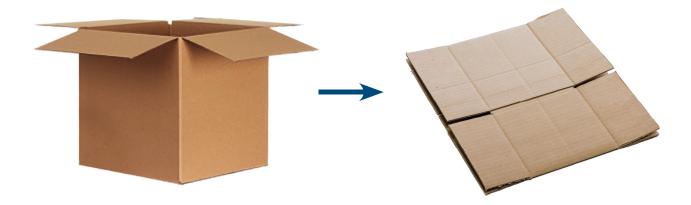
Why recycle? It's the law! Assembly Bill 341 (AB341) requires that multi-family complexes implement a recycling program. In addition, the City of Carlsbad requires the separation of recycling and trash, per the Carlsbad Municipal Code. Visit **CalRecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial** to learn more about California's Mandatory Commercial Recycling Law.





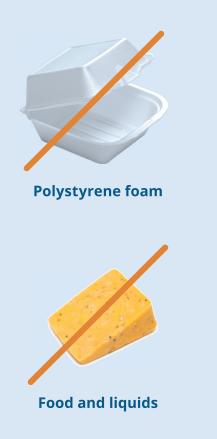
## ALWAYS BREAK DOWN CARDBOARD BOXES

Recycle all cardboard boxes and newspaper. Flatten boxes to save space in the recycling cart.



## **MOST COMMON CONTAMINANTS**

Please don't "wish-cycle".





Garden hoses, holiday lights and extension cords



**Electronics** 



Plastic bags and plastic film



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### WHAT GOES WHERE?

## Organics

Senate Bill 1383 requires all California residents to compost organic waste. Organic waste includes food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, non-hazardous wood waste and food-soiled paper products. Organic waste will be comingled in one bin. By recycling recyclables and composting organic waste, we will reduce the amount of waste going into our landfills and create create nutrient-rich soil additive for local farms and gardens. Visit **CalRecycle.ca.gov/organics** for more information.

## Acceptable



Beans, bones, bread, cereals, cheese, coffee grounds, dairy products, eggs and eggshells, fish, fruit and vegetable scraps, meat, rice, seafood, tortillas Food-soiled paper



Coffee filters, paper plates, paper towels and napkins, paper/cardboard take-out containers, pizza boxes, tea bags

Yard waste





Flowers and houseplants, grass, leaves, tree and brush clippings



## **NEW ORGANICS SERVICES!**

In order to meet SB1383, all businesses will be able to compost organics, including food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, nonhazardous wood waste and food-soiled paper products in the green compost containers. Republic Services will pick it up, take it to the new Republic Services composting facility in Otay and turn it into compost that will go right back into the community.

## **COMPOST YOUR FOOD SCRAPS**

By learning how to turn organic waste into fertilizer, you can turn food scraps, yard trimmings and other organic materials into nutrient-rich fertilizer! By placing your food scraps and other organic materials into your green organics cart, you're contributing to the circular economy. Common contaminants include non-compostable cups, utensils, liners/bags not certified compostable and palm fronds.



## **KITCHEN CADDIES**

Republic Services offers free kitchen caddies for residents of multi-family homes to keep their food scraps in. Learn more by visiting **RepublicServices.com/CarlsbadCA**.

## **HOW IS IT PROCESSED?**

Your materials are taken to the Otay Compost Facility where they are then composted into a nutrient-rich soil additive and mulch that can be used in gardens and community parks. Compost will be available to city residents for FREE pick-up during annual giveaway events.



# what goes where?



## PALOMAR TRANSFER STATION

For excess trash generated by do-it-yourself projects or cleanups, residents can dispose of it at Palomar Transfer Station, located at 5960 El Camino Real, Carlsbad. Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., Sunday – Saturday. A fee is charged at the time of disposal. For more information, call **760.603.0153**.



## Other Programs

## **BULK ITEM COLLECTION**

Carlsbad residents may dispose of up to five bulky household items for free / three times annually. Please call Republic Services at **760.332.6464** at least 24 hours in advance of your regular collection day to schedule a pick-up. Visit **RepublicServices.com/CarlsbadCA** for more information or to see a list of acceptable bulk items.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

It is illegal to dispose of household hazardous waste (HHW) and universal waste (u-waste) in your recycling, organics or trash carts, down the drain or by abandonment.

### Examples are:

- > Cleaners/bleach/disinfectants
- > Pesticides/fertilizers/weed killers
- > Auto filter/fluids/batteries
- > Household batteries
- > Fluorescent/CFL bulbs
- > Paint/varnish/stains
- > Bug sprays
- > Electronics
- > Sharps/needles
- > Pharmaceuticals

### Dispose of HHW through one of these convenient options:

**Drop-Off Location:** This drop-off service is free with proof of residency (no appointment necessary). Stericycle Collection Facility, 1145 E. Taylor St., Vista CA 92084, 800.714.1195, Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Door-to-Door:** Contact Stericycle at 800.714.1195 to schedule a collection of HHW at your door for a \$10 fee.

## **ELECTRONIC/UNIVERSAL WASTE**

Residents can also schedule an electronic waste collection through Republic Services of up to five items, three times annually or a door-to-door pick-up through Stericycle.

