Alameda County

Recycling Guide

Also available online.

- What do I do with my old TV and VCR?
- Where can I take my hazardous waste?
- How can I recycle my batteries and fluorescent bulbs?
- Why does recycling make a difference?

You've got recycling questions; we've got answers.



Reduce, Reuse, RECYCLE, Rot.

Use this guide to find recycling solutions for your home, school, and business; from appliances, we batteries, for bikes, bottles, building materials, cans, for cell phones, we electronics, fluorescent bulbs, food scraps, fluorescent bulbs, food scraps, fluorescent paint, food scraps, for microwaves, paint, food scraps, for toner cartridges, food scraps!

For the most up-to-date information, visit our website at www.StopWaste.Org.



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You are making a DIFFERENCE

Everyone agrees that it is good to recycle. But did you know that practicing the 4Rs – reduce, reuse, recycle, and rot (compost) – is one of the easiest and most cost-effective ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions?

Thanks to your commitment to the 4Rs, every year the amount we recycle continues to increase. With your help, we are diverting more waste from our landfills: from a mere 12 percent diverted in 1990, 2004 to a whopping 61 percent

to 54 percent in 2004 to a whopping 61 percent in 2006. Together we can reach our goal of 75 percent by 2010.

That 61 percent waste diversion translates into more than 2,300,000 tons of garbage that didn't go to the landfill, which means water and energy saved, reduced greenhouse gases, and an improved environment in the Bay Area. But we can still do more! Every ton that we put in the landfill represents a missed opportunity to recycle and prevent tons of greenhouse gas emissions that come from recycling the material. For example:

- **Reduce & Reuse** By not producing new products, we reduce waste, energy use, transportation needs, and deforestation. This translates into a significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.
- **Recycling** By recycling, we conserve natural resources. This simple action decreases greenhouse gas emissions from mining, transportation, processing, and manufacturing.
- **Composting** Food waste is the most prevalent item in our waste stream and generates more methane in the landfill than any other material. Methane is a very potent greenhouse gas more than twenty times more potent than carbon dioxide!

There are lots of things we can do to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Practicing the 4Rs is one of the lowest-cost alternatives. It's easy to do because recycling programs are in place at home, work, and school.

This guide offers resources and information on waste reduction and prevention, reuse, recycling, and composting. Whether it's at home, work, or school, Alameda County residents are recycling paper, bottles, and cans; composting their yard waste and food scraps; and reusing materials instead of throwing them away.

You are already doing it, but you can still do more! Here are few simple things you can do to put the 4Rs into action:



Reduce your waste and your "ecological footprint." The United States goes through 100 billion plastic shopping bags annually. Bring your own bag every time you shop!



Reuse products instead of throwing them away. Donate items to thrift or charity stores. Find "new" items on <u>Craigslist.org</u> and <u>Freecycle.org</u> or at neighborhood garage sales.



Recycle in every room in the house! Don't forget to recycle your newspaper, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, and even your cereal and tissue boxes!



Each household in Alameda County generates 12 pounds of food scraps each week – that's 624 pounds a year! Almost all Alameda County residents can now recycle food scraps in their green waste cart. Food scraps get turned into

compost, a valuable resource for landscapers and farmers. You can also make compost in your own backyard using a compost bin purchased at a discount price from StopWaste.Org.

With our continued efforts using the 4Rs, we can all make a difference to reduce the waste that goes into our landfills, conserve natural resources, reduce air and water pollution, protect habitat, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. If you would like more information, please visit <u>www.StopWaste.Org</u>.



Your recycling efforts are paying off

Recycling your paper, bottles, cans, yard waste, and food scraps makes a huge difference to our local economy and conserves natural resources.

In 2006, here's what Alameda County recycling efforts have done^{*}:

TREES SAVED

1,390,690 It takes 17 trees to make a ton of paper.

ENERGY SAVED 6960,041 BTUs

This is the equivalent to the amount of energy used by 68,911 homes in one year

GREENHOUSE GASES REDUCED 160.522 MTCE

This is the equivalent of removing 122,620 passenger cars from the road in a year.

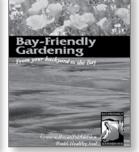
*Derived from National Recycling Coalition's environmental benefits calculator.

Bay-Friendly Helping plants and people thrive. Naturally Landscaping and Gardening

Want to create a sustainable, beautiful and drought-tolerant garden that conserves resources and minimizes greenhouse gas emissions? Consider the Bay-Friendly approach. With Bay-Friendly design and maintenance practices, you can create a beautiful garden that is unique in style – be it a native plant/wildlife habitat, urban Mediterranean retreat, or edible garden – while simultaneously reducing waste, conserving resources and preventing pollution of the San Francisco Bay watershed.

The Bay-Friendly Landscaping and Gardening program can help you get started with these tools and resources. For more details, visit www.BayFriendly.org.







www.BayFriendly.org

Landscape Professionals

Become a Bay-Friendly Qualified Landscaper

Professional landscapers can apply to participate in the Bay-Friendly Landscape Maintenance Training & Qualifications Program by visiting www.BayFriendly.org/bf-qualified.

Bay-Friendly Landscape Guidelines and Training for Professionals

This comprehensive guide provides an overview of Bay-Friendly principles and practices and is geared toward design, construction, and maintenance landscape professionals. Developed with extensive input by Bay Area landscape professionals, you can order a copy at <u>www.BayFriendly.org</u>.

You can also order a copy of the *Bay-Friendly Landscaping Guide to Mulch* and *A Bay-Friendly Guide to Grassscyling* at <u>www.BayFriendly.org</u>.



510-444-SOIL (7645)

Residents

Bay-Friendly Gardening Workshop Series Attend a hands-on workshop on Bay-Friendly design and practices, and cultivate your knowledge.

Bay-Friendly Garden Tour Visit local residential gardens for ideas and inspiration. This free self-guided tour is held annually in the spring and features home gardens throughout Alameda County.

Master Composter Training

Participate in this in-depth annual training and certification program and educate your community.

Hire a Qualified Bay-Friendly Landscaper If you need garden maintenance, check out the trained and qualified Bay-Friendly Landscapers. To see the entire list, visit www.BayFriendly.org/bf-qualified.

Discount Compost Bins Buy a bin and make homemade compost. Alameda County residents can purchase high-quality compost bins at discount prices. Please visit <u>www.BayFriendly.org</u> or call the Compost Information Hotline at (510) 444-SOIL (7645).



Green Building

Construction and Demolition (C&D) Debris Recycling

Green building is an increasingly important global concern and a critical way to conserve natural resources and reduce the amount of materials going to our landfills. In addition to reducing waste disposal costs through recycling and waste prevention, owners and occupants of green buildings enjoy a wide variety of other benefits, including reduction in energy and water costs and reduced exposure to toxic substances found in certain building materials.

An important part of building green is recycling and reusing C&D materials – not only are you reducing disposal costs and waste sent to the landfill, but you are also reducing methane and greenhouse gas emissions because landfills are the leading source of methane generation.

Green Building Guidelines

Comprehensive guidelines for building and remodeling in an environmentally sound manner are available to you. Learn more about how to:

- Use healthier and durable building materials
- Reduce home maintenance
- Lower your utility bills
- Minimize construction waste

Builders' Guide to Reuse and Recycling A Directory for Construction and Demolition Materials

Find out where to recycle C&D debris, including wood, drywall, metals, concrete, dirt, and cardboard.

Visit <u>www.BuildGreenNow.org</u>, and select *Publications* to download or order a copy of these guides.



Free Resources from Build It Green

RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

Build It Green

Build It Green is a nonprofit organization with a mission to promote healthy, energy- and resource-efficient buildings in California. For the resources listed below that help homeowners and building professionals green any project, visit <u>www.BuildItGreen.org</u>.

Certified Green Building Professionals

Locate building professionals who have taken intensive green building coursework and are qualified to provide green building services.

Ask an Expert 510-845-0472 x2

This free service provides customized responses to a variety of green building questions submitted by phone or online form.

Green Product Directory

Product and Supplier Directory

This online directory provides a reliable tool for building professionals and the general public to conveniently locate suppliers and service providers of green building products in the Bay Area. http://accessgreen.builditgreen.org

GreenPoint Rated Homes

Whether you're building a new house or doing a small remodel, make sure that your home is healthy, energy- and resource-efficient, and environmentally friendly. GreenPoint Rated offers an objective rating system for both new and existing homes. For more information, visit <u>www.GreenPointRated.org</u>.



www.BuildGreenNow.org

Business Waste Reduction Assistance

The StopWaste Partnership has everything you need to start or improve environmental programs for your business. Your company can significantly reduce operating costs and increase efficiency while working to eliminate waste, conserve nature resources, and reduce its carbon footprint. The StopWaste Partnership's waste reduction assessments, financial assistance, and other resources can bring your vision to life. All of these services are provided at no cost, so it pays to get started right away.

If your business or public agency has 50 employees or more and is located in Alameda County, join the StopWaste Partnership today.

Your company can:

- Reduce operating costs
- Prevent waste before it starts
- Receive grants and free waste reduction audits
- Increase recognition and improve public image

"If you don't have a recycling program, get one, and start saving money. If you don't have time, empower someone within your organization to take on the task. If you don't have the resources, call StopWaste."

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Anne Sparks Pleasanton Corporate Commons Managed by Hines Interest, L.P.

Business Resources

Funding

Grants and low-interest loans can help you implement waste prevention, reuse, and recycling projects at work.

Technical Assistance

Waste reduction site assessments, employee training, and projectspecific cost-benefit analysis can improve environmental performance and reduce operating costs.

Free Resource Materials

Recycling starter kits, local success stories, waste reduction guides, and a best practices database are examples of StopWaste's rich collection of resource materials.

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

Free guides and fact sheets can help businesses look for environmental attributes in the everyday products they purchase and complete the recycling loop by buying recycledcontent products. For more information, see <u>www.StopWaste.Org/EPP</u>.

Reusable Transport Packaging

Reusable shipping containers reduce waste and can cut company costs while conserving energy and natural resources. The StopWaste Partnership partners with the Reusable Packaging Association to provide businesses the information and resources they need to switch to reusables. For more information, see www.UseReusables.com.

> Ghirardelli Chocolate saves \$400,000 a year by replacing cardboard boxes with reusable plastic totes for internal product handling and storage.



www.StopWastePartnership.Org

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Schools Resources and Services

The **irecycle@school** program provides innovative 4Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rot/Composting) education programs for Alameda County K-12 public schools along with technical assistance for school districts that enable students and teachers to engage in waste reduction activities at school, home, and, the community. Schools that participate in the FREE **irecycle@school** program experience visible improvements in waste reduction while providing students with important life lessons through engaging 4Rs activities that promote responsible and sustainable environmental behaviors. Education programs are grade specific, teacher tested, culturally adapted, and connected to California State Content Standards.

For more information on free resources and services for schools provided by the **irecycle@school**, visit <u>www.StopWaste.Org</u>.



"The field trip was a wonderful experience, and I can't wait to bring my class again next year. It was great for my students to see first hand where all the trash they throw away goes and just how many things that can be "4R-ed" ends up in the landfill."

—4th grade teacher

School Resources

Schools

irecycle@school creates sustainable waste reduction programs by supporting school districts in their implementation of district-wide recycling programs, with 4Rs assemblies and relevant 4Rs classroom curriculum.

Teachers

irecycle@school offers hands-on teacher workshops based on our acclaimed *Doing the 4Rs Classroom Activity Guide*. Other professional development opportunities include school garden workshops, Master Composter training, and service learning programs.

Classrooms

The 4Rs are brought to the classroom through worm composting activities, curriculum, pre- and post-field trip activities, videos, posters, and other teaching resources.

Partnerships

irecycle@school works actively with school districts to support their efforts to achieve sustainable waste reduction; provides funding and guidance for organizations that bring 4Rs programs to schools; partners with university classes to provide teacher trainings; and collaborates with regional environmental education network groups.

Field Trips

The **irecycle@school Education Center** offers free bus transportation for 4th and 5th grade classrooms from partner districts to tour the Davis Street Transfer Station in San Leandro throughout the school year.



Food Scrap Recycling

Food scrap recycling is easy - and a simple way to conserve valuable resources. Food scraps and food-soiled paper make up more than one-third of the garbage households produce. Instead of sending your food scraps to the landfill where they create methane, a potent greenhouse gas, turn your food scraps into compost! Compost is a valuable resource used by farmers, landscapers, and home gardeners to enrich the soil, reduce the use of chemical fertilizers, and grow more food. Food scrap recycling creates a healthier environment for the future. What's not to love?





ALL FOOD PRODUCTS, including fruit, vegetables, cereal, dairy, and meat (including bones); coffee grounds and filters, and tea bags; and food-soiled paper, towels, plates, napkins, pizza boxes. NO PLASTIC, GLASS, METAL, OR LIQUIDS.

Be sure to include:

- plate scrapings and leftovers
- pizza boxes and crust
- paper towels and napkins
- paper cups and plates

For more information on Food Donation, see page 31.

For more information on Commercial Food Scrap Collection, see page 32.

FOOD SCRAP RECYCLING MAKE IT SECOND NATURE

- 1) Collect food scraps and food-soiled paper in your kitchen pail or another container.
- 2) Empty your food scraps into your green waste cart.
- 3) Set out your cart by the curb for the weekly pick-up.









ice cream carton

milk carton

newspaper





paper bag

Cities with Food Scrap Recycling: Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Castro Valley, Dublin, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Newark, Oakland, Piedmont, Pleasanton, San Leandro, Union City.

Keep things tidy by collecting food scraps in a paper container.



Recycle All Your Paper. All the Time.

You recycle all that you can – bottles, cans, and newspaper too. Paper makes up 10 percent of materials that households throw away. Don't forget that *all* of your paper – catalogs, magazines, junk mail, cereal boxes, even your children's "almost-masterpieces" – are valuable resources that can be recycled. Recycling is one small step we can *all* take for the future of our planet.



Stop Junk Mail

It's good to recycle your junk mail. It's even better to stop getting it. Junk mail is a waste of time and resources. The average American household receives junk mail equivalent to 1.5 trees every year. That adds up to more than 100 million trees each year. Junk mail represents 3 percent of what Alameda County residents send to the landfill annually. **Here are a few smart steps you** can take to minimize unwanted mail and continue to receive the mail you really want.

Reducing your junk mail is as easy as 1-2-3

Call, write, or go online to the companies listed to the right and request your name be taken off their list.

2 Contact catalogs and tell them you want your name taken off their list; or remove your name from specific catalogs for free by visiting <u>CatalogChoice.org.</u>

3 When you buy from catalogs over the phone or online, make sure to let the company know that you do not want them to sell, share, or trade your name or send you promotional materials.

Visit www.StopJunkMail.Org for more information on reducing your junk mail, including prewritten template letters and links to companies listed at right.

Remember to recycle your mail, catalogs, and magazines when you are done with them.

Direct Mail:

The Direct Marketing Association (DMA) is the single largest provider of direct mail lists. They charge \$1 to file the form online or by mail.

DMA Mail Preference Service P O Box 282 Carmel, NY 10512

Credit Card Offers:

Remove your name from the lists of major credit card companies:

Equifax / Trans Union / Novus / Experian 1-888-567-8688 (1-888-5-OPTOUT) www.OptOutPrescreen.com

Sweepstakes: Publishers Clearinghouse 1-800-645-9242

Shopping Flyers:

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ValPak Coupons 1-800-237-6266

Advo/Valassis 1-888-241-6760 www.advo.com/consumersupport.html

Harte Hanks Direct Marketing 1-800-422-4116 www.pennysaverusa.com/contactus

Junk Faxes:

Stop junk faxes by contacting the sender of the faxes. If you are unsuccessful, file a complaint with the Consumer Information Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission: 1-888-225-5322 www.fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/ unwantedfaxes.html

Catalogs:

Remove your name from specific catalog lists for free by visiting www.CatalogChoice.org.



Bring Your Own Bag

Start a habit you'll be proud to flaunt: bring reusuable bags every time you go to the store. It's one simple way to go green in your daily life.

Why bringing your own bag makes a difference:

- Each year the United States uses 30 billion plastic and 10 billion paper grocery bags, requiring 14 million trees and 12 million barrels of oil.
- The pulp and paper industry is the second largest industrial user of energy in the United States.

- Only 1 percent of plastic bags are recycled annually.
- More than 46,000 pieces of plastic contaminate each square mile of our oceans.

Tips to remember your bags

- Keep bags in car, office, or backpack.
- Hang bags on front doorknob.
- Make it item #1 on the shopping list.

For more ideas, links, and information, visit <u>www.lgotmybag.org</u>.



Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

Dispose of household hazardous waste safely, conveniently, and for free! Use one of the four Alameda County facilities to dispose of used motor oil, leftover paint, pesticides, and fertilizer products. Many common household products are considered hazardous waste because they contain chemicals that are poisonous, toxic, corrosive, or flammable. These products will contaminate the ground, water, and/or air when poured on the soil, poured down the drain, or dumped in the trash. Alameda County residents can dispose of them for free at any of the Household Hazardous Waste Facilities.

What is household hazardous waste?

Hazardous household items include pesticides, drain cleaners, used motor oil and filters, transmission fluid, paint, fertilizers, alkaline and rechargeable batteries, and fluorescent bulbs and tubes.

Are you a small business?

Small businesses that qualify as "Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators" may schedule an appointment to use the Household Hazardous Waste Facilities for a low administrative and processing fee.

