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# Recycling Guide



Alameda County's Most Comprehensive  
Guide to Recycling and Reuse  
2005-2006

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- ✓ Locating buyback centers
- ✓ Buying recycled-content products
- ✓ Proper disposal of hard-to-recycle materials
- ✓ Residential & commercial recycling
- ✓ Reuse & waste prevention activities
- ✓ Proper disposal of paints, batteries, pesticides, chemicals, etc.

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**510-444-SOIL (444-7645)**

### **Call for information on:**

- ✓ Ordering a low-cost compost bin or worm box
- ✓ Recycling yard trimmings & kitchen scraps into compost
- ✓ Using red worms to recycle food scraps
- ✓ Free instructional workshops, videos, and brochures
- ✓ How grasscycling can save you time and money
- ✓ Bay-Friendly landscaping and gardening

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# IT'S TIME TO RECYCLE

*Together, we can reach Alameda County's goal to divert 75% of waste from landfills by 2010*

**W**elcome to your new Alameda County Recycling Guide for 2005-2006! In it you'll find tons of resources for recycling almost any item. Think you can't recycle something? Think again. There's a way to recycle almost anything—from audio tapes to zippers. These resources can also be found online at [www.StopWaste.Org](http://www.StopWaste.Org) or by calling the Recycling Hotline at 877-STOPWASTE.

## **Who we are**

In addition to adding resources to our newly improved and updated website (StopWaste.Org) you may have noticed we are calling ourselves StopWaste.Org. We are still the Alameda County Waste Management Authority and the Alameda County Source Reduction and Recycling Board operating as one public agency, though now we just go by StopWaste.Org—it's easier to remember.

StopWaste.Org helps provide environmentally sound waste management programs for the residents and businesses of Alameda County. We develop programs to reduce materials such as leaves, grass and tree trimmings along with food scraps, wood, concrete, and other building materials from ending up in the landfills. We help cities, school districts, and businesses implement waste reduction, reuse and recycling programs to help them save money, conserve natural resources, and operate more efficiently.

We offer grants, low interest loans, and incentive programs to qualifying Alameda County organizations. We also have the Bay-Friendly Gardening and Landscaping programs, the Green Building program, the iRecycle@School program, and the StopWaste Business Partnership, which help specific groups like homeowners, landscapers, construction companies, large businesses, and institutions reduce waste to help meet Alameda County's 75% waste reduction goal by 2010.

## **Accomplishments**

With your help, we continue to be successful at reducing the amount of waste going to our landfills. In 1990, the recycling rate in Alameda County was just 12%. We are now recycling at a rate of over 54%. This significant accomplishment—more than a four-fold increase in waste reduction—is due to all our efforts. Together, we can reach Alameda County's goal to divert 75% of waste from landfills by 2010.

## Success starts with YOU

Residents, businesses and institutions from all parts of Alameda County are doing their part to recycle every day by applying the 4Rs: reduce, reuse, recycle, and rot (compost).

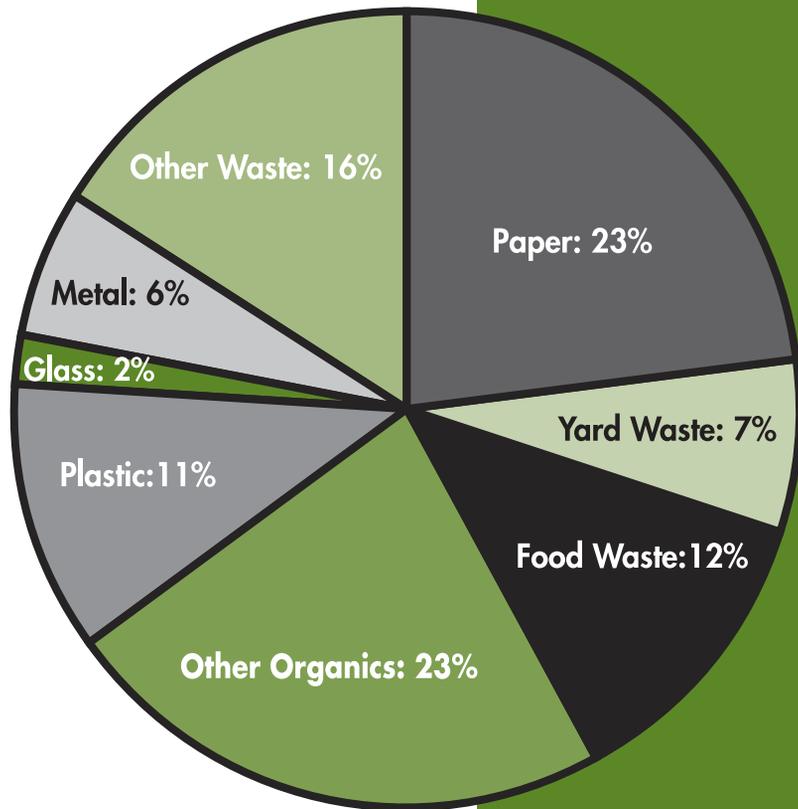
Whether it's recycling paper or plastic, composting food and kitchen scraps, or reusing materials instead of tossing them into our landfills, Alameda County residents are enthusiastically heeding the call to reduce waste.