### Some common electronic products are:

- Computers
- > Printers
- > Fax machines

- Microwave ovens
- > Televisions
- DVD/CD players

- > VCRs
- > Stereos
- Cell phones

To schedule electronics collection, contact Republic Services at **760.332.6464** at least 24 hours in advance of your regular collection day.





## Other Programs

## PHARMACEUTICALS

The City of Carlsbad in partnership with Republic Services provides a biannual pharmaceutical collection event for residents. For more information on this event, please check the city website at **Carlsbadca.gov** or Republic Services website at **RepublicServices.com/CarlsbadCA**. You may also use the drop-off program established by the San Diego County Sheriff's Department. Residents are able to drop off pharmaceuticals anonymously 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Drop-box locations and more information is available at **Sdsheriff.net/prescription-drugs/dropbox.html**.

The city also provides a safe, anonymous disposal drop box at the City of Carlsbad Safety Center, 2560 Orion Way, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Please **DO NOT** flush unwanted pharmaceuticals down the toilet or drain. Pharmaceuticals can pollute our water and unintentionally expose us to the chemicals in these medications. Instead of flushing unwanted medicines, you can throw them in the trash — but first, take steps to prevent children, animals and others from coming into contact with them.

## **SHARPS AND NEEDLES**

Carlsbad residents may properly dispose of their sharps and needles at Palomar Transfer Station and Recycling Buyback Center, 5960 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, CA 92008.

Carlsbad residents may take their sharps or needles to a household hazardous waste facility and place them in the authorized container at the facility. In addition, once a year, the City's Sustainable Materials Management Division holds a special household hazardous waste drop-off event. Residents need to schedule an appointment to participate. Please check the city's website at **RepublicServices.com/CarlsbadCA** for dates and sign-up information.

At an additional cost, Republic Services offers a convenient at-home solution with our Sharps Disposal Mail-Back Kits. Each kit includes:

> Detailed instructions for safe sharps disposal

> Postal authorized return box and liner

- Pre-paid return postage
  - Disposal tracking documents

> Sharps disposal container

Order yours today by calling **760.337.2480** or visiting **RepublicServices.com/CarlsbadCA**.

## SHREDDING

Republic Services sponsors a **FREE Shredding Event** to residents once annually on a Saturday in April. Residents need to schedule an appointment to participate. Scheduling appointments online start in late March or early April on Republic Service's website. Each household is limited to three standard sized storage boxes of sensitive documents only.

Note: shredded paper is not acceptable in your residential property's recycling cart whether it's bagged or loose.







## **BUYBACK CENTER**

Republic Services' BuyBack Center is located at 5960 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, open Tuesday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Residents can bring California Redemption Value (CRV) bottles and cans in for cash.

### **CRV Items**

- > Aluminum and bi-metal beverage cans
- > Plastic beverage containers with recycling symbols #1-#7
- > Glass beverage bottles (excluding wine and liquor)



### SUSTAINABILITY TIPS AND TOOLS FOR PROPERTY MANAGERS

### **Get It Right!**

On-site assistance by trained staff is available to help match your recycling, organics and trash services to your business needs. The City of Carlsbad, in partnership with Republic Services, offers a variety of services and programs to help businesses recycle right. Email Republic Services recycling coordinators at **CarlsbadRecycling@RepublicServices.com** to request your free audit. The following tools are offered to multi-family properties free of charge.

### Waste Audit

A waste audit is a good first step in setting up your property's recycling program. Once you are better acquainted with the composition of the waste your property generates, it is easier to identify those materials that could be recycled and items that could be used less or used again.

### **Staff Training**

An effective waste reduction and recycling plan hinges on the participation and support of employees, managers and residents. Interactive training will engage participants and emphasize the benefits of waste reduction and recycling.

### **Sustainability Supplies**

To ensure your recycling and waste reduction plan is effective, an array of materials for your property is available for free, as supplies last. Materials include recycling carts, signage, reusable bags, recycling guides, posters and educational handouts.



### **HOLIDAY TREE DISPOSAL**

Republic Services collects trees curbside. Tree pickup day is the same as your regular green waste collection day. Please remove stands, lights, ornaments, tinsel and trimmings from trees — no flocked or artificial trees; place decorated, flocked or artificial trees in your waste container. **Please cut your tree to make sure that it fits in your container with the lid closed.** 

### **USEFUL CONTACTS**

Republic Services 5960 El Camino Real Carlsbad, CA 92008 760.332.6464 Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

#### **City of Carlsbad**

1635 Faraday Ave.
Carlsbad, CA 92008
Sustainable Materials Management Division
Recycling and Trash Services
442.339.2646
ReduceReuseRecycle@carlsbadca.gov
Promotes a variety of waste reduction,
composting and diversion programs.

### For more Information, visit Carlsbadca.gov, email carlsbadservice@RepublicServices.com or call 760.332.6464.

#### Palomar Transfer Station

5960 El Camino Real Carlsbad, CA 92008 760.603.0153 Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday – Sunday, 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

#### **Stericycle**

Household Hazardous Waste 1145 E. Taylor St. Vista, CA 92084 800.714.1195 Saturday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. No appointment needed