Needles/Sharps Alert: State law now prohibits disposal of home-generated medical needles/sharps in the trash. All needles/sharps must be transported in an approved sharps container. *For other disposal options, see page 38.*

Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste Program 1-800-606-6606 • www.household-hazwaste.org

HHW Program Information

Hours of Operation

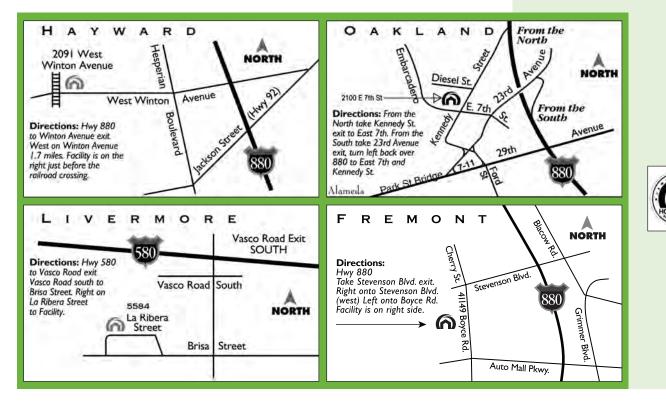
There are household hazardous waste facilities located in Hayward, Oakland, Livermore, and Fremont. Facilities operate on rotating schedules. For specific days and times, call **1-800-606-6606** or check the website: <u>www.household-hazwaste.org</u>.

How much can I put in my car?

State transportation law limits the amount you may transport in one vehicle to 125 pounds or 15 gallons, in containers no larger than 5 gallons. Waste must be transported by a resident of the household that has generated the waste.

How to transport HHW safely

- Place the materials upright in the trunk of your car, packed safely in boxes.
- If you have a leaking container, place it in a larger, nonleaking container, such as a plastic bucket.
- Don't mix different wastes in the same container.
- Don't smoke or have open flame around any of the containers.



Electronic Waste and TV Recycling

What to do with outdated TVs and other electronics, commonly called E-waste

Electronic waste, or E-waste, is a name for electronic products at or near the end of their "useful life." Electronic waste is hazardous waste from a variety of products such as computers, TVs, VCRs, stereos, copiers, and fax machines. Electronic waste is generated by a wide variety of people every day and is one of the fastestgrowing segments of our nation's waste stream.

As of February 2006, it is illegal to put electronics, such as TVs, VCRs, and microwaves into the garbage can. If thrown into the trash and landfill, they can potentially leak toxic substances; contaminate the land and water; pollute the air, and cause harm. Many of these products can be reused, refurbished, or recycled. Working TVs, monitors, computers and other consumer electronics can be sold or donated, thereby prolonging their useful life.

Alameda County residents have several convenient locations to recycle old, unwanted computers and electronics. *For additional locations, see page 27.*

• ACCRC

1501 Eastshore Highway, Berkeley 510-528-4052 www.accrc.org

• Universal Waste Management 721 37th Avenue, Oakland 888-832-9839 www.unwaste.com





Television Update: On February 17, 2009, all television broadcast stations will stop broadcasting in analog format and switch to digital broadcasting. If you already have cable or satellite service, you do not need to take any action.

If you have an analog TV, you can purchase a digital-converter box to attach to your TV set. You can request up to two \$40 coupons to be used toward the purchase of eligible digital-to-analog converter boxes until March 31, 2009. Visit <u>www.fcc.gov</u> for additional information.

To donate your old TV and learn more about recycling, visit one of these sites:

www.ciwmb.ca.gov/electronics/collection
 www.StopWaste.Org/recycle

These sites provide databases of businesses that accept electronic equipment; information regarding fees, if any; and pickup and drop-off options.



Universal Waste, Batteries, and Other Haracteries, and Other Haracteries, and Other Haracteries, and Bulbs

Household batteries such as flashlight, button and alkaline batteries, called Universal waste or U-waste, are a threat to the environment if thrown in the garbage or landfill.

Universal waste contains harmful, corrosive chemicals, metals, mercury and lead. Just as with electronic waste (E-waste), it is against the law to dispose of universal waste in the trash. This includes batteries, microwaves, thermostats, thermometers, and any other mercury-containing devices.



There are several drop-off locations in Alameda County to dispose of your batteries. *For additional locations, see page 22.*

- IKEA, Emeryville (batteries and CFLs)
- Orchard Supply Hardware Stores (batteries only)
- **Berkeley Recycling Center**, 2nd and Gilman (batteries and CFLs)

All four Household Hazardous Waste facilities accept fluorescent bulbs on a drop off basis. *For additional information, see page 11.*

Many residential curbside programs have added batteries to their collection pickup. Check with your local hauler for details. *See Recycling Collection, pages* 46 - 47. Rechargeable batteries are a popular and eco-friendly choice, but they also need to be disposed of in the proper way. The Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC) lists drop-off locations for rechargeable batteries. You can visit their website at <u>www.rbrc.org</u> or call toll-free **1-800-8Battery (822-8837)**.

You can also learn more about universal waste and other hazardous waste by visiting the websites listed below.

- <u>www.dtsc.ca.gov</u>
- <u>www.StopWaste.Org/recycle</u>

These sites provide important information on businesses that accept universal waste, including fees, if any, and pickup and drop-off options.

For microwave recycling options, see page 36.



Plastic Demystified

Is plastic still confusing you?

Plastics are typically classified by one of seven numbers found inside the chasing arrows, commonly called the *recycling symbol*.

The recycling symbol number is used to identify the type of plastic used to manufacture the item. However, just because it has the recycling symbol does not mean it can be put in your recycling bin for pickup.

- To get information about what type of plastic your recycling service provider picks up every week, see Recycling Collection, pages 46 – 47.
- To find where to recycle other types of plastic NOT accepted at the curb, see page 41.



The Plastic Bag Problem

The EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) states that every year between 500 billion and a trillion plastic bags are consumed worldwide. In California, we are using 600 bags per second. These bags are destined for the landfill or our marine environment. And the unfortunate part is we recycle only about 1 percent of them. For plastic bag recycling options, see page 42.

TYPES OF PLASTIC Sometimes plastic is the best or only choice for a product. Look for plastics that can be recycled in your residential recycling program and reuse if possible.

Plastic #1: Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET or PETE)



Common uses: 2-liter soda bottles, water bottles, cooking oil bottles, peanut butter jars. All residential recycling programs accept narrow-neck PET PETE containers.

Plastic #2: High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE)



Common uses: detergent bottles, milk and water jugs, grocery bags, yogurt cups. All residential recycling programs accept narrow-neck HDPE HDPE containers. #2 bags can be recycled at large grocery stores.

Plastic #3: Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC or V)



Common uses: plastic pipes, outdoor furniture, shrink-wrap, water bottles, liquid detergent containers. #3 PVC plastic is not readily recyclable.*

Plastic #4: Low-Density Polyethylene (LDPE)



Common uses: food storage containers, dry 4 cleaning bags, produce bags, trash can liners. Many residential recycling programs accept LDPE narrow-neck LDPE containers. #4 produce bags can be recycled at large grocery stores.

Plastic #5: Polypropylene (PP)



Common uses: ketchup bottles, aerosol caps, drinking straws, yogurt containers. #5 PP plastic is not readily recyclable.*

Plastic #6: Polystyrene (PS)



Common uses: packaging pellets or Styrofoam peanuts, cups, plastic tableware, meat trays, to-go clamshell containers, egg cartons, shipping blocks. **PS** Many shipping/packaging stores will accept polystyrene peanuts and other packaging materials for reuse. Cups, meat trays, and other containers that have come in contact with food are rarely accepted for recycling.*

Plastic #7: Other



Common uses: 3- and 5-gallon reusable water bottles, Tupperware, biodegradable and compostable plastics. This plastic category, as its name **OTHER** of "other" implies, is any plastic other than the named #1-#6 plastic types. These containers can be several different types of plastic polymers. Biodegradable and compostable plastics are also labeled #7. Most recycling centers do not take plastic #7.*

*Look for alternatives whenever possible.

REUSE & RECYCLING Services Directory

We've all heard the term *green* or *eco*. If you are already recycling or composting, you have a head start on going green! Practicing the 4Rs and reducing what goes to the landfill are important steps in saving our natural resources.

This informative directory lists where you can recycle, donate for reuse, or properly dispose of a wide variety

of items, working or non-working. Some categories are separated into two: **REUSE**, for items in good working condition that can be used again; and **RECYCLE**, for items that are valuable and can be made into something new or need to be disposed or properly.

For the most up-to-date reuse and recycling information, go to our searchable database at www.StopWaste.Org/recycle.

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Listings in this guide should not construed as a recommendation or endorsement by the Alameda County Waste Management Authority or the Alameda County Source Reduction and Recycling Board, which are providing the information as a public service to help conserve natural resources and reduce the amount of materials sent to landfills. To have your business listed, please contact us at info@stopwaste.org or call us at 1-877-STOPWASTE (1-877-786-7927).

The following terms are found throughout the Reuse and Recycling Services Directory:

California Refund Value (CRV) In California, beverages packaged in aluminum, glass, plastic, and bimetal require a deposit paid at the time of purchase. The CRV deposit amount is 5¢ or 10¢, depending on container's size and can be redeemed at a certified redemption center.

Redemption Center State-certified centers are where CRV deposits can be redeemed, often located in the parking lots of large grocery stores. To locate the nearest redemption center, go to <u>www.bottlesandcans.com</u> or call the California Department of Conservation Recycling Hotline at **1-800-RECYCLE (732-9253)**.

Buyback Recycling facilities pay cash for recyclable materials, CRV containers, cardboard, and scrap metal.

Drop-off Recycling facilities accept certain recyclable materials. Call to confirm operating hours and material preparation requirements.

Pickup Many recycling companies provide pickup service on a one-time or regular basis. Some companies may charge a fee for pickup services.

Fees Companies may charge a pick-up or drop-off fee for handling certain materials such as appliances, concrete, tires, mattresses, or some hazardous materials for special handling. Some companies collect only large quantities.

Residential Recycling Program (also called *curbside recycling*). Residential recycling program service providers collect newspapers, cardboard, mixed paper, cans, bottles, and more from your home. *See Recycling Collection, pages* 46 – 47.

Transfer Stations Transfer stations receive garbage for consolidation prior to hauling to landfills. Transfer stations may also accept and process materials for recycling such as cans, bottles, paper, cardboard, plastic, used motor oil, appliances, electronics, tires, couches, mattresses, untreated wood, and yard trimmings. *See page 48*.

A one-stop reference for your reuse & recycling needs

The following facilities take a wide variety of materials for recycling. If you are cleaning out the garage or getting ready to move, load up your car and head to one of these recycling locations with cardboard, magazines, bottles and cans, scrap metal, and more. Call the facility to confirm the materials they accept for recycling.

NORTH COUNTY

Berkeley Transfer Station / Oil Recycling Depot

1201- 2nd St., Berkeley 510-981-7270 www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/pw/swm.html

Berkeley Recycling Center 2nd & Gilman St., Berkeley 510-524-0113 www.berkeleyrecycling.org

Davis Street Recycling Center 2615 Davis St., San Leandro 510-638-2303 www.wm.com

EAST COUNTY

Altamont Landfill 10840 Altamont Pass Rd., Livermore 800-449-6349

Pleasanton Transfer Station Recycling & Resource Recovery Systems 3110 Busch Rd., Pleasanton 925-846-4062 / 925-846-2042

www.pleasantongarbageservice.com Vasco Road Landfill & Recycling Drop-off

4001 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore 925-447-0491

SOUTH COUNTY

Tri-CED Community Recycling 33377 Western Ave., Union City 510-471-3850

Fremont Recycling & Transfer Station 41149 Boyce Rd., Fremont 510-252-0500

ITEMS FOR DONATING & REUSE

Clothing, books, household items, furniture, sporting equipment, and art and educational supplies in good condition can find a second home if you donate them. **The following is a list of organizations that take materials for reuse.**

Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch Thrift Store

116 North L St., Livermore 925-449-7702 Drop-off www.bvyr.org

East Bay Depot for Creative Reuse

4695 Telegraph Ave., Oakland 510-547-6470 Drop-off/Pickup: school/art supplies, toys, games, software www.creativereuse.org

Goodwill Stores

Call for locations 510-534-6666 Drop-off www.goodwill.org

St. Vincent de Paul

Call for locations 800-607-4357 Drop-off/Pickup www.svdp.org

The Salvation Army

Call for locations 800-958-7825 Drop-off/Pickup www.satruck.com

RAFT - Resource Area for Teachers

1355 Ridder Park Dr., San Jose 408-451-1420 Drop-off/Pickup: school/art supplies, toys, games, software www.raft.net

Habitat for Humanity East Bay-Restore

9235 San Leandro St., Oakland 510-777-1447 Drop-off/Pickup: building materials, paint, tools www.habitateb.org/restore

Recycling for Businesses

If you are a company or business that wishes to start or enhance your recycling program, start by contacting your city garbage and recycling service provider. Contact information for most service providers can be found on pages 46 - 47.

Don't throw it away.

Find a second home for your clothing, books, and other household items by donating them. Reusing items conserves energy and natural resources and gives them a new life.

Reusing is a great way to get items for free or at a small cost. Check the sites listed below or any charity thrift organization such as those listed on this page.

www.freecycle.org www.craigslist.org www.calmax.org



AEROSOL CANS

Many residential recycling programs in Alameda County accept empty aerosol can. See Recycling Collection, pages 46 – 47. Also see Hazardous Waste & Materials, page 34.

ALUMINUM - RECYCLE

All residential recycling programs in Alameda County collect aluminum cans. Several also collect aluminum foil and pans.

Aaron Metals

750 - 105th Ave., Oakland 510-569-6767 Buyback: CRV, scrap Pickup: large quantities only www.aaronmetals.com

Alameda County Industries (ACI)

San Leandro 510-357-7282 Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.alamedacountyindustries.com

Alco Iron & Metal

2366 Davis St., San Leandro 510-562-1107 Buyback: CRV, scrap Pickup: large quantities www.alcometals.com

Alliance Metals

3426 Peralta St., Oakland 510-547-2408 Buyback/Drop-off: CRV, scrap Fee/Pickup: large quantities

Allied Waste

Fremont 510-657-3500 Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.alliedwasteac.com

Berkeley Recycling Center

2nd & Gilman St., Berkeley 510-524-0113 Buyback/Drop-off: CRV, foil/pans, scrap www.berkeleyrecycling.org

CA Dept of Conservation

Call for CRV buyback locations 800-732-9253 Buyback: CRV www.conservation.ca.gov

California Waste Solutions

3300 Wood St., Oakland 510-772-0514 Drop-off: CRV, foil/pans Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.californiawastesolutions.com **Custom Alloy Scrap** 2730 Peralta St., Oakland 510-893-6476 Buyback: CRV, scrap Pickup: large quantities www.customalloy.com

D C Metals / W C Rose

2399 Davis St., San Leandro 510-569-2255 Buyback: CRV, scrap Pickup: large quantities www.dcmetals.com

Davis Street Recycling Center

2615 Davis St., San Leandro 510-638-2303 Buyback: CRV Drop-off: foil/pans, scrap www.wm.com

East Bay Conservation Corps

2014 Market St., Oakland 510-992-7800 Fee/Pickup: CRV, non-CRV; large quantities www.ebcc-school.org

El Cerrito Recycling Center

7501 Schmidt Ln., El Cerrito 510-215-4350 Drop-off site only www.ecrecycling.org

Fry's Machinery & Metals

1845 W. Winton Ave., Hayward 510-276-4344 Buyback/Drop-off: CRV, scrap Pickup: large quantities

Golden Gate Disposal & Recycling

Oakland/San Francisco 415-626-4000 Fee/Pickup: CRV, non-CRV, scrap; large quantities www.sfrecycling.com

Goodwill Donation Stations

Call for CRV buyback locations 510-534-6666 Buyback: CRV www.goodwill.org

Lakeside Non-Ferrous Metals

412 Madison St., Oakland 510-444-5466 Buyback/Drop-off Pickup: large quantities

Livermore Glass

2136 Railroad Ave., Livermore 925-447-6411 Drop-off: scrap www.livermoreglass.com How does recycling aluminum make a difference?

Recycling aluminum cans saves 95% of the energy required to make cans from scratch. Talk about lowering your carbon footprint!



National Recycling Corp.

1312 Kirkham St., Oakland 510-268-1022 Buyback: CRV Pickup: large quantities www.nationalrecycle.com

Nexcycle Recycling Centers

Call for CRV buyback locations 800-883-2274 Buyback: CRV www.nexcyclecalifornia.com

Norcal Waste Services of Alameda County

520 Third St., Ste. 208, Oakland 510-267-0852 Fee/Pickup: CRV and non-CRV, scrap; large quantities only www.norcalwasteservicesofalameda county.com

Oakland Small Business Recycling Program

Pay as you throw collection program 510-238-7283 Fee/Pickup: beverage containers; curbside collection www.oaklandpw.com/oakrecycles/ at_work/smallbusiness/

Recycling & Resource Recovery Systems

3110 Busch Rd., Pleasanton 925-846-4062 Buyback: CRV Drop-off: scrap, foil/pans

Refund Recycling

2680 Old First St., Livermore 925-606-1435 Buyback/Drop-off: CRV Pickup: large quantities

Sims Metal

30104 Industrial Pkwy. S.W., Hayward 510-471-6600 Buyback: CRV, scrap www.sims-group.com

Smurfit - Stone Recycling

800 - 77th Ave., Oakland 510-635-9383 Drop-off: CRV, scrap Pickup: large quantities www.smurfit-stone.net

Standard Iron & Metal

4525 San Leandro St, Oakland 510-535-0222 Buyback/Drop-off: CRV, scrap Pickup: large quantities www.standardiron.net **Tomra Pacific** Call for CRV buyback locations 800-266-2453 Buyback: CRV

Tri-CED Community Recycling 33377 Western Ave., Union City 510-471-3850 Buyback: CRV, foil/pans

Vasco Road Landfill & Recycling Drop-off 4001 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore 925-447-0491 Drop-off site only

WeisCo Recycling

Danville 925-743-8193 Buyback/Pickup: large quantities www.weiscorecycling.com

ANTIFREEZE

See Motor Oil & Oil Filters, Antifreeze, Auto Batteries, page 37.