Take homeowner Margie Greene and gardener Kevin Callahan.

Margie Greene, with a household of four, has managed to reduce both her garbage bill and garbage produced by using principles of the 4Rs.

"If you've ever done a dump run, you'd be surprised at how much is actually reusable stuff down there," she says. Her family has a special cart for yard trimmings and food scraps provided by her curbside food scrap recycling program, where they place the food scraps they generate, which she says is as easy as throwing it in the normal trash can. "The carts are really solid, they're well made, and they're easy to pick up," she adds.

On the other hand, Kevin Callahan, a San Leandro gardener, actually replaced his entire front yard with a garden made lush with his homemade compost. To this day, he's a proponent of backyard composting, putting his yard trimmings and household food scraps into his compost bin instead of in the garbage or down the disposal. "It's wild to see rotting fruit turn into nice brown crumbly compost that I can use in my garden... composting is pretty easy," he says.



Source: Waste Characterization Study for Alameda County, 2000

## About the guide

Principles of both Greene's and Callahan's techniques are included in this guide, which provides useful information to get your household using the 4Rs immediately.

Throughout the guide you will find a wide range of information on waste prevention, reuse, recycling and composting. We hope our guide inspires you and helps you practice the 4Rs every day. Remember, recycling is the right thing to do.

## REDUCING OUR WASTE STREAM

The numbers represent the amount of waste, by weight, which flows into our landfills. By recycling at home, work, school, and play we can reduce what goes into landfills.

# IT CAME FROM THE BASEMENT!

**W**hat lurks in your basement or garage? And how can you get rid of it? Easy. Bring it to an Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste facility at no charge.

Ask Bill Pollock, program manager of Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste facilities, what household hazardous wastes (HHW) are typically accepted and he'll mention the usual: paints, pesticides, batteries, and oils, among other things.

But, ask him what not to drop off at their facilities, and he immediately remembers the time when he and his staff had to scramble for the bomb squad.

"We had two lovely old ladies bring in a Vietnam-era folding-fin aerial rocket in the back of their car," he says. "Since we don't determine what's live or not, we called the bomb squad." The facility had to evacuate, and the bomb squad took the rocket away to detonate it.

Turns out that one of the women's husbands worked for a rocket manufacturer that produced rockets for the army during the Cold War.

Pollock recommends calling first if you have any unusual materials, such as old laboratory type chemicals, gun supplies, fireworks, explosive supplies, industrial type chemicals, or any kind of compressed gases other than common barbecue grill propane in up to five gallon cylinders.

## **Getting rid of dangerous chemicals**

Alameda County residents can safely—and for free—get rid of most HHW such as paints, oils, batteries, pesticides, and other hazardous materials found in households at three facilities located in Hayward, Livermore, and Oakland.

Exactly what type of chemical sometimes isn't known. "Occasionally," says Pollock, "people will bring in bottles filled with an unknown chemical, which they've usually inherited when they've moved into a home with a garage or basement filled with bottles and cans, or that have been left behind by a relative who has passed on."

"Grandpa might've been a dentist, doctor, or in some other profession in the 40s or 50s that dealt with chemicals," says Pollock. He says one of the biggest problems is that materials were brought home from work, including now-banned chemicals. "There's a good chance that they brought home some dangerous stuff," says Pollock.

In the past, we weren't as aware of the dangers of many easily available chemicals as we are now. "Back then chemicals were brought from work and people used chemicals for crafts and experiments," says Pollock. When it was time to dispose of chemicals, they usually got moved into the garage or basement, where the new homeowner eventually finds them.

Today, people are more aware of the dangers of chemicals and the effects they have on the environment, but back in the olden days, grandpa may have stored some dangerous stuff—like ethyl ether. Used as an anesthetic years ago, it's been taken off the market since it's extremely flammable. Pollock says it's usually in metal cans and when it sits around in a garage or basement for a long period, the ether crystallizes on the cap. "If you try to take the cap off it may explode," he cautions.

Thankfully, Pollock’s crew can analyze unknown chemicals and determine what they are. “We have a lab here so we can figure out what that wine bottle with the yellow fluid is, what category it belongs to, then pack it for proper disposal,” he says.

Pollock cautions with all chemicals, the first thing to remember is to avoid accidentally mixing them when transporting to a HHW facility. Whether it’s an old unmarked bottle that’s been sitting in a basement or garage for 50 years, or marked bottles of tile cleanser and paint thinner, keep them separate. Why? “Some chemicals mixed together can produce a dangerous reaction!” says Pollock.

### County residents taking advantage