APPLIANCES - WORKING

Reusing appliances conserves valuable nonrenewable resources by avoiding the use of new materials that are used in producing new appliances.

Bay Area Rescue Mission

123 MacDonald Ave., Richmond 510-215-4887 Drop-off: small, working Pickup: large quantities www.bayarearescue.org

Full Gospel Mission Ministry Thrift Shop

27955 Mission Blvd., Hayward 510-537-7338 Drop-off: small appliances

Goodwill Stores

Call for locations 510-534-6666 Drop-off: small appliances only www.goodwill.org

Habitat for Humanity East Bay ReStore

9235 San Leandro St., Oakland 510-777-1447 Drop-off/Pickup: must be under 5 years old www.habitateb.org/restore

J. Caseber Washers & Dryers

1908 - 10th St., Berkeley 510-548-4419 Drop-off/Pickup Jeb's Appliance 847 E. Lewelling Blvd., Hayward 510-278-3511 Drop-off/Pickup

Low Cost Appliances 6451 San Pablo Ave., Oakland 510-658-4404 Fee/Drop-off/Pickup

PARCA

Bay Area Service 877-997-2722 Pickup: small appliances www.parca.org/pickups.htm

St. Vincent de Paul

Call for locations 800-607-4357 Drop-off/Pickup www.svdp.org

The Salvation Army

Call for locations 800-958-7825 Drop-off/Pickup www.satruck.com

Thrift Town

See phone book for locations in Fremont, San Leandro Drop-off: small appliances

Urban Ore

7th St. & Ashby Ave., Berkeley 510-841-7283(SAVE) Drop-off: small appliances www.urbanore.citysearch.com

APPLIANCES - NOT WORKING

By law, appliances must have hazardous materials removed prior to recycling. Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, and water coolers contain ozone-depleting refrigerants (CFCs/Freon) that must be removed by a professional. Do not attempt to do this yourself. In most cases an additional fee is charged for these appliances.

Berkeley Recycling Center

2nd & Gilman St., Berkeley 510-524-0113 Drop-off: no CFCs www.berkeleyrecycling.org

Berkeley Transfer Station / Oil Recycling Depot

1201- 2nd St., Berkeley 510-981-7270 Fee/Drop-off: all appliances www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/pw

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Custom Alloy Scrap 2730 Peralta St., Oakland 510-893-6476 Fee/Drop-off: no Freon www.customalloy.com

D C Metals / W C Rose

2399 Davis St., San Leandro 510-569-2255 Fee/Drop-off: all appliances Pickup: large quantities www.dcmetals.com

Davis St. Transfer Station / Recycling Park 2615 Davis St., San Leandro

510-638-2303 Fee/Drop-off: all appliances

Dull One

Hayward 510-377-4667 Fee/Pickup: large quantities

Fry's Machinery & Metals

1845 W. Winton Ave., Hayward 510-276-4344 Fee/Drop-off

J. Caseber Washers & Dryers

1908 - 10th St., Berkeley 510-548-4419 Drop-off/Pickup

JACO Environmental

Serves all of Alameda County 800-741-0172 Fee/Pickup: small quantities www.appliancerecycling.com

Jeb's Appliance 847 E. Lewelling Blvd., Hayward 510-278-3511 Drop-off/Pickup

Pleasanton Transfer Station

3110 Busch Rd., Pleasanton 925-846-2042 Fee/Drop-off www.pleasantongarbageservice.com

Sims Metal

30104 Industrial Pkwy. S.W., Hayward 510-471-6600 Drop-off/Pickup: large quantities www.sims-group.com

Vasco Road Landfill & Recycling Drop-off 4001 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore 925-447-0491 Fee/Drop-off: non-working appliances

ART & EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS - REUSE

Bay Area Rescue Mission

123 MacDonald Ave., Richmond 510-215-4887 Drop-off: books, toys, games; Pickup: large quantities www.bayarearescue.org

Books for the Barrios

2350 - D Whitman Rd., Concord 925-687-7701 Drop-off: school/art supplies, toys, games, books, software www.booksforthebarrios.com

Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch Thrift Store

116 North L St., Livermore 925-449-7702 Drop-off: school/art supplies, toys, games www.bvyr.org

Children's Hospital

747 - 52nd St., Oakland 510-428-3471 Drop-off: new toys, games, art supplies www.childrenshospitaloakland.org

DR3

1960 Williams St., San Leandro 510-351-0520 Pickup: large quantities audio/videotapes, maps, magazines, musical instruments, manual typewriters, sewing machines, buttons www.svdp.us/mainsite/recycling/dr3.html

East Bay Depot for Creative Reuse

4695 Telegraph Ave., Oakland 510-547-6470 Drop-off/Pickup: school/art supplies, toys, games, software www.creativereuse.org

Goodwill Stores

Call for locations 510-534-6666 Drop-off: school/art supplies, toys, games www.goodwill.org

Mannequin Madness

2020 Dennison St., Suite 15, Oakland 510-444-0650 Buyback/Pickup: mannequins www.mannequinmadness.com

Why is there a fee to take away my old fridge?

Most older refrigerators, freezers, and air-conditioners contain ozone-depleting refrigerants (CFCs/Freon) that must be removed by a professional. Each molecule of a CFC can destroy more than 100,000 molecules of the earth's protective ozone layer. Appliance recyclers capture CFCs and avoid releasing them into the air. Do not attempt to do this yourself.

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Oakland Public Schools - Music Dept.

314 E. 10th St., Oakland 510-879-8116 Drop-off/Pickup: musical instruments

RAFT - Resource Area for Teaching

1355 Ridder Park Dr., San Jose 408-451-1420 Drop-off/Pickup: school/art supplies, toys, games, software www.raft.net

SCRAP

801 Toland St., San Francisco 415-647-1746 Drop-off/Pickup: school/art supplies, toys, games, software www.scrap-sf.org

St. Vincent de Paul

Call for locations 800-607-4357 Drop-off: school/art supplies, toys, games www.svdp.org

St. Vincent de Paul Free Dining Room

675 - 23rd St., Oakland 510-451-7676 Drop-off: children's toys, books

The Salvation Army

Call for locations 800-958-7825 Drop-off: school/art supplies, toys, games www.satruck.com

Tinker's Workshop

84 Bolivar Dr., Berkeley 510-644-2577 Drop-off: chemistry equipment www.tinkersworkshop.org

Urban Ore

7th St. & Ashby Ave., Berkeley 510-841-7283(SAVE) Drop-off: school/art supplies, fabric, buttons, beads www.urbanore.citysearch.com

Western Service Workers Union

Call for location Oakland 510-832-2111 Drop-off: school supplies, toys, games

ASPHALT, BRICK, CONCRETE, GRAVEL, PORCELAIN - RECYCLE

AJ Hauling

Berkeley 510-665-4329 Fee/Pickup: concrete

Altamont Landfill

10840 Altamont Pass Rd., Livermore 800-449-6349 Fee/Drop-off www.wm.com

Aman Environmental Construction

8300 Baldwin St., Oakland 510-553-0110 Fee/Drop-off: asphalt (grindings), concrete www.amanenvironmental.com

Berkeley Transfer Station /

Oil Recycling Depot 1201- 2nd St., Berkeley 510-981-7270 Fee/Drop-off: concrete Pickup: large quantities www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/pw

Davis St. Transfer Station / Recycling Park

2615 Davis St., San Leandro 510-638-2303 Fee/Drop-off: asphalt, concrete, gravel, porcelain www.wm.com

Dutra Materials

961 Western Dr., Richmond 510-970-7710 Fee/Drop-off: asphalt, concrete, concrete with rebar www.dutragroup.com

East Bay Rock

Oakland 510-986-0964 Fee/Drop-off: asphalt, concrete www.eastbayrock.com

Granite Rock Recycling

100 Granite Rock Way, San Jose 408-574-3000 Fee/Drop-off: asphalt, concrete www.graniterock.com

Landfill Management

4001 W. Winton Ave., Hayward 510-784-0825 Fee/Drop-off

Pleasanton Transfer Station

3110 Busch Rd., Pleasanton 925-846-2042 Fee/Drop-off: broken porcelain toilets, sinks www.pleasantongarbageservice.com

Raisch Products

Fremont, San Jose, Sunnyvale 408-227-9222 Fee/Drop-off: asphalt, concrete, broken brick, porcelain, roofing tile www.raischproducts.com

Vasco Road Landfill & Recycling Drop-off

4001 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore 925-447-0491 Fee/Drop-off: asphalt, concrete

Vulcan Materials

501 El Charro Rd., Pleasanton 925-485-1279 Fee/Drop-off: asphalt, concrete, gravel www.vulcanmaterials.com

Zanker Road Resource Management

705 Los Esteros Rd., San Jose 408-263-2384 Fee/Drop-off: asphalt, bricks, concrete with rebar, porcelain www.z-best.com

AUDIO & VIDEOTAPES, BOOKS, CDs, DVDs, RECORDS - REUSE

Agape Villages

San Ramon 925-866-3020 Drop-off: children's audio/videotapes, books, software, CDs www.agapevillages.org

AuralTech CD Refinishing

Mail-in program 888-454-3223 Fee/Mail-in Program: repairs damaged CDs, CD-ROMs, DVDs www.auraltech.com

Berkeley Public Library

2090 Kittredge St., Berkeley 510-981-6100 Drop-off: audio/videotapes, books www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org

Blue Rectangle

1355 Park St., Alameda 510-337-0750 Drop-off: books, DVDs, CDs, audiotapes, and LPs Pickup: large quantities www.bluerectangle.com

Books for the Barrios

2350 - D Whitman Rd., Concord 925-687-7701 Drop-off: books, current magazines www.booksforthebarrios.com

Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch Thrift Store

116 North L St., Livermore 925-449-7702 Drop-off: books, audio/videotapes, records, CDs, software www.bvyr.org

Children's Book Project

530 Lake Park Ave., Oakland 510-238-2301 Drop-off: children's books (no textbooks) www.childrensbookproject.org

Children's Hospital

747 - 52nd St., Oakland 510-428-3471 Drop-off: gently used children's books www.childrenshospitaloakland.org

DR3

1960 Williams St., San Leandro 510-351-0520 Pickup: audio/videotapes, books, records; large quantities www.svdp.us/mainsite/recycling/dr3.html

East Bay Depot for Creative Reuse

4695 Telegraph Ave., Oakland 510-547-6470 Drop-off: audio/videotapes, books www.creativereuse.org

Friends of the Albany Library

1247 Marin Ave., Albany 510-526-3720 Drop-off: books, audio/videotapes, magazines www.aclibrary.org

Friends of the Berkeley Library

2433 Channing Way, Berkeley 510-841-5604 Drop-off: books, audio/videotapes, records, CDs www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org/support/ friends.html

Friends of the Oakland Library

721 Washington St., Oakland 510-444-0473 Drop-off: books, audio/videotapes, records, CDs www.fopl.org

Friends of the San Leandro Library 300 Estudillo Ave., San Leandro

510-577-3986 Drop-off: books, audio books, CDs, DVDs www.sanleandrolibrary.org

Full Gospel Mission Ministry Thrift Shop 27955 Mission Blvd., Hayward 510-537-7338 Drop-off: audio/videotapes, books, CDs

Goodwill Stores

Call for locations 510-534-6666 Drop-off: books, CDs, records, audio/videotapes www.goodwill.org

Kaiser Permanente Medical Center

901 Nevin Ave., Richmond 510-307-2539 Drop-off: adult and children's books

Oakland Technology Exchange West

1680 - 14th St., Oakland 510-893-4822 Drop-off/Pickup: software applications www.otxwest.org

RAFT - Resource Area for Teaching

1355 Ridder Park Dr., San Jose 408-451-1420 Drop-off/Pickup: audio/videotapes, CDs, jewel cases, diskettes, software www.raft.net

SCRAP

801 Toland St., San Francisco 415-647-1746 Drop-off/Pickup: audio/videotapes, books, CDs, records www.scrap-sf.org

St. Vincent de Paul

Call for locations 800-607-4357 Drop-off: books, CDs, records, audio/videotapes www.svdp.org

St. Vincent de Paul Free Dining Room

675 - 23rd St., Oakland 510-451-7676 Drop-off: children's books

The Salvation Army

Call for locations 800-958-7825 Drop-off: books, CDs, records, audio/videotapes www.satruck.com

Thrift Town

See phone book for locations in Fremont, San Leandro Drop-off: books, audio/videotapes, records, CDs

Tinker's Workshop

84 Bolivar Dr., Berkeley 510-644-2577 Drop-off: technical how-to books www.tinkersworkshop.org

What do I do with my old CDs?

Every year, Americans throw away 3 to 4 million CDs. Instead of adding to the landfill, you can find options for reusing and recycling CDs and other media. See options listed on pages 20 - 21.



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Tom's Computer Warehouse

Emeryville 510-654-1080 Drop-off: diskettes, CDs www.tomscomputerwarehouse.net

Toy-Go-Round

1361 Solano Ave., Albany 510-527-1363 Buyback/Drop-off: toys, games, children's books www.etoygoround.com

Urban Ore

7th St. & Ashby Ave., Berkeley 510-841-7283(SAVE) Buyback/Drop-off: audio/video tapes, books, records, CDs www.urbanore.citysearch.com

VA Outpatient Clinic

4951 Arroyo Rd., Livermore 925-373-4700 Drop-off: books, current magazines

AUDIO & VIDEOTAPES, DISKETTES, CDs, DVDs -RECYCLE

Alameda County Computer Resource Center

1501 Eastshore Hwy., Berkeley 510-528-4052 Fee/Drop-off: diskettes, CDs www.accrc.org

BarterBee.com, Inc. Fee/Mail-in Program: CDs, DVDs, and video games www.BarterBee.com

Computer Recycling Center

370 W. Caribbean Drive, Sunnyvale 888-887-3372 Fee/Drop-off: diskettes www.crc.org

Ecodisk

National Program 888-797-7638 Fee/Mail-in service/Pickup: disks, CDs, tapes www.ecodisk.com

e-Cycle Electronic Waste Recycling

2442 Research Dr., Livermore 925-371-1050 Fee/Drop-off: videotapes, CDs, diskettes, jewel cases, computer books Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.ecycle.info

Friends of the Albany Library

1247 Marin Avenue, Albany 510-526-3720 www.aclibrary.org

G.B. Industrial

1528 Atlantic Street, Union City 510-489-0881 Pickup: CDs/laser disks; large quantities www.gbimcorp.com

GreenDisk

National Program 800-305-3475 Fee/Mail-in program: disks, tapes, CDs, CD/jewel cases, videotapes, ink cartridges, diskettes www.greendisk.com

Hackett Electronics

1260 N. 13th St., San Jose 408-283-9000 Drop-off: CDs/laser disks www.hackettelec.com

MBA Polymers

Richmond 510-231-9031 Fee/Pickup: CDs; large quantities www.mbapolymers.com

MRC Polymers

National Program 773-890-9000 Mail-in program: CD/Jewel cases, CDs, laser disks www.mrcpolymers.com

Polymer Recovery Services

Santa Clara 408-748-9715 Pickup: CDs; large quantities

Super Link Plastic

888 - 92nd Ave., Oakland 510-568-1086 Buyback/Pickup/Drop-off: CDs, jewel cases; large quantities www.superlinkusa.com

Tom's Computer Warehouse Emeryville 510-654-1080 Fee/Drop-off/Pickup: diskettes

Fee/Drop-off/Pickup: diskettes www.tomscomputerwarehouse.net

Weird Stuff Warehouse

384 W. Caribbean Dr., Sunnyvale 408-743-5650 Buyback/Drop-off: software www.weirdstuff.com

BATTERIES - AUTOMOTIVE

See Motor Oil & Oil Filters, Antifreeze, Auto Batteries, page 37.

BATTERIES - HOUSEHOLD & RECHARGEABLE

By law, all household and rechargeable batteries cannot be thrown into the trash and must be recycled. Batteries of all types contain harmful and caustic materials. Household or disposable batteries can be properly disposed of at one of the Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste facilities. *For more information, see page 13.*

Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste Program

Locations in Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Oakland 800-606-6606 Free drop-off: all types of batteries www.household-hazwaste.org

AERC Recycling Solutions

30677 Huntwood Ave., Hayward 510-429-1129 Fee/Drop-off/Pickup: all types; large quantities www.aercrecycling.com

Alameda County Computer Resource Center

1501 Eastshore Hwy., Berkeley 510-528-4052 Drop-off www.accrc.org

Art's Automotive

2871 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley 510-540-7093 Fee/Drop-off: household only www.artsautomotive.com

AT&T Wireless

See phone book for locations Drop-off: rechargeable batteries only www.cingular.com

Berkeley Recycling Center

2nd & Gilman St., Berkeley 510-524-0113 Drop-off: household only; small quantities www.berkeleyrecycling.org

Circuit City

See phone book for locations Drop-off: rechargeable batteries only www.circuitcity.com/ccd/locator.do **IKEA** 4400 Shellmound St., Emeryville 510-420-4532 Drop-off: residential quantities www.ikea.com

Pete's Ace Hardware 2569 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 510-581-7633 Drop-off: small quantities www.peteshardware.com

Philip Services

Benicia 877-748-3040 Fee/Pickup: all types; large quantities www.philipnow.com

Radio Shack

Bay Area Service 800-843-7422 Drop-off: rechargeable, household, and button www.radioshack.com

Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corp.

Call for information on dozens of outlets National Program 800-822-8837 Drop-off: rechargeable batteries www.rbrc.org

RecycLights

San Leandro 800-884-8982 Drop-off: rechargeable batteries Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.recyclights.com

Safety Kleen Oakland 510-832-7942 Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.safety-kleen.com

Staples See phone book for locations Drop-off: rechargeable batteries www.staples.com

Target See phone book for store locations 800-440-0680 Drop-off: rechargeable batteries www.target.com

BICYCLES - REUSE

Agape Villages San Ramon 925-866-3020 Drop-off www.agapevillages.org Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch Thrift Store

116 North L St., Livermore 925-449-7702 Drop-off www.bvyr.org

Cyclepath

22510 Foothill Blvd., Hayward 510-881-5177 Drop-off www.cyclepathhayward.com

Cycles of Change

510- 595-4625 Drop-off: call for locations www.cyclesofchange.org

Full Gospel Mission Ministry Thrift Shop

27955 Mission Blvd., Hayward 510-537-7338 Drop-off

Goodwill Stores

Call for locations 510-534-6666 Drop-off www.goodwill.org

Karim Cycle

2800 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley 510-841-2181 Drop-off: also accepts bike parts, and accessories www.teamkarim.com

Missing Link

1961 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-843-4763 Buyback/Drop-off: bicycles, bike parts and accessories www.missinglink.org

PARCA

Bay Area Service 877-997-2722 Pickup www.parca.org/pickups.htm

Play It Again Sports 5548 Springdale Ave., Pleasanton 925-734-6750 Buyback/Drop-off www.playitagainsports.com

Recycles Bike Shop 3120 Sacramento St., Berkeley 510-665-1889 Buyback/Drop-off

St. Vincent de Paul Call for locations 800-607-4357 Drop-off www.svdp.org Why can't I toss my old batteries in the trash?

State law requires that all types of household and rechargeable batteries be recycled. Batteries can be recycled at:

- All Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facilities; *see page 11 for information*.
- Many residential curbside recycling programs now accept household batteries. See Recycling Collection, pages 46 – 47 for more information.
- Many retailers now collect batteries; *see listings on pages 22 23*.

More information on recycling batteries, fluorescent bulbs, and other universal waste can be found on page 13.



The Salvation Army

Call for locations 800-958-7825 Drop-off www.satruck.com

Thrift Town

See phone book for locations in Fremont, San Leandro Drop-off

Trips for Kids / The Recyclery

610 - 4th St., San Rafael 415-458-2986 Drop-off: bicycles, bike parts, accessories www.tripsforkids.org

Urban Ore

7th St. & Ashby Ave., Berkeley 510-841-7283(SAVE) Buyback/Drop-off www.urbanore.citysearch.com

BOOKS - REUSE

See Audio & Videotapes, Books, CDs, DVDs, Records - Reuse, page 20.

BOOKS - RECYCLE

See Paper & Cardboard - Recycle, page 40.

BUCKETS & DRUMS - RECYCLE

Most plastic buckets and drums are made for HDPE #2 plastic.

Amigo Environmental

760 Market Ave., Richmond 800-995-7714 Buyback/Drop-off: HDPE #2 plastic drums, buckets, toters Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.amigoenvironmental.com

Containers Unlimited

10901 Russet St., Oakland 510-430-0513 Drop-off: buckets, metal/plastic drums Fee/Pickup: large quantities containersunlimited.com

G.B. Industrial

1528 Atlantic Street, Union City 510-489-0881 Fee/Pickup: plastic drums/buckets; large quantities www.gbimcorp.com

Materials Reuse

Oakland 510-435-8988 Fee/Pickup: plastic drums/buckets; large quantities

Myers Container Management Services

21301 Cloud Way, Hayward 800-272-6202 Drop-off: buckets, all types of drums Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.myerscontainer.com

Questar

Hayward 510-324-1333 Drop-off: metal, plastic drums Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.questarusa.com

Super Link Plastic

888 - 92nd Ave., Oakland 510-568-1086 Buyback/Pickup: buckets; large quantities www.superlinkusa.com

BUILDING MATERIALS - REUSE

Donating and/or buying used and reusable building materials is an important way to help keep valuable resources out of landfills. Patronage of these businesses and services conserves resources and sustains job trades and skills. *To learn about Green Building, see page 5.*

Building Resources

San Francisco 415-285-7814 Buyback/Drop-off: bathroom fixtures, doors, windows, hardware, brick, toilets, tile/masonry, toilets, sinks, wire, lighting, lumber, ironwork, cabinets www.buildingresources.org

C & K Salvage

718 Douglas Ave., Oakland 510-569-2070 Drop-off: bathroom fixtures, doors, sinks, hardware, brick, tile/masonry, lumber

Habitat for Humanity East Bay ReStore

9235 San Leandro St., Oakland 510-777-1447 Drop-off/Pickup: bathroom fixtures, doors, windows, hardware, toilets, sinks, wire, lighting, lumber, ironwork, cabinets, tools, insulation www.habitateb.org/restore

Ohmega Salvage

2407 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley 510-843-7368 Buyback/Drop-off: pre-1940s sinks, toilets, hardware, doors, windows, bathtubs, bricks www.ohmegasalvage.com

Reusable Lumber Company

P.O. Box 620327, Woodside 650-529-9122 Pickup: doors, lumber, windows www.reusablelumber.com

The Sink Factory

2140 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley 510-540-8193 Buyback/Drop-off/Pickup: sinks, tile, bathtubs, toilets, bathroom fixtures www.sinkfactory.com

This & That Used Building Materials

1701 Rumrill Blvd., San Pablo 510-232-1273 Buyback/Drop-off/Pickup: bathroom fixtures, doors, windows, hardware, tools, brick, tile/masonry, toilets, sinks, wire, lighting, lumber, ironwork, tools, cabinets

Urban Ore

7th St. & Ashby Ave., Berkeley 510-841-7283(SAVE) Buyback/Drop-off: bathroom fixtures, doors, windows, hardware, brick, tile/ masonry, toilets, sinks, wire, lighting, lumber, ironwork, cabinets www.urbanore.citysearch.com

Whole House Building Supply & Salvage

1955 Pulgas Ave., East Palo Alto 650-856-0634 Drop-off: bathroom fixtures, doors, windows, hardware, tile/masonry, toilets, sinks, wire, lighting, brick, lumber, ironwork, cabinets www.driftwoodsalvage.com

CAR & VEHICLE DONATIONS

There are several organizations that will accept cars, trucks, motorcycles, and boats for donation, in working or nonworking condition. Below are a few listings and websites where you can select to which nonprofit organization you'd like to donate your vehicle.

www.cars4charities.org 1-866-448-3487 www.onlinecardonation.org 1-888-228-7320 www.cars4causes.net 1-800-242-7489

Bay Area Rescue Mission

123 MacDonald Ave., Richmond 510-215-4887 Drop-off/Pickup www.bayarearescue.org East Bay SPCA 8323 Baldwin St., Oakland 510-569-0702 Drop-off/Pickup www.eastbayspca.org

Goodwill 510-698-7208 Pickup www.eastbaygoodwill.org

PARCA Bay Area Service 877-997-2722 Pickup www.parca.org/pickups.htm

Save The Bay

Oakland 510-452-9261 Pickup www.savesfbay.org/support/cardonation.cfm

St. Vincent de Paul

Call for locations 510-636-4245 Pickup

The Salvation Army

Call for locations 800-958-7825 Pickup www.satruck.com

Volunteers of America Auto Donations Oakland 800-559-5458 Pickup

www.voaba.org

CARDBOARD

See Paper & Cardboard - Recycle, page 40.

CARPET & PADDING - REUSE

Philanthropy By Design

1355 Market St., San Francisco 415-380-9568 Drop-off: usable carpet/padding www.pbd.org

RAFT - Resource Area for Teaching

1355 Ridder Park Dr., San Jose 408-451-1420 Drop-off/Pickup: samples www.raft.net

Reusable Lumber Company

P.O. Box 620327, Woodside 650-529-9122 Drop-off: usable carpet/padding www.reusablelumber.com

SCRAP 801 Toland St., San Francisco

415-647-1746 Drop-off/Pickup: usable carpet samples and padding, min. 18"x18" www.scrap-sf.org

The ReUse People

9235 San Leandro St., Oakland 888-588-9490 Drop-off/Pickup: usable carpet/padding www.thereusepeople.org

Urban Ore

7th St. & Ashby Ave., Berkeley 510-841-7283(SAVE) Drop-off: usable carpet/padding www.urbanore.citysearch.com

Whole House Building Supply & Salvage

1955 Pulgas Ave., East Palo Alto 650-856-0634 Drop-off: usable carpet/padding www.driftwoodsalvage.com

CARPET, CARPET PADDING & Polyurethane Foam -Recycle

Bob's Foam Factory

4055 Pestana PI., Fremont 510-657-2420 Drop-off: polyurethane foam Pickup: large quantities www.bobsfoam.com

Chamlian Enterprises, Inc.

2360 South Orange Ave., Fresno 800-399-8597 Fee/Pickup: large quantities No fee/drop-off www.chamlian.com

Danny's Padding & Foam Recycling

1745 Walsh Ave., Santa Clara 408-492-9033 Drop-off: carpet padding, polyurethane foam Pickup: large quantities

Davis St. Transfer Station / Recycling Park

2615 Davis St., San Leandro 510-638-2303 Fee/Drop-off: carpet padding www.wm.com

SF Carpet Recycling

1588 Carroll Ave., San Francisco 415-671-2921 Fee/Drop-off/Pickup: large quantities What's so important about buying recycled stuff?

When you buy recycled items, you save resources and complete the recycling loop. Look for the "Post-consumer Content" on the label that tells you the materials have been recovered after use by consumers. Sunrise Pad & Foam 2781 Teagarden St., San Leandro 510-352-9185 Buyback/Drop-off: carpet padding, polyurethane foam Pickup: large quantities

CELLULAR TELEPHONES & HANDHELD DEVICES

See also Computers & Electronics -Reuse & Recycle, page 27.

A.S.I. Cyber E-Waste Recycling 33367 Croation Way, Union City 510-468-2642 Drop-off www.recycle1234.com

AT&T Wireless See phone book for locations Drop-off: cellular telephones www.cingular.com

Best Buy See phone book for locations Drop-off: cellular phones www.bestbuy.com

Call to Protect

National Program 888-901-SAFE Mail-in program: cellular telephones for domestic abuse victims www.donateaphone.com

cellforcash.com

National Program 800-503-8026 Buyback/Mail-in Program: cellular telephones www.cellforcash.com

Circuit City

See phone book for locations Drop-off: cellular telephones www.circuitcity.com/ccd/locator.do

Ewaste Solutions Bay Area 925-437-9558 www.ewastesolutions.org

Staples

See phone book for locations Drop-off: cellular phones www.staples.com

Universal Waste Management, Inc. 721 37th Ave., Oakland 888-832-9839 www.unwaste.com

Verizon Wireless See phone book for locations 800-256-4646 Drop-off: cellular phones www.verizonwireless.com/b2c/storelocator/ index.jsp

CHRISTMAS TREES

All cities in Alameda County provide recycling of yard trimmings year-round. Call your garbage service provider for information on tree recycling during the holiday season. *See Recycling Collection, pages 46 – 47.*

CLOTHING, REMNANTS & TEXTILE - REUSE & RECYCLE

Most thrift shops accept used clothing for resale.

Agape Villages

San Ramon 925-866-3020 Drop-off: children's clothes, jackets www.agapevillages.org

Bay Area Rescue Mission

123 MacDonald Ave., Richmond 510-215-4887 Drop-off: clean, wearable garments Pickup: large quantities www.bayarearescue.org

Books for the Barrios

2350 - D Whitman Rd., Concord 925-687-7701 Drop-off: clean, wearable garments www.booksforthebarrios.com

Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch Thrift Store

116 North L St., Livermore 925-449-7702 Drop-off: clean, wearable garments www.bvyr.org

Crisis Pregnancy Center

33523 Western Ave., Union City 510-487-4357 Drop-off: maternity/baby clothes

Davis Street Family Resource Center

3081 Teagarden St., San Leandro 510-347-4620 Drop-off: clean, wearable clothing, jackets www.davisstreet.org

East Bay SPCA

8323 Baldwin St., Oakland 510-569-0702 Drop-off: towels, blankets, pillowcases, comforters, small rugs www.eastbayspca.org Emergency Shelter Program Hayward 510-786-1181 Drop-off: women's professional apparel

Fashion After Passion

1205 Lincoln Ave., Alameda 510-769-6667 Buyback/Drop-off: maternity/baby clothing

Full Gospel Mission Ministry Thrift Shop

27955 Mission Blvd., Hayward 510-537-7338 Drop-off: clean, wearable garments

Goodwill Stores

Call for locations 510-534-6666 Drop-off: clean, wearable garments, clothing scraps www.goodwill.org

One World Running

National Program 303-473-1314 Mail-in program: running shoes and apparel www.boulder-running.com/oneworldrunning/ shoedrop.php

PARCA

Bay Area Service 877-997-2722 Pickup: clean, wearable garments, fabric www.parca.org/pickups.htm

Philanthropy By Design

1355 Market St., San Francisco 415-380-9568 Drop-off: fabric www.pbd.org

RAFT - Resource Area for Teaching

1355 Ridder Park Dr., San Jose 408-451-1420 Drop-off/Pickup: clean fabric, remnants, yarn www.raft.net

SCRAP

801 Toland St., San Francisco 415-647-1746 Drop-off/Pickup: fabric, remnants, yarns www.scrap-sf.org

Square Meals Project

2607 Ellsworth St., Berkeley 510-649-8154 Pickup: clean, wearable garments, blankets, towels and toiletries **St. Vincent de Paul** Call for locations 800-607-4357 Drop-off: clean, wearable garments www.svdp.org

St. Vincent de Paul Free Dining Room

675 - 23rd St., Oakland 510-451-7676 Drop-off: clean, wearable garments

The Salvation Army

Call for locations 800-958-7825 Drop-off: clean, wearable garments www.satruck.com

Thrift Town

See phone book for locations in Fremont, San Leandro Drop-off: clean, wearable garments

United Textile

San Leandro 510-276-2288 Pickup: fabric, textile; large quantities www.unitedtextileinc.com

Urban Ore

7th St. & Ashby Ave., Berkeley 510-841-7283(SAVE) Drop-off: clean, wearable garments www.urbanore.citysearch.com

VA Outpatient Clinic

4951 Arroyo Rd., Livermore 925-373-4700 Drop-off: clean, wearable garments

Wardrobe for Opportunity

570 14th St., 5, Oakland 510-463-4100 Drop-off: women's and men's professional apparel, accessories www.wardrobe.org

Western Service Workers Union

Call for location Oakland 510-832-2111 Drop-off: clean/wearable professional apparel

COMPUTERS & ELECTRONICS -REUSE & RECYCLE

A.S.I. Cyber E-Waste Recycling

33367 Croation Way, Union City 510-468-2642 Drop-off/Pickup www.recycle1234.com

A to Z Recycling

Oakland 510-943-2161 Free Pick-up: TVs, computers, monitors, VCRs, cellular phones

Aaron Metals

750 - 105th Ave., Oakland 510-569-6767 Buyback/Drop-off: non-working computers Pickup: large quantities only www.aaronmetals.com

Access 2 Technology

Oakland 510-393-6242 Drop-off: working Macintosh computers, monitors, peripherals www.a2t.org

ACQ Office/Electronic Waste Management

27607 Industrial Blvd., Hayward 866-335-3373 No-fee/Drop-off: computers, monitors, peripherals, home/office electronics, handhelds, TVs Pickup: large quantities www.noewaste.com

AER Worldwide

42744 Boscell Rd., Fremont 510-300-0500 Fee/Drop-off/Pickup: computers, monitors, cellular telephones Pickup: large quantities www.aerworldwide.com

AERC Recycling Solutions

30677 Huntwood Ave., Hayward 510-429-1129 Fee/Drop-off/Pickup: computers, monitors, office electronics; large quantities www.aercrecycling.com

Alameda County Computer Resource Center

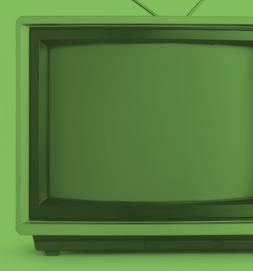
1501 Eastshore Hwy., Berkeley 510-528-4052 No Fee/Drop-off: computers, monitors, TVs, peripherals, handhelds, home/office electronics Pickup: large quantities www.accrc.org

Allied Waste/E-Cycling Center

42600 Boyce Rd., Fremont 510-657-3500 Fremont residents only Drop-off: TVs, monitors, peripherals, computers, home/office electronics www.ci.fremont.ca.us/Environment/ default.htm

I just got a new flat-screen TV.

What do I do with my old TV?



Electronic waste accounts for 70 percent of the overall toxic waste that you currently find in landfills. In addition to valuable metals like aluminum, electronics often contain hazardous materials like lead and mercury. When placed in a landfill, these materials can contaminate soil as well as drinking water.

Donate or recycle your TV at one of the locations listed on this page. For more information about recycling electronic waste, see page 12.

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ARC International

2227 Commerce Pl., Hayward 510-887-7876 Drop-off: computers, monitors, home/ office electronics, TVs, cellular phones Fee/Pickup: large quantities only www.arcic.com

Berkeley Transfer Station / Oil Recycling Depot

1201- 2nd St., Berkeley 510-981-7270 Fee/Drop-off: computers, monitors, TVs, peripherals, home/office electronics www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/pw

Books for the Barrios

2350 - D Whitman Rd., Concord 925-687-7701 Drop-off: working computers www.booksforthebarrios.com

BSE Recycling

Fremont 800-839-5762 Fee/Drop-off/Pickup: TVs, computers, monitors, office electronics, peripherals www.bse-recycling.com

Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch Thrift Store

116 North L St., Livermore 925-449-7702 Drop-off: working computers, typewriters www.bvyr.org

Clark Business Machines

Berkeley 510-843-2326 Drop-off: office electronics

Clean Computer Campaign

Online Service Bay Area referral service for electronics recycling www.svtc.igc.org/cleancc/e_platform. htm

D C Metals / W C Rose

2399 Davis St., San Leandro 510-569-2255 Fee/Drop-off: non-working computers. No monitors www.dcmetals.com

Davis St. Transfer Station / Recycling Park 2615 Davis St., San Leandro 510-638-2303 Drop-off: non-working monitors, TVs, computers, home/office electronics, handhelds, cellular telephones, stereos www.wm.com

East Bay Conservation Corps

2014 Market St., Oakland 510-992-7800 Drop-off: computers, monitors, TVs Pickup: large quantities www.ebcc-school.org

East Bay Recycling

1221 B 3rd St., Oakland 510-281-8234 Drop-off: computers, TVs, monitors, VCRs, cellular telephones Fee/Pickup: large quantities

e-Cycle Electronic Waste Recycling

2442 Research Dr., Livermore 925-371-1050 Fee/Drop-off: working/non-working computers, peripherals, monitors, TVs, home electronics, cellular telephones, handhelds, software Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.ecycle.info

e-Recycle On Us

1271 Boulevard Way, Walnut Creek 925-934-1515 Drop-off: computers, monitors, TVs, home/office electronics Pickup: large quantities only www.erecycleonus.com

Ewaste Solutions

Bay Area 925-437-9558 Free Drop-off/Pickup www.ewastesolutions.org

Full Gospel Mission Ministry Thrift Shop

27955 Mission Blvd., Hayward 510-537-7338 Drop-off: working home electronics, computers, monitors, peripherals, TVs

Goodwill Stores

Call for locations 510-534-6666 Drop-off: working home electronics www.goodwill.org

GreenDisk

National Program 800-305-3475 Fee/Mail-in program: cellular telephones, pagers, handhelds www.greendisk.com

HMR USA, Inc.

435 - 23rd St., San Francisco 415-647-6071 Fee/Drop-off/Pickup: monitors, home/office electronics, computers, TVs; large quantities www.hmrusa.com

IBM PC Recycling Service

National Program Fee/Mail-in program: monitors, computers, printers, peripherals www-1.ibm.com/financing/dispose/ buyback.html

Oakland Technology Exchange West

1680 - 14th St., Oakland 510-893-4822 Drop-off/Pickup: monitors, computers, peripherals www.otxwest.org

Pleasanton Transfer Station

3110 Busch Rd., Pleasanton 925-846-2042 Fee/Drop-off: non-working computers, monitors, household electronics, TVs www.pleasantongarbageservice.com

RAFT - Resource Area for Teaching

1355 Ridder Park Dr., San Jose 408-451-1420 Drop-off/Pickup: working VCRs, monitors, computers, peripherals www.raft.net

Recycle for Breast Cancer

31 Beta Ct. Suite C, San Ramon 800-315-9580 Drop-off/Mail-in: cellular telephones, TVs, computers, monitors, home electronics Pickup: large quantities www.recycleforbreastcancer.org

Sims Metal

30104 Industrial Pkwy. S.W., Hayward 510-471-6600 Buyback/Drop-off: computers, TVs Pickup: large quantities www.sims-group.com

St. Vincent de Paul

Call for locations 800-607-4357 Drop-off: working home electronics www.svdp.org

Standard Iron & Metal

4525 San Leandro St, Oakland 510-535-0222 Buyback/Drop-off: non-working electronics Pickup: large quantities www.standardiron.net

Staples

See phone book for locations Drop-off: computers, monitors, laptops, printers, faxes www.staples.com

The Salvation Army

Call for locations 800-958-7825 Drop-off: working home electronics www.satruck.com

Thrift Town

See phone book for locations in Fremont, San Leandro Drop-off: working home electronics

Tinker's Workshop

84 Bolivar Dr., Berkeley 510-644-2577 Drop-off/Pickup: camera/video equipment, sewing machines www.tinkersworkshop.org

Tom's Computer Warehouse

Emeryville 510-654-1080 Fee/Drop-off/Pickup: computers, VCRs, peripherals, monitors, printers, faxes, diskettes www.tomscomputerwarehouse.net

Tri-CED Community Recycling

33377 Western Ave., Union City 510-471-3850 Drop-off: monitors, computers, TVs, home/office electronics, handhelds, cellular telephones, stereos

United Datatech Distributors/ ECS Refining

705 Reed St., Santa Clara 408-998-0700 Fee/Drop-off: computers, monitors, TVs, peripherals, office/home electronics, handhelds Pickup: large quantities www.uniteddatatech.com

Universal Waste Management, Inc.

721 37th Ave., Oakland 888-832-9839 Drop-off/Pickup: computers, monitors, home/office electronics, TVs, cellular telephones www.unwaste.com

Urban Ore

7th St. & Ashby Ave., Berkeley 510-841-7283(SAVE) Buyback/Drop-off: working VCRs, TVs, handhelds, stereos www.urbanore.citysearch.com

Valley Electronics

1550 Las Plumas Ave, San Jose 408-926-4600 Drop-off/Pickup: computers, monitors, office electronics, VCRs; large quantities

Weird Stuff Warehouse

384 W. Caribbean Dr., Sunnyvale 408-743-5650 Buyback/Drop-off: monitors, peripherals, software, working and non-working computers, www.weirdstuff.com

CONCRETE

See Asphalt, Bricks, Concrete, Gravel, Porcelain - Recycle, page 20.

CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS -MIXED

Davis St. Transfer Station / Recycling Park 2615 Davis St., San Leandro 510-638-2303 Fee/Drop-off www.wm.com

Zanker Road Resource Management

705 Los Esteros Rd., San Jose 408-263-2384 Fee/Drop-off www.z-best.com

COUCHES - REUSE

In most cases, couches and mattresses must be in very good condition to be accepted for reuse/resale.

Bay Area Rescue Mission

123 MacDonald Ave., Richmond 510-215-4887 Drop-off: reusable condition Pickup: large quantities www.bayarearescue.org

Estates Mattress

1266 - 28th St., Oakland 510-625-1200 Drop-off: mattresses, reusable condition Pickup: large quantities

Full Gospel Mission Ministry Thrift Shop

27955 Mission Blvd., Hayward 510-537-7338 Drop-off: reusable condition

Goodwill Stores

Call for locations 510-534-6666 Drop-off: reusable condition www.goodwill.org

St. Vincent de Paul

Call for locations 800-607-4357 Drop-off: reusable condition www.svdp.org

That's heavy!

Construction and demolition debris make up 21 percent of waste or 355,000 tons going to the landfill in Alameda County every year.

Consider using deconstruction services to salvage building materials for reuse on your project, *see page 30*.

To purchase salvaged and reused building materials, *see page 24.*



The Salvation Army Call for locations 800-958-7825 Drop-off: reusable condition www.satruck.com

Thrift Town See phone book for locations in Fremont, San Leandro Drop-off: reusable condition

COUCHES - RECYCLING

At the time this guide was printed, there were no recycling options for couches.

DIRT / CLEAN FILL

Altamont Landfill

10840 Altamont Pass Rd., Livermore 800-449-6349 Fee/Drop-off www.wm.com

Davis St. Transfer Station / Recycling Park

2615 Davis St., San Leandro 510-638-2303 Fee/Drop-off www.wm.com

Landfill Management

4001 W. Winton Ave., Hayward 510-784-0825 Fee/Drop-off

Pleasanton Transfer Station

3110 Busch Rd., Pleasanton 925-846-2042 Fee/Drop-off www.pleasantongarbageservice.com

Raisch Products

Fremont, San Jose, Sunnyvale 408-227-9222 Fee/Drop-off: Milpitas, San Jose sites only www.raischproducts.com

Vasco Road Landfill & Recycling Drop-off

4001 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore 925-447-0491 Fee/Drop-off

Vulcan Materials

501 El Charro Rd., Pleasanton 925-485-1279 Fee/Drop-off www.vulcanmaterials.com

DISMANTLING & DECONSTRUCTION

Alco Iron & Metal 2366 Davis St., San Leandro 510-562-1107 www.alcometals.com

B & B Demolition 120 Broadway #1, Richmond 510-231-0208

Building Resources San Francisco 415-285-7814 www.buildingresources.org

Reusable Lumber Company P.O. Box 620327, Woodside 650-529-9122 www.reusablelumber.com

The ReUse People 9235 San Leandro St., Oakland 888-588-9490 www.thereusepeople.org

DRYWALL / SHEETROCK -REUSE & RECYCLE

Altamont Landfill 10840 Altamont Pass Rd., Livermore 800-449-6349 Fee/Drop-off: trim/scrap recycling www.wm.com

Berkeley Transfer Station / Oil Recycling Depot

1201- 2nd St., Berkeley 510-981-7270 Fee/Drop-off: clean trim debris Pickup: large quantities www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/pw

Vasco Road Landfill & Recycling Drop-off

4001 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore 925-447-0491 Fee/Drop-off: trim/scrap recycling

Zanker Road Resource Management

705 Los Esteros Rd., San Jose 408-263-2384 Fee/Drop-off: trim/scrap recycling www.z-best.com

EYEGLASSES & HEARING AIDS -REUSE

Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch Thrift Store 116 North L St., Livermore 925-449-7702 Drop-off: eyeglasses www.bvyr.org

John Tracy Clinic

National Program 800-522-4582 Mail-in program: hearing aids www.jtc.org/h4h/

Lions Center for the Blind

3834 Opal St., Oakland 510-450-1580 Drop-off: eyeglasses, hearing aids www.lbcenter.org

Lions Club of Livermore

1347 Hillview Dr., Livermore 925-443-4414 Drop-off: eyeglasses, hearing aids www.LivermoreLions.org

New Eyes For The Needy

National Program 973-376-4903 Mail-in program: eyeglasses, hearing aids www.neweyesfortheneedy.org

Urban Ore

7th St. & Ashby Ave., Berkeley 510-841-7283(SAVE) Buyback/Drop-off: eyeglasses www.urbanore.citysearch.com

FLUORESCENT LAMPS & BALLASTS

It is against the law to put mercury containing fluorescent lamps and bulbs into the garbage. Mercury is harmful to humans and the environment. Below are locations where you can properly and safely dispose of these materials.

Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste Program

Locations in Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Oakland 800-606-6606 Free drop-off www.household-hazwaste.org

AERC Recycling Solutions

30677 Huntwood Ave., Hayward 510-429-1129 Fee/Drop-off/Pickup: large quantities www.aercrecycling.com Home Depot National Program Drop-off: residential quantities www.homedepot.com

IKEA

4400 Shellmound St., Emeryville 510-420-4532 Drop-off: fluorescent bulbs and tubes; residential quantities www.ikea.com

Philip Services

Benicia 877-748-3040 Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.philipnow.com

RecycLights

San Leandro 800-884-8982 Drop-off/Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.recyclights.com

Safety Kleen

Oakland 510-832-7942 Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.safety-kleen.com

World Environmental

Oakland 800-428-5232 Fee/Pickup: large quantities

FOOD DONATIONS - EDIBLE

The organizations listed below will get food to people who need it. Food donors are protected from liability under the Good Samaritan Food Donation Act.

Alameda County Community Food Bank Oakland

510-635-3663 Drop-off/Pickup: food donations from local food manufacturers, brokers, producers, growers, and retailers; products include frozen, canned, fresh, and packaged goods; large quantities www.accfb.org

Alameda Food Bank

1900 Thau Way, Alameda 510-523-5850 Drop-off/Pickup: food donations from individuals, local food manufacturers, brokers, producers, growers, and retailers; products include frozen, canned, fresh, and packaged goods; large quantities www.alamedafoodbank.org **Bay Area Rescue Mission** 123 MacDonald Ave., Richmond 510-215-4887 Drop-off: nonperishable food

www.bayarearescue.org

City of Oakland Hunger Program 150 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Ste. 4340, Oakland 510-238-7754 Referral service for food donation programs

Daily Bread Project

Oakland 510-526-3123 Pickup: all edible food Oakland/Berkeley area

Davis Street Family Resource Center

3081 Teagarden St., San Leandro 510-347-4620 Drop-off: all edible food www.davisstreet.org

Emergency Shelter Program

Hayward 510-786-1181 Drop-off: all edible food

Oakland Potluck

Oakland 510-272-0414 Drop-off/Pickup: all edible food

Open Heart Kitchen

Livermore 925-580-1616 Drop-off/Pickup: all edible food www.openheartkitchen.org

Square Meals Project

2607 Ellsworth St., Berkeley 510-649-8154 Pickup: nonperishable food

St. Vincent de Paul Free Dining Room

675 - 23rd St., Oakland 510-451-7676 Drop-off/Pickup: all edible food

Tri-City Volunteers

37350 Joseph St., Fremont 510-793-4583 Drop-off/Pickup: all edible food www.tri-cityvolunteers.org

Western Service Workers Union

Call for location Oakland 510-832-2111 Drop-off/Pickup: all edible food What should I do with my old fluorescent lightbulbs and tubes?

Just like household batteries, fluorescent bulbs and tubes can't be thrown away in the trash. You can recycle them at the four Alameda Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facilities; *see page 11 for more information.*

Additional information on recycling fluorescent bulbs can be found on page 30.

Information on universal waste can be found on page 13.



FOOD SCRAP RECYCLING - COLLECTION

Most cities in Alameda County collect food scraps along with yard trimmings. *See Recycling Collection, pages 46 – 47.* Backyard composting is an easy way to recycle food scraps. *For discount compost bins, see Bay-Friendly Gardening, page 4.*

Golden Gate Disposal & Recycling

Oakland/San Francisco 415-626-4000 Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.sfrecycling.com

Norcal Waste Services of Alameda County

520 Third St., Ste. 208, Oakland 510-267-0852 Fee/Pickup: large quantities only www.norcalwasteservicesofalameda county.com

Recycle to Conserve

Stockton 209-982-5085 Fee/Pickup: dry food products; large quantities

Waste Management of Alameda County Oakland 510-613-8700 Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.wm.com

FURNITURE - REUSE

ACQ/Electronic Waste Management 27607 Industrial Blvd., Hayward

866-335-3373 Buyback/Drop-off/Fee/Pickup: office furniture www.acqoffice.com

Bay Area Rescue Mission

123 MacDonald Ave., Richmond 510-215-4887 Drop-off: chairs, tables, lamps, bookshelves Pickup: large quantities www.bayarearescue.org

Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch Thrift Store

116 North L St., Livermore 925-449-7702 Drop-off: chairs, tables, lamps, bookshelves www.bvyr.org

East Bay Depot for Creative Reuse

4695 Telegraph Ave., Oakland 510-547-6470 Drop-off/Pickup: chairs, tables, lamps, bookshelves www.creativereuse.org

Full Gospel Mission Ministry Thrift Shop

27955 Mission Blvd., Hayward 510-537-7338 Drop-off: chairs, tables, lamps, bookshelves

Goodwill Stores

Call for locations 510-534-6666 Drop-off: chairs, tables, lamps, bookshelves www.goodwill.org

Philanthropy By Design

1355 Market St., San Francisco 415-380-9568 Drop-off: usable condition www.pbd.org

St. Vincent de Paul

Call for locations 800-607-4357 Drop-off: chairs, tables, lamps, bookshelves www.svdp.org

The Salvation Army

Call for locations 800-958-7825 Drop-off: chairs, tables, lamps, bookshelves www.satruck.com

Thrift Town

See phone book for locations in Fremont, San Leandro Drop-off: reusable condition

Urban Ore 7th St. & Ashby Ave., Berkeley 510-841-7283(SAVE) Buyback/Drop-off: chairs, tables, lamps, bookshelves

www.urbanore.citysearch.com

Western Service Workers Union

Call for location Oakland 510-832-2111 Drop-off: chairs, tables, lamps, bookshelves

GLASS: WINDOW AND PLATE GLASS - RECYCLE

Pick-N-Pull 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland 510-729-7010 Drop-off: full windshields www.picknpull.com

Recycled Glassworks

San Francisco 415-641-5610 Drop-off/Pickup: plate glass www.recycledglassworks.com

Strategic Materials

San Leandro 510-357-0531 Fee/Drop-off: plate glass and cullet www.strategicmaterials.com

GLASS CONTAINERS - RECYCLE

All residential recycling programs in Alameda County collect glass bottles and jars.

Alameda County Industries (ACI)

San Leandro 510-357-7282 Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.alamedacountyindustries.com

Alliance Metals

3426 Peralta St., Oakland 510-547-2408 Buyback: CRV Fee/Pickup: large quantities

Allied Waste

Fremont 510-657-3500 Fee/Pickup: large quantities <u>www.alliedwasteac.com</u>

Berkeley Recycling Center

2nd & Gilman St., Berkeley 510-524-0113 Buyback/Drop-off: CRV

CA Dept of Conservation

Call for CRV buyback locations 800-732-9253 Buyback: CRV www.conservation.ca.gov

California Waste Solutions

3300 Wood St., Oakland 510-772-0514 Drop-off/Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.californiawastesolutions.com

Davis Street Recycling Center

2615 Davis St., San Leandro 510-638-2303 <u>www.wm.com</u>

East Bay Conservation Corps

2014 Market St., Oakland 510-992-7800 Fee/Pickup: CRV, non-CRV; large quantities www.ebcc-school.org

El Cerrito Recycling Center

7501 Schmidt Ln., El Cerrito 510-215-4350 Drop-off site only www.ecrecycling.org

Golden Gate Disposal & Recycling

Oakland/San Francisco 415-626-4000 Fee/Pickup: CRV, non-CRV; large quantities www.sfrecycling.com

Goodwill Donation Stations

Call for CRV buyback locations 510-534-6666 Buyback: CRV www.goodwill.org

International Recycling Industries, LLC 415-445-9112 Pickup: CRV, non-CRV; large quantities

Lakeside Non-Ferrous Metals

412 Madison St., Oakland 510-444-5466 Buyback: CRV

National Recycling Corp.

1312 Kirkham St., Oakland 510-268-1022 Buyback: CRV Pickup: large quantities www.nationalrecycle.com

Nexcycle Recycling Centers

Call for CRV buyback locations 800-883-2274 Buyback: CRV Drop-off: Non-CRV www.nexcyclecalifornia.com

Norcal Waste Services of Alameda County

520 Third St., Ste. 208, Oakland 510-267-0852 Fee/Pickup: CRV and non-CRV, scrap; large quantities only www.norcalwasteservicesofalameda county.com

Oakland Small Business Recycling Program

Pay as you throw collection program 510-238-7283 Fee/Pickup: beverage containers; curbside collection www.oaklandpw.com/oakrecycles/at_ work/smallbusiness/

Recycling & Resource Recovery Systems

3110 Busch Rd., Pleasanton 925-846-4062 Buyback: CRV

Refund Recycling

2680 Old First St., Livermore 925-606-1435 Buyback: CRV Pickup: large quantities

Sims Metal

30104 Industrial Pkwy. S.W., Hayward 510-471-6600 Buyback: CRV www.sims-group.com

Standard Iron & Metal

4525 San Leandro St., Oakland 510-535-0222 Buyback: CRV Pickup: large quantities www.standardiron.net

Tomra Pacific

Call for CRV buyback locations 800-266-2453 Buyback/Drop-off: CRV

Tri-CED Community Recycling

33377 Western Ave., Union City 510-471-3850 Buyback: CRV

GREASE & COOKING OIL

Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste Program

Locations in Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Oakland 800-606-6606 Free drop-off www.household-hazwaste.org

Darling International

San Francisco 800-473-4890 Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.darlingii.com

EBMUD

(East Bay Municipal Utility District)

2020 Wake Ave., Oakland 510-287-1651 Drop-off: Up to 15 gallons www.ebmud.com/wastewater/residential_ pollution_prevention

Philip Services

Benicia 877-748-3040 Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.philipnow.com Can I put all types of glass in the recycling bin?

All curbside recycling programs accept glass bottles and glass jars. Making glass from recycled glass uses 32 percent less energy than making glass from raw materials.

Broken windows, mirrors, and other types of glass should be recycled at a specialty recycler such as those listed on pages 32 - 33.



Pioneer Liquid Transport

San Jose 800-804-7327 Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.thegreasepumper.com

Salinas Tallow

Salinas 800-621-9000 Fee/Pickup: large quantities

GREETING CARDS - REUSE

East Bay Depot for Creative Reuse

4695 Telegraph Ave., Oakland 510-547-6470 Drop-off www.creativereuse.org

RAFT - Resource Area for Teaching

1355 Ridder Park Dr., San Jose 408-451-1420 Mail-in/Drop-off www.raft.net

SCRAP

801 Toland St., San Francisco 415-647-1746 Drop-off www.scrap-sf.org

GROCERY BAGS - RECYCLE

Paper bags are made of the same material as corrugated cardboard boxes. They can be recycled together. Plastic grocery bags (#2) and plastic produce bags (#4) can be recycled at most large grocery stores. *See Plastic Film & Bags -Recycle, page 42.*

HANGERS - REUSE

Many dry cleaners and thrift shops will accept hangers for reuse.

HAZARDOUS WASTE & Materials

Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste Program

Locations in Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Oakland 800-606-6606 Free drop-off for paint, cleaners, solvents, batteries, motor oil and filters, antifreeze, pesticides, fluorescent lamps and ballasts, needles, sharps, medications, chemicals and pharmaceuticals.

Alameda County businesses that generate less than 220 lbs. or 27 gallons of all kinds of hazardous waste per month, and less than 2.2 lbs. of extremely hazardous waste per month, may participate for a fee. www.household-hazwaste.org

AERC Recycling Solutions

30677 Huntwood Ave., Hayward 510-429-1129 Fee/Pickup: batteries, fluorescent lamps, mercury; large quantities www.aercrecycling.com

Alameda County Sheriff

Office of Emergency Services Dublin 925-803-7800 Pickup: explosives; call first before transporting any explosive material

Altamont Landfill

10840 Altamont Pass Rd., Livermore 800-449-6349 Fee/Drop-off: asbestos, railroad ties, treated wood, contaminated soil www.wm.com

Evergreen Environmental

Newark 800-972-5284 Fee/Pickup: antifreeze, oil, filters, petroleum lubricants, contaminated water; large quantities www.evergreenoil.com

First Alert - Smoke Detector Disposal

National Program 800-323-9005 Mail-in program for First Alert and BRK smoke detectors to properly disposal of radioactive components www.firstalert.com

Philip Services

Benicia 877-748-3040 Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.philipnow.com

Safety Kleen

Oakland 510-832-7942 Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.safety-kleen.com

Vasco Road Landfill & Recycling Drop-off

4001 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore 925-447-0491 Fee/Drop-off: treated wood, telephone poles, railroad ties

World Environmental

Oakland 800-428-5232 Fee/Pickup: large quantities

Zanker Road Resource Management

705 Los Esteros Rd., San Jose 408-263-2384 Fee/Drop-off: treated wood www.z-best.com

HEARING AIDS - REUSE

See Eyeglasses & Hearing Aids - Reuse, page 30.

MATERIALS EXCHANGE - REUSE

Materials Exchange outlets are places to donate or find useful items, including building materials, remnants, surplus, computers, tools, furniture and much, much more!

CALMAX - California Materials Exchange

Online Service 877-520-9703 Drop-off/Pickup/Buyback: exchange service for surplus goods and items www.calmax.org

ExcessAccess

Online Service 415-242-6041 Drop-off/Pickup: links surplus business and household items with nonprofits and recyclers www.excessaccess.com

Freecycle

Online service www.freecycle.org

RAFT - Resource Area for Teaching

1355 Ridder Park Dr., San Jose 408-451-1420 Drop-off/Pickup: misc. surplus supplies, scraps, remnants, etc. www.raft.net

Theatre Bay Area - TMaX

Online Theatre Materials Exchange 415-430-1140 x18 Drop-off/Pick-up: Set pieces, props, costumes, seats, curtains, lighting instruments, sound systems, office and computer equipment, paint www.theatrebayarea.org

MATTRESSES & BOX SPRINGS -Recycle

Altamont Landfill

10840 Altamont Pass Rd., Livermore 800-449-6349 Fee/Drop-off: mattresses and box springs www.wm.com

Berkeley Transfer Station / Oil Recycling Depot

1201- 2nd St., Berkeley 510-981-7270 Fee/Drop-off: mattresses and box springs www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/pw

Davis St. Transfer Station / Recycling Park

2615 Davis St., San Leandro 510-638-2303 Fee/Drop-off: mattresses and box springs www.wm.com

DR3

1960 Williams St., San Leandro 510-351-0520 Fee/Drop-off: mattresses and box springs, large quantities Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.svdp.us/mainsite/recycling/dr3.html

MEDICAL SUPPLIES & SURPLUS

Direct Relief International

National Program 805-964-4767 Mail-in program: hospital/medical/dental supplies/equipment, home health care supplies www.directrelief.org

HMR USA, Inc.

435 - 23rd St., San Francisco 415-647-6071 Fee/Pickup: medical surplus www.hmrusa.com

ReCARES Network

2619 Broadway, Oakland 510-251-2273 Drop-off/Pickup: surplus hospital and medical supplies/equipment, home health care supplies www.homecares.org

VIDA - Volunteers for Inter-American Development

6251 Hollis St., Emeryville 510-655-8432 Drop-off: surplus hospital and medical supplies/equipment, home health care supplies Pickup: large items only www.vidausa.org

MEDICATIONS/PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste Program

Locations in Hayward, Livermore, Oakland 800-606-6606 Free drop-off www.household-hazwaste.org Chimes Pharmacy 3201 College Ave., Berkeley 510-652-1990 Free Drop-off www.chimespharmacy.com

Elephant Pharmacy

1607 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-549-9200 Free drop-off www.elephantpharm.com

Webster Street Pharmacy

1553 Webster St., Alameda 510-522-3066 Free drop-off

METAL - SCRAP - RECYCLE

All recycling programs in Alameda County collect metal food containers (tin cans).

Aaron Metals

750 - 105th Ave., Oakland 510-569-6767 Buyback/Drop-off Pickup: large quantities only www.aaronmetals.com

Alameda County Industries (ACI)

San Leandro 510-357-7282 Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.alamedacountyindustries.com

Alco Iron & Metal

2366 Davis St., San Leandro 510-562-1107 Buyback/Drop-off Pickup: large quantities www.alcometals.com

Alliance Metals

3426 Peralta St., Oakland 510-547-2408 Buyback/Drop-off Fee/Pickup: large quantities

Allied Waste

Fremont 510-657-3500 Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.alliedwasteac.com

Altamont Landfill

10840 Altamont Pass Rd., Livermore 800-449-6349 Fee/Drop-off www.wm.com

Berkeley Recycling Center

2nd & Gilman St., Berkeley 510-524-0113 Drop-off www.berkeleyrecycling.org. A – Z Directory 35

How can I properly dispose of outdated prescriptions and medications?

Several studies, including a 2002 analysis by the U.S. Geological Survey of 139 streams across 30 states, found that 80 percent of waterways tested had measurable concentrations of prescription and nonprescription drugs, steroids, and reproductive hormones.

Most local pharmacies have take-back programs for outdated prescriptions and over-thecounter medications. You can also take them to the Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste facilities for proper disposal, *see page 11*.



Berkeley Transfer Station /

Oil Recycling Depot 1201- 2nd St., Berkeley 510-981-7270 Fee/Drop-off: large quantities www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/pw

Custom Alloy Scrap

2730 Peralta St., Öakland 510-893-6476 Buyback/Drop-off/Roll-off box Pickup: large quantities www.customalloy.com

D C Metals / W C Rose

2399 Davis St., San Leandro 510-569-2255 Buyback/Drop-off Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.dcmetals.com

Davis St. Transfer Station / Recycling Park

2615 Davis St., San Leandro 510-638-2303 Fee/Drop-off www.wm.com

El Cerrito Recycling Center

7501 Schmidt Ln., El Cerrito 510-215-4350 Drop-off site only www.ecrecycling.org

Fry's Machinery & Metals

1845 W. Winton Ave., Hayward 510-276-4344 Buyback/Drop-off Pickup: large quantities

Golden Gate Disposal & Recycling

Oakland/San Francisco 415-626-4000 Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.sfrecycling.com

Hillman Metals

1273 W. Industrial Pkwy., Hayward 510-889-8222 Buyback/Drop-off/Pickup: large quantities

Lakeside Non-Ferrous Metals

412 Madison St., Oakland 510-444-5466 Buyback/Drop-off Pickup: large quantities

Norcal Waste Services of Alameda County

520 Third St., Ste. 208, Oakland 510-267-0852 Fee/Pickup: large quantities only www.norcalwasteservicesofalameda county.com

Pick-N-Pull 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland 510-729-7010 Drop-off: reusable auto parts www.picknpull.com

Pleasanton Transfer Station

3110 Busch Rd., Pleasanton 925-846-2042 Fee/Drop-off www.pleasantongarbageservice.com

Recycling & Resource Recovery Systems

3110 Busch Rd., Pleasanton 925-846-4062 Fee/Drop-off

Refund Recycling

2680 Old First St., Livermore 925-606-1435 Buyback/Drop-off Pickup: large quantities

Schnitzer Steel

1101 Embarcadero W., Oakland 510-444-3919 Buyback/Drop-off: steel only Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.schnitzersteel.com

Sims Metal

30104 Industrial Pkwy. S.W., Hayward 510-471-6600 Buyback/Drop-off Pickup: large quantities www.sims-group.com

Standard Iron & Metal

4525 San Leandro St., Oakland 510-535-0222 Buyback/Drop-off/Roll-off box Pickup: large quantities www.standardiron.net

The Sutta Company

Oakland 510-873-8777 Buyback/Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.sutta.com

Tomra Pacific

Call for CRV buyback locations 800-266-2453 Buyback/Drop-off: CRV

Vasco Road Landfill & Recycling Drop-off

4001 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore 925-447-0491 Fee/Drop-off

WeisCo Recycling

Danville 925-743-8193 Buyback/Pickup: large quantities www.weiscorecycling.com

Zanker Road Resource Management

705 Los Esteros Rd., San Jose 408-263-2384 Fee/Drop-off www.z-best.com

MICROWAVES - NOT WORKING

ACCRC

1501 Eastshore Highway, Berkeley 510-528-4052 Free Drop-off www.accrc.org

A.S.I. Cyber E-Waste Recycling

33367 Croation Way, Union City 510- 468-2642 Free Drop-off www.recycle1234.com

Davis Street Transfer Station

2615 Davis St., San Leandro 510-638-2303 Fee/Drop-off

Recycle for Breast Cancer

31 Beta Ct., Suite C, San Ramon 800-315-9580 Fee/Drop-off

Sims Metal

30104 Industrial Pkwy. S.W., Hayward 510-471-6600 Free Drop-off: small quantities

MILK CARTONS & DRINK BOXES - RECYCLE

Most residential recycling programs in Alameda County collect milk cartons and drink boxes. *See Recycling Collection*, *pages 46 – 47*.

MOTOR OIL & OIL FILTERS, ANTIFREEZE, AUTO BATTERIES

By law, transportation of antifreeze and motor oil cannot exceed 5 gallons per container with a maximum of 15 gallons per trip (three 5 gallon containers). Most drop-off facilities will not accept more than 5 gallons per visit. Call before attempting to drop off antifreeze and motor oil.

Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste Program

Locations in Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Oakland 800-606-6606 Free drop-off: batteries, oil, filters, antifreeze www.household-hazwaste.org

AERC Recycling Solutions

30677 Huntwood Ave., Hayward 510-429-1129 Fee/Drop-off/Pickup: all battery types; large quantities www.aercrecycling.com

Alco Iron & Metal

2366 Davis St., San Leandro 510-562-1107 Buyback/Drop-off: batteries www.alcometals.com

American Battery Co.

3496 Arden Rd., Hayward 510-259-1150 Drop-off: batteries Pickup: large quantities www.powerstridebattery.com

Art's Automotive

2871 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley 510-540-7093 Drop-off: oil, filters, batteries, antifreeze www.artsautomotive.com

AutoZone

Oakland Drop-off: oil www.autozone.com

Battery Specialists

2824 San Pablo Ave., Oakland 510-451-1249 Buyback/Drop-off: batteries

Berkeley Transfer Station / Oil Recycling Depot

1201- 2nd St., Berkeley 510-981-7270 Drop-off: oil, filters www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/pw Castro Valley Autohaus 20697 Park Way, Castro Valley 510-581-4525 Buyback/Drop-off: oil, filters

Commercial Filter Recycling

33210 Western Ave., Union City 510-487-9277 Buyback: oil; small quantities Drop-off: 1 filter/day

Davis St. Transfer Station / Recycling Park 2615 Davis St., San Leandro 510-638-2303 Drop-off: various oils www.wm.com

El Cerrito Recycling Center

7501 Schmidt Ln., El Cerrito 510-215-4350 Drop-off: auto batteries, oil and filters www.ecrecycling.org

Evergreen Environmental

Newark 800-972-5284 Fee/Pickup: antifreeze, oil, filters; large quantities www.evergreenoil.com

Firestone

See phone book for locations Drop-off: antifreeze, oil, filters www.firestonecompleteautocare.com/ visit/index.jsp

Jiffy Lube

See phone book for locations Drop-off: oil, filters, antifreeze

Jim Doten's Honda

2600 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-665-0106 Drop-off: antifreeze, oil, filters

Kevin Hinkley Auto Tech 5269 Crow Canyon Rd., Castro Valley

510-881-1052 Drop-off: antifreeze, oil, filters, batteries

Kragen Auto Parts

See phone book for locations Drop-off: oil, filters, batteries

Livermore Fire Station 6

4550 East Ave., Livermore 925-454-2362 Drop-off: oil, filters

Mark Morris Tires

2850 Broadway, Oakland 510-451-0355 Drop-off: oil, filters

How do I recycle used motor oil?

One gallon of motor oil can contaminate 1 million gallons of water, so it is important to dispose of oil properly.

When you change your car's motor oil and filters, you can take it to the Household Hazardous Waste Facilities; *see page 11*. Many residential curbside recycling programs also accept motor oil and filters. *See Recycling Collection, pages 46 – 47.*



Oceanworks

2703 - 10th St., Berkeley 510-849-1383 Drop-off: antifreeze, oil www.askangus.com

Oil Changers See phone book for locations Drop-off: oil, filters www.oilchangers.ca

Pennzoil Speed Oil Change Center

5225 Shattuck Ave., Oakland 510-985-1010 Drop-off: transmission fluid, oil, filters www.speedoilchangecenter.com/zbxe/

Pep Boys

See phone book for locations Drop-off: batteries, oil, filters www.pepboys.com

Philip Services

Benicia 877-748-3040 Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.philipnow.com

Pick Your Part

2557 W. Winton Ave., Hayward 510-785-3770 Drop-off: antifreeze, batteries, oil www.pickapart.com

Pleasanton Transfer Station

3110 Busch Rd., Pleasanton 925-846-2042 Fee/Drop-off: batteries www.pleasantongarbageservice.com

Quality Tune-Up

See phone book for locations Drop-off: oil, transmission fluid, antifreeze www.qualitytuneup.com

Rock & Roll Auto Recycling

3908 Old Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton 925-224-9944 Drop-off: antifreeze, oil, filters www.rockandrollautoparts.com

Roesbery-Stillner Car Care 3192 Santa Rita, Pleasanton 925-846-5672 Drop-off: Used motor oil

RyNck Tire & Auto

See phone book or website for locations Drop-off: antifreeze, oil, filters, batteries www.rynck.com Safety Kleen Oakland 510-832-7942 Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.safety-kleen.com

Sears Automotive

See phone book for locations Drop-off: batteries <u>www.sears.com</u>

Sims Metal

30104 Industrial Pkwy. S.W., Hayward 510-471-6600 Buyback/Drop-off: auto batteries only www.sims-group.com

Speedee Oil Change & Tune Up

See phone book for locations Drop-off: antifreeze, batteries, oil, filters www.speedeeoil.com

Unocal 76

2445 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 510-581-6700 Fee: antifreeze, batteries, oil, filters

Warm Springs Unocal

47011 Warm Springs Blvd., Fremont 510-657-3575 Drop-off: oil

NEEDLES/SHARPS-MEDICAL

Check with your medical provider for disposal options. All needles/sharps/ syringes must be in a sharps container. Sharps containers can be purchased at your local pharmacy.

Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste Program

Locations in Hayward, Livermore, Oakland 800-606-6606 Free drop-off: in sharps container www.household-hazwaste.org

Safety Kleen

Oakland 510-832-7942 Fee/Pickup www.safety-kleen.com

Stericycle

National Program 800-355-8773 Fee/Mail-in program www.stericycle.com/services_mailback. htm Waste Management & Sharps Compliance National Program 877-927-8363 Fee/Mail-in program

PACKAGING MATERIALS -REUSE

Many packing/shipping services will accept packing "peanuts," cardboard moving boxes, and bubble wrap for reuse.

Aim Mail Center

www.wastemd.com

1141 Catalina Dr., Livermore 925-449-9110 Drop-off: packing peanuts www.aimmailcenter.com

Handle With Care

See phone book for locations Drop-off: packing peanuts, bubble wrap, moving boxes, foam sheets www.hwcpackingstore.com

Mail House Plus

3056 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 510-581-7636 Drop-off: packing peanuts, bubble wrap, moving boxes

Mail N' Services

35111-F Newark Blvd., Newark 510-793-4638 Drop-off: bubble wrap, packing peanuts, Styrofoam sheets

Mannequin Madness

2020 Dennison St. Ste.15, Oakland 510-444-0650 Drop-off: packing peanuts www.mannequinmadness.com

Nancy Funk Ceramics

1330 - 66th Street, Emeryville 510-654-1715 Drop-off: packing peanuts, bubble wrap, boxes, foam sheets www.nfunkceramics.com

Packaging Store

See phone book for locations Drop-off: packing peanuts, bubble wrap, moving boxes www.packagingstore.com

Piedmont Grocery

4038 Piedmont Áve., Oakland 510-653-8181 Drop-off: packing peanuts Plastic Loose Fill Council Call for locations 800-828-2214 Drop-off: packing peanuts www.loosefillpackaging.com

Postal Annex

See phone book for locations Drop-off: packing peanuts, bubble wrap www.postalannex.com

Recycled Glassworks

San Francisco 415-641-5610 Drop-off/Pickup: packing peanuts, bubble wrap www.recycledglassworks.com

The Postal Stop

105 Serra Way, Milpitas 408-946-7678 Drop-off: packing peanuts, bubble wrap, moving boxes

The Sink Factory

2140 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley 510-540-8193 Drop-off: packing peanuts www.sinkfactory.com

The UPS Shipping Store

See phone book for locations Drop-off: packing peanuts, bubble wrap, Styrofoam sheets, polyfoam

Tutto Mio

San Leandro 510-347-4900 Drop-off: packing peanuts, bubble wrap, Styrofoam sheets; e-mail first www.tuttomio.biz

Village Post & Parcel 15934 Hesperian Blvd., San Lorenzo 510-278-8744 Drop-off: packing peanuts, bubble wrap

You Send Me 1442-A Walnut St., Berkeley 510-540-0671 Drop-off: packing peanuts, bubble wrap

PACKAGING MATERIALS -Recycling

F P International

1050 Broadway, Redwood City 800-866-9946 Drop-off: #6 EPS polystyrene blocks Fee/Pickup: large quantities Mail-in program: small quantities www.fpintl.com **G.B. Industrial** 1528 Atlantic Street, Union City 510-489-0881 Drop-off: #6 EPS block Styrofoam, small quantities www.gbimcorp.com

PAINT - REUSE

Alameda County Paint Give-Away Program

2100 E. 7th St., Oakland 510-567-6750 Drop-off: usable paint Pickup: free exterior paint www.household-hazwaste.org

Habitat for Humanity East Bay ReStore

9235 San Leandro St., Oakland 510-777-1447 Drop-off/Pickup: new, unopened www.habitateb.org/restore

PALLETS - REUSE & SCRAP

A & M Pallets

2493 Dunn Rd., Hayward 510-785-5814 Drop-off: call first Fee/Buyback/Pickup: large quantities only

Alameda County Industries (ACI)

San Leandro 510-357-7282 Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.alamedacountyindustries.com

Allied Waste

Fremont 510-657-3500 Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.alliedwasteac.com

Berkeley Transfer Station / Oil Recycling Depot

1201- 2nd St., Berkeley 510-981-7270 Fee/Drop-off: broken pallets www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/pw

Commercial Pallet

Oakland 510-632-8519 Buyback/Drop-off Fee/Pickup: large quantities

Davis St. Transfer Station / Recycling Park 2615 Davis St., San Leandro 510-638-2303

Fee/Drop-off: broken pallets

Why are some cities banning Styrofoam food containers?

Polystyrene, better known by the brand name Styrofoam, is not readily recyclable, especially when it has food on it. It just ends up in the landfill.

Choose to use compostable food containers (many can be recycled in your green waste cart) or, better yet, bring your own container from home.



Oakland Pallet

2500 Grant Ave., San Lorenzo 510-278-1291 Drop-off/Buyback/Fee/Pickup: large quantities only www.oaklandpallet.com

Pleasanton Transfer Station

3110 Busch Rd., Pleasanton 925-846-2042 Fee/Drop-off: broken pallets www.pleasantongarbageservice.com

RH Wood Products

6756 Central Ave., Newark 510-794-6676 Fee/Buyback/Pickup/Drop-off

Vasco Road Landfill & Recycling Drop-off 4001 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore 925-447-0491 Fee/Drop-off: broken pallets

Zanker Road Resource Management

705 Los Esteros Rd., San Jose 408-263-2384 Fee/Drop-off: broken pallets www.z-best.com

PAPER & CARDBOARD -RECYCLE

All residential recycling programs in Alameda County collect cardboard, newspaper, magazines, telephone directories, cracker boxes, and mixed paper.

Alameda County Industries (ACI)

San Leandro 510-357-7282 Fee/Pickup: all grades; large quantities www.alamedacountyindustries.com

Alliance Metals

3426 Peralta St., Oakland 510-547-2408 Buyback/Drop-off Pickup: all grades; large quantities

Allied Waste

Fremont 510-657-3500 Fee/Pickup: all grades; large quantities www.alliedwasteac.com

Altamont Landfill

10840 Altamont Pass Rd., Livermore 800-449-6349 Drop-off: cardboard www.wm.com

Berkeley Recycling Center

2nd & Gilman St., Berkeley 510-524-0113 Buyback/Drop-off: all grades, soft cover books www.berkeleyrecycling.org

California Waste Solutions

3300 Wood St., Oakland 510-772-0514 Drop-off: all types, hard/soft cover books Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.californiawastesolutions.com

Citywide Fibers

San Francisco 415-550-7500 Fee/Pickup: all grades; large quantities

DataShred and Papercycle

Hayward 888-767-7761 Fee/Pickup: all grades; www.datashredinc.com

Davis Street Recycling Center

2615 Davis St., San Leandro 510-638-2303 Drop-off: all grades, hard/soft cover books www.wm.com

East Bay Conservation Corps

2014 Market St., Oakland 510-992-7800 Fee/Pickup: all grades, hard/soft cover books; large quantities www.ebcc-school.org

East Bay Recycling

1221 B 3rd St., Oakland 510-281-8234 Drop-off: all types of paper, hard/soft cover books Fee/Pickup: large quantities

El Cerrito Recycling Center

7501 Schmidt Ln., El Cerrito 510-215-4350 Drop-off site only: all grades, soft cover books www.ecrecycling.org

Golden Gate Disposal & Recycling

Oakland/San Francisco 415-626-4000 Fee/Pickup: all grades; large quantities www.sfrecycling.com

КМС

2505 Poplar St., Oakland 510-835-3537 Drop-off: all grades, all books Fee/Pickup: large quantities

National Recycling Corp.

1312 Kirkham St., Oakland 510-268-1022 Drop-off: all grades, soft cover books Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.nationalrecycle.com

Norcal Waste Services of Alameda County

520 Third St., Ste. 208, Oakland 510-267-0852 Fee/Pickup: all grades; large quantities www.norcalwasteservicesofalamedacounty. com

Northern California Paper Recyclers

1609 Whipple Rd., Hayward 510-476-1620 Drop-off: all grades, hard/soft cover books Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.ncpr-inc.com

Oakland Small Business Recycling Program

Pay-as-you-throw collection program 510-238-7283 Fee/Pickup: all grades; curbside collection www.oaklandpw.com/oakrecycles/ at_work/smallbusiness/

Recycling & Resource Recovery Systems

3110 Busch Rd., Pleasanton 925-846-4062 Drop-off: all grades Fee/Pickup: large quantities

SBC

Bay Area 800-953-4400 Drop-off: information on recycling telephone directories

Secondary Fibre

31775 Hayman St., Hayward 510-487-4995 Drop-off: all grades, hard/soft cover books Fee/Pickup: large quantities

Shred Works

455 High St., Oakland 510-729-7110 Fee/Pickup: all grades; large quantities www.shredworks.com

Smurfit - Stone Recycling

800 - 77th Ave., Oakland 510-635-9383 Drop-off: all grades, hard/soft cover book Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.smurfit-stone.net Specialty Fibres Walnut Creek 925-934-8700 Buyback/Pickup: all grades, hard/soft cover books

PESTICIDES & FERTILIZERS

See Hazardous Waste & Materials, page 34.

PHOTO CHEMICALS

See Hazardous Waste & Materials, page 34.

PLASTIC - RECYCLE

All residential recycling programs in Alameda County collect PET #1, HDPE #2, and narrow-neck bottles #1 – #7. *See Recycling Collection, pages 46 – 47.*

3M Recycling Program

National Program 800-328-1371 Mail-in program for transparencies www.3m.com/meetings/product_catalog/ trans_recycle.jhtml

Alameda County Industries (ACI)

San Leandro 510-357-7282 Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.alamedacountyindustries.com

Alliance Metals

3426 Peralta St., Oakland 510-547-2408 Buyback/Drop-off: CRV Fee/Pickup: large quantities

Allied Waste

Fremont 510-657-3500 Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.alliedwasteac.com

Bay Polymer

Fremont 510-490-1791 Pickup: most types; large quantities

Berkeley Recycling Center

2nd & Gilman St., Berkeley 510-524-0113 Buyback/Drop-off: CRV, #1, #2 www.berkeleyrecycling.org

CA Dept of Conservation

Call for CRV buyback locations 800-732-9253 Buyback: CRV www.conservation.ca.gov

California Waste Solutions

3300 Wood St., Oakland 510-772-0514 CRV~Drop-off: #1, #2 Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.californiawastesolutions.com

Caplasticsmarkets.com

Online Locator Service All types; web-based networking service for commercial/industrial generators and processors www.caplasticsmarkets.com

Davis Street Recycling Center

2615 Davis St., San Leandro 510-638-2303 Buyback: CRV Drop-off: #1-#7 narrow-neck bottles, wide-mouth #2, #4, #5 cups/tubs www.wm.com

DuPont

National Program 866-33-TYVEK Mail-in program: Tyvek, HDPE #2 envelopes www.envelopes.tyvek.com/en/science/ versitile/vers_recycle

East Bay Conservation Corps

2014 Market St., Oakland 510-992-7800 Fee/Pickup: CRV, non-CRV; large quantities www.ebcc-school.org

El Cerrito Recycling Center

7501 Schmidt Ln., El Cerrito 510-215-4350 Drop-off site only: #1-#7 narrow-neck and plastic bags www.ecrecycling.org

Epic Plastics

Lodi 209-333-6161 Buyback/Pickup: #2, #4, #5 bottles; large quantities www.epicplastics.com

G.B. Industrial

1528 Atlantic Street, Union City 510-489-0881 Fee/Pickup: most types; large quantities www.gbimcorp.com

Garment Recovery Systems

National Program 800-440-4130 Buyback: Tyvek, HDPE #2 garments www.garmentrecoverysystems.com

Recycle all your paper... all the time.

Paper – mostly newspaper, junkmail, magazines, and cereal boxes – makes up approximately 10 percent of materials landfilled in Alameda County. By recycling 1 ton of paper, you can save 17 mature trees, 7,000 gallons of water, and 3 cubic yards of landfill space.



Golden Gate Disposal & Recycling Oakland/San Francisco 415-626-4000 Fee/Pickup: most types; large quantities www.sfrecycling.com

Goodwill Donation Stations

Call for CRV buyback locations 510-534-6666 Buyback: CRV www.goodwill.org

International Recycling Industries, LLC 415-445-9112 Pickup: CRV, non-CRV; large quantities

Materials Reuse

Oakland 510-435-8988 Buyback/Pickup: most types; large quantities

MBA Polymers

Richmond 510-231-9031 Fee/Pickup: ABS, PC, HIPS; large quantities www.mbapolymers.com

MRC Polymers

National Program 773-890-9000 Mail-in program: CD/Jewel cases, CDs, and laser disks www.mrcpolymers.com

National Recycling Corp.

1312 Kirkham St., Oakland 510-268-1022 Buyback: CRV Pickup: PET #1, HDPE #2; large quantities www.nationalrecycle.com

Nexcycle Recycling Centers

Call for CRV buyback locations 800-883-2274 Buyback: CRV Drop-off: Non-CRV www.nexcyclecalifornia.com

Norcal Waste Services of Alameda County

520 Third St., Ste. 208, Oakland 510-267-0852 Fee/Pickup: most types; large quantities www.norcalwasteservicesofalameda county.com

Oakland Small Business Recycling Program

Pay as you throw collection program 510-238-7283 Fee/Pickup: #1–#7 narrow-neck bottles; curbside collection www.oaklandpw.com/oakrecycles/ at_work/smallbusiness/

Plastic Loose Fill Council Call for locations 800-828-2214 Drop-off: packing peanuts www.loosefillpackaging.com

Polymer Recovery Services Santa Clara 408-748-9715 Fee/Pickup: most types; large quantities

Recycling & Resource Recovery Systems 3110 Busch Rd., Pleasanton 925-846-4062 Buyback: CRV

Refund Recycling

2680 Old First St., Livermore 925-606-1435 Buyback: CRV Pickup: large quantities

Smurfit - Stone Recycling

800 - 77th Ave., Oakland 510-635-9383 Fee/Pickup: #2, #4 bottles and film; large quantities www.smurfit-stone.net

Super Link Plastic

888 - 92nd Ave., Oakland 510-568-1086 Buyback/Pickup: most types; large quantities www.superlinkusa.com

The Sutta Co.

Oakland 510-873-8777 Buyback/Fee/Pickup: #1, #2, #4, and #5; large quantities www.sutta.com

Tomra Pacific

Call for CRV buyback locations 800-266-2453 Buyback/Drop-off: CRV

Tri-CED Community Recycling

33377 Western Ave. Union City 510-471-3850 Buyback: CRV Drop-off: #1-#7 narrow-neck bottles

Vasco Road Landfill & Recycling Drop-off

4001 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore 925-447-0491 Drop-off site: #1 and #2 bottles

WeisCo Recycling

Danville 925-743-8193 Buyback/Pickup: most types; large quantities www.weiscorecycling.com

PLASTIC FILM & BAGS -RECYCLE

Plastic grocery bags (#2) and plastic produce bags (#4) can be recycled at most large grocery stores.

Amigo Environmental

760 Market Ave., Richmond 800-995-7714 Buyback/Drop-off: #5 bulk bags, super sacks Pickup: large quantities www.amigoenvironmental.com

Bay Polymer

Fremont 510-490-1791 Buyback/Pickup/Drop-off: #2, #4, #5 film/bags; large quantities

G.B. Industrial

1528 Atlantic Street, Union City 510-489-0881 Buyback/Drop-off/Pickup: #2, #4, #5 film/bags; large quantities only www.gbimcorp.com

Materials Reuse

Oakland 510-435-8988 Buyback/Pickup: #2, #4, #5 film/bags; large quantities

Mercy Brown Bag Program

3431 Foothill Blvd., Oakland 510-534-8540x369 Drop-off: clean, usable

PlasticBagRecycling.org Online Locator Service 888-753-7485 Drop-off: #2 and #4 film and grocery, produce, newspaper, dry cleaning bags www.plasticbagrecycling.org

Super Link Plastic

888 - 92nd Ave., Oakland 510-568-1086 Buyback/Pickup: #2, #4, #5 film/bags; large quantities www.superlinkusa.com

PROPANE TANKS - REUSE & RECYCLING

Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste Program

Locations in Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Oakland 800-606-6606 Free drop-off: single use and refillable www.household-hazwaste.org

Blue Rhino

National Program 800-258-7466 Fee/Drop-off: refillable tanks www.bluerhino.com

Wilderness Exchange

1407 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley 510-525-1255 Drop-off: single use propane and butane canisters www.wildernessexchange.com

SHOES - REUSE & RECYCLING

Davis Street Family Resource Center

3081 Teagarden St., San Leandro 510-347-4620 Drop-off: clean, wearable shoes www.davisstreet.org

One World Running

National Program 303-473-1314 Mail-in program: running shoes and apparel www.boulder-running.com/oneworldrunning/ shoedrop.php

PARCA

Bay Area Service 877-997-2722 Pickup: clean, wearable shoes www.parca.org/pickups.htm

Square Meals Project

2607 Ellsworth St., Berkeley 510-649-8154 Pickup: clean, wearable shoes

TranSports - Nike's Reuse-A-Shoe Program

6014 College Ave., Oakland 510-655-4809 Drop-off: athletic shoes for recycling; any brand www.transportsrunswim.com

SPORTING GOODS - REUSE

Agape Villages

San Ramon 925-866-3020 Drop-off www.agapevillages.org

Books for the Barrios

2350 - D Whitman Rd., Concord 925-687-7701 Drop-off www.booksforthebarrios.com

Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch Thrift Store

116 North L St., Livermore 925-449-7702 Drop-off www.bvyr.org

Full Gospel Mission Ministry Thrift Shop

27955 Mission Blvd., Hayward 510-537-7338 Drop-off

One World Running

National Program 303-473-1314 Mail-in program: running shoes and apparel www.boulder-running.com/oneworldrunning/ shoedrop.php

PARCA

Bay Area Service 877-997-2722 Pickup www.parca.org/pickups.htm

Play It Again Sports

5548 Springdale Ave., Pleasanton 925-734-6750 Buyback/Drop-off www.playitagainsports.com

Recycles Bike Shop

3120 Sacramento St., Berkeley 510-665-1889 Buyback/Drop-off: outdoor gear

Thrift Town

See phone book for locations in Fremont, San Leandro Drop-off

TranSports - Nike's Reuse-A-Shoe Program

6014 College Ave., Oakland 510-655-4809 Drop-off: athletic shoes for recycling; any brand www.transportsrunswim.com

Paper or Plastic bags?

Neither!

Bring your own reusable bags from home. Keep several in your car, backpack, purse, or bike bag to use at the store. Only 1 percent of plastic bags are recycled annually. Plastic bags jam machinery and add to the manual labor costs of recycling.

You can find recycling bins for plastic bags at most larger grocery stores. If you don't see one, ask the store manager to provide them. Remember to reduce your use of plastics and plastic bags and reuse the ones you have! *For more information, see page 10.*



Wilderness Exchange 1407 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley 510-525-1255 Buyback/Drop-off: camping gear www.wildernessexchange.com

World Vision - Get a Kick Out of Sharing National Program 800-642-1616 Mail-in program: soccer balls www.worldvision.org/soccerballs

STEREOS & VCRS

See Computers & Electronics - Reuse & Recycling, page 27.

STYROFOAM PACKAGING "PEANUTS" / POLYSTYRENE

See Packaging Materials - Reuse, page 38.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES

See Paper & Cardboard - Recycle, page 40.

TELEVISIONS

See Computers & Electronics - Reuse & Recycling, page 27.

TIRES - RECYCLE / DISPOSAL

Most tire shops will accept small quantities of tires for a nominal fee.

Altamont Landfill

10840 Altamont Pass Rd., Livermore 800-449-6349 Fee/Drop-off www.wm.com

Berkeley Transfer Station / Oil Recycling Depot

1201- 2nd St., Berkeley 510-981-7270 Fee/Drop-off: large quantities www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/pw

Bruce's Tires 240 Hegenberger Rd., Oakland 510-568-2120 Fee/Drop-off www.brucestire.com

Davis St. Transfer Station / Recycling Park 2615 Davis St., San Leandro 510-638-2303 Fee/Drop-off www.wm.com Firestone See phone book for locations Fee/Drop-off www.firestonecompleteautocare.com/ visit/index.jsp

Mark Morris Tires 2850 Broadway, Oakland 510-451-0355 Fee/Drop-off

Pleasanton Transfer Station 3110 Busch Rd., Pleasanton 925-846-2042 Fee/Drop-off www.pleasantongarbageservice.com

Rock & Roll Auto Recycling 3908 Old Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton 925-224-9944 Fee/Drop-off: small quantities www.rockandrollautoparts.com

RyNck Tire & Auto See phone book or website for locations Fee/Drop-off www.rynck.comwww.rynck.com

See phone book for locations Fee/Drop-off

Vasco Road Landfill & Recycling Drop-off 4001 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore 925-447-0491 Fee/Drop-off

West Coast Rubber Recycling

1501 Lana Way, Hollister 831-634-2800 Fee/Pick-up: tires, scrap rubber; large quantities only www.groundrubber.com

TOILETS & SINKS

For reuse and salvage, see Building Materials - Reuse, page 24. Otherwise see Asphalt, Brick, Concrete, Gravel, Porcelain - Recycle, page 20.

TONER & LASER CARTRIDGES

Canon National Program 800-OK-CANON Mail-in program www.usa.canon.com/templatedata/ AboutCanon/ciwencrpr.ht

Cartridge World 5940 College Ave., Oakland 510-428-9500 Drop-off/Pickup: laser/inkjet cartridges for refilling or recycling www.cartridgeworld-eastbay.com Cartridge World

2161 Allston Way, Berkeley 510-841-2004 Drop-off/ pickup: laser/ inkjet cartridges for refilling or recycling www.cartridgeworld-eastbay.com

Clark Business Machines Berkeley 510-843-2326 Drop-off

Give Something Back Inc. Oakland 510-635-5500 Pickup www.givesomethingback.com

GreenDisk

National Program 800-305-3475 Fee/Mail-in program www.greendisk.com

Laser Link 1310 - 63rd St., Emeryville 510-649-8000 Buyback/Pickup www.laserlinkintl.com

Lasertron Recycled Toner Cartridges Concord 510-535-1400 Drop-off/Pickup

Recycle for Breast Cancer

31 Beta Ct. Suite C, San Ramon 800-315-9580 Drop-Off or Mail-in www.recycleforbreastcancer.org

TOOLS - REUSE

Berkeley Tool Lending Library 1901 Russell St., Berkeley 510-981-6101 Drop-off www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org/tool

Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch Thrift Store

116 North L St., Livermore 925-449-7702 Drop-off www.bvyr.org

Building Resources San Francisco 415-285-7814 Buy/Drop-off: usable tools for nonprofit www.buildingresources.org

Habitat for Humanity East Bay ReStore

9235 San Leandro St., Oakland 510-777-1447 Drop-off/Pickup www.habitateb.org/restore

Oakland Tool Lending Library

5205 Telegraph Ave., Oakland 510-597-5089 Drop-off www.oaklandlibrary.org/Branches/tem.htm

PARCA

Bay Area Service 877-997-2722 Pickup www.parca.org/pickups.htm

The ReUse People

9235 San Leandro St., Oakland 888-588-9490 Pickup only www.thereusepeople.org

Tinker's Workshop

84 Bolivar Dr., Berkeley 510-644-2577 Drop-off/Pickup: hand and power tools www.tinkersworkshop.org

Urban Ore

7th St. & Ashby Ave., Berkeley 510-841-7283(SAVE) Buyback/Drop-off www.urbanore.citysearch.com

WOOD & YARD TRIMMINGS

All curbside recycling programs in Alameda County collect yard trimmings.

AJ Hauling Berkeley 510-665-4329 Fee/Pickup

Allied Waste

Fremont 510-657-3500 Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.alliedwasteac.com

Altamont Landfill

10840 Altamont Pass Rd., Livermore 800-449-6349 Fee/Drop-off: clean wood, yard trimmings www.wm.com

Berkeley Transfer Station / Oil Recycling Depot

1201- 2nd St., Berkeley 510-981-7270 Fee/Drop-off: clean wood, yard trimmings www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/pw **Biofuel Systems** 30 Greenville Rd., Livermore 925-455-5908 Fee/Drop-off: clean wood Fee/Pickup: large quantities

Davis St. Transfer Station / Recycling Park

2615 Davis St., San Leandro 510-638-2303 Fee/Drop-off: clean wood, yard trimmings www.wm.com

Green Waste Recycle Yard

2550 Garden Tract Road, Richmond 510-527-8733 Fee/Pickup: large quantities www.greenwasterecyclevard.com

Newby Island Landfill

1601 Dixon Landing Rd., Milpitas 408-262-1401 Fee/Drop-off: clean wood, yard trimmings

Norcal Waste Services of Alameda County

520 Third St., Ste. 208, Oakland 510-267-0852 Fee/Pickup: large quantities only www.norcalwasteservicesofalameda county.com

Pleasanton Transfer Station

3110 Busch Rd., Pleasanton 925-846-2042 Fee/Drop-off: clean wood, yard trimmings www.pleasantongarbageservice.com

RH Wood Products

6756 Central Ave., Newark 510-794-6676

Vasco Road Landfill & Recycling Drop-off

4001 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore 925-447-0491 Fee/Drop-off: clean wood, yard trimmings

Waste Management of Alameda County Oakland 510-613-8700 Fee/Pickup: clean wood, yard trimmings;

large quantities

Zanker Road Resource Management

705 Los Esteros Rd., San Jose 408-263-2384 Fee/Drop-off: clean wood, yard trimmings www.z-best.com

ZIPPERS

See Art & Educational Materials - Reuse, Page 19.

Reinvent the Wheel!

Almost 41 million tires are disposed of every year.

Twenty-five percent still end up in the landfill. These tires can be turned into patio pavers, tiles, running tracks, and other useful purposes if they are recycled. For recycling options, *see page 44.*



Apartment

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If you live in an apartment, townhouse, or condominium with centralized garbage and recycling collection, use this chart to determine your recycling service provider and the materials they collect. Contact your service provider for more information.		Mixed Paper, Cardboard, Newspapers	Bottles, Cans, & Jars	Alumimun Foil & Pans	Aerosol Cans – empty (no paint, chemicals, etc.)	Scrap Metal (call for details)	Plastic #1-#7 (narrow-neck bottles only)*	Yard Trimmings & Food Scraps	Motor Oil & Filter (call for containers)	Latex Paint (call for info)	Milk Cartons & Juice Cartons	Household Batteries (call for instructions)
JURISDICTION	CURBSIDE RECYCLING SERVICE PROVIDER	Mixed Cardbo	Bot	Alu	Aer (no p	Scr (call	Pla: (narr	Yard ⁻ Food	Mot (call	Lat (call	Mill Juid	Hou (call
Alameda	Alameda County Industries 510-483-1400 www.alamedacountyindustries.com	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	
Albany	Waste Management 510-613-8710 www.wm.com	•	•	•	•	•	WB	•	•		•	
Berkeley	Ecology Center (2-9 units) 510-527-5555 www.ecologycenter.org	•	•	•			•	•				
	City of Berkeley (10+ units) 510-981-7270	•	•	•			•	С				
Castro Valley	Waste Management 510-537-5500 www.wm.com	•	•		•		•	•			•	
Dublin	Amador Valley Industries 925-479-9545 www.amadorvallyindustries.com	•	•	•	•		•		•		•	
Emeryville	Waste Management 510-613-8710 www.wm.com	•	•	•	•		•	•				
Fremont	Allied Waste Services 510-657-3500 www.alliedwasteac.com	•	•	•	•		W				•	
Hayward	Curbcycle 510-537-9963 www.tri-ced.org	•	•	•	•		Р				•	
Livermore	Waste Management 925-447-1300 www.wm.com	•	•		•		W				•	
Newark	Waste Management 510-624-5900 www.wm.com	•	•		•		W	Y			•	
Oakland	For service provider call 510-238-SAVE (7283) www.oaklandrecycles.com	•	•	•	•		W	A	•	D	•	•
Piedmont	Richmond Sanitary Services 800-320-8077 www.richmondsanitarypiedmont.com	•	•	•	•	•	WB	•			•	•**
Pleasanton	Pleasanton Garbage Co. 925-846-2042 www.pleasantongarbageservice.com	•	•	•	•		•					
San Leandro	Alameda County Industries 510-357-7282 www.alamedacountyindustries.com	•	•		•	•	•				•	
San Lorenzo/ Oro Loma	Waste Management 510-613-8710 www.wm.com	•	•		•		В	Y			•	
Union City	Tri-CED Community Recycling 510-429-8030 www.tri-ced.org	•	•	•	•	•	W	Y			•	
Unincorporated Areas	Waste Management 510-613-8710 www.wm.com	•	•		•		W	Y			•	
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* Narrow-neck bottles with neck smaller than its base. ** Includes cellular phones. A = Availability limited. Call 510-238-SAVE for information. B = Plastic bags, bundled into one bag. C= food scraps availability is case by case. D = Dry, empty cans only. O = Used oil only, no filters. P = #1 and #2 plastic only. W = Includes wide-mouth containers (like yogurt or margarine tubs) and lids. Y = Yard trimmings only.

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Home

If you live in a single-family home or small		Cardboard,	ars	Pans	npty (:)		y)*					es
apartment with individual garbage and recycling collection, use this chart to determine your recycling service provider and the materials they collect. Contact your service provider for		Mixed Paper, Card Newspapers	Cans, & Jars	Alumimun Foil & Pans	Aerosol Cans – empty (no paint, chemicals, etc.)	Scrap Metal (call for details)	Plastic #1-#7 (narrow-neck bottles only)*	Trimmings & Scraps	Motor Oil & Filter (call for containers)	aint fo)	Milk Cartons & Juice Cartons	Household Batteries (call for instructions)
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JURISDICTION	CURBSIDE RECYCLING SERVICE PROVIDER	Nev	Bot	Alu	Aer (no p	Scr (call	Pla ^{(nan}	Yard ⁻ Food	Mot (call	Lat (call	Juid	Hou (call
Alameda	Alameda County Industries 510-483-1400 www.alamedacountyindustries.com	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	D	•	
Albany	Waste Management 510-613-8710 www.wm.com	•	•	•	•	•	WB	•	•		•	
Berkeley	Ecology Center 510-527-5555 www.ecologycenter.org	•	•	•			•	•				
Castro Valley	Waste Management 510-537-5500 www.wm.com	•	•		•	•	WB	•	•	•	•	
Dublin	Amador Valley Industries 925-479-9545 www.amadorvallyindustries.com	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•
Emeryville	Waste Management 510-613-8710 www.wm.com	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	
Fremont	Allied Waste Services 510-657-3500 www.alliedwasteac.com	•	•	•	•		WB	•	•		•	
Hayward	Curbcycle 510-537-9963 www.tri-ced.org	•	•	•	•		W	•	•		•	•
Livermore	Waste Management 925-447-1300 www.wm.com	•	•		•		W	•	0		•	
Newark	Waste Management 510-624-5900 www.wm.com	•	•		•		W	•	•		•	•
Oakland	For service provider call 510-238-SAVE (7283) www.oaklandrecycles.com	•	•	•	•		W	•	•	D	•	•
Piedmont	Richmond Sanitary Services 800-320-8077 www.richmondsanitarypiedmont.com	•	•	•	•	•	WB	•			•	•**
Pleasanton	Pleasanton Garbage Co. 925-846-2042 www.pleasantongarbageservice.com	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	
San Leandro	Alameda County Industries 510-357-7282 www.alamedacountyindustries.com	•	•		•	•	•	•	•		•	
San Lorenzo/ Oro Loma	Waste Management 510-613-8710 www.wm.com	•	•		٠		В	Y	٠		٠	
Union City	Tri-CED Community Recycling 510-429-8030 www.tri-ced.org	•	•	•	•	•	W	•	•		•	•
Unincorporated Areas	Waste Management 510-613-8710 www.wm.com	•	•	•	٠		W	Y	0		•	
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* Narrow-neck bottles with neck smaller than its base. ** Includes cellular phones. \mathbf{B} = Plastic bags, bundled into one bag. \mathbf{D} = Dry, empty cans only. \mathbf{O} = Used oil only, no filters. \mathbf{W} = Includes wide-mouth containers (like yogurt or margarine tubs) and lids. \mathbf{Y} = Yard trimmings only.

Additional Resources

StopWaste.Org

Website	<u>www.StopWaste.Org</u>
Composting Information Hotline	510-444-SOIL (7645)
Email	info@StopWaste.Org
Recycling Hotline 1-877-S	TOPWASTE (786-7927)

Alameda County

Household Hazardous Waste Hotline	. 1-800-606-6606
Clean Water Program Hotline	510-670-5543

State of California

California Integrated Waste Management Board	
California Materials Exchange (CALN	IAX) 1-877-520-9703
Dept. of Conservation Beverage Container Recycling Hotline	1-800-RECYCLE www.bottlesandcans.com
Cal-EPA Environmental Hotline	1-800-CLEANUP

City Recycling Information

Alameda
Albany
Berkeley commercial and yard waste
Castro Valley
Dublin
Emeryville
Fremont
Hayward510-583-4700 www.ci.hayward.ca.us
Livermore

Newark	
Oakland	
Piedmont	
San Leandro	
	na510-276-4700 ww.oroloma.org/services/garbage&recycling
Union City	510-675-5466 <u>www.ci.union-city.ca.us</u>

Transfer Station Recycling Services

For locations, see page 16.
Altamont Landfill, Livermore 1-800-449-6349
www.wm.com
Berkeley Transfer Station 510-981-7270 www.ci.berkeley.ca.us
Davis St. Transfer, Station, San Leandro 510-638-2303 www.wm.com
Fremont Recycling & Transfer Station 510-252-0500 www.fremont-recycling.com
Pleasanton Transfer Station

Bay Area County Recycling Hotlines

Contra Costa	
Marin	
Napa	
San Francisco	
San Mateo	1-888-442-2666
Santa Clara	1-800-533-8414
Solano	
Sonoma	

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- Conserve natural resources
- Recycle construction and demolition waste www.BuildGreenNow.org

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- Reduce waste and recycling materials
- Conserve soil, water, energy, and wildlife habitats
- Protect air and water quality
- Helping Plants & People Thrive. *Naturally* www.BayFriendly.org

StopWaste Partnership

- Reduce operating costs
- Prevent waste before it starts
- Receive grants and free waste reduction audits
- Increase recognition and improve public image www.StopWastePartnership.Org

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- Provide planning and technical assistance with waste diversion projects
- Promote recycling in every classroom
- Empower students to engage in and apply 4Rs behaviors

www.irecycleAtschool.org



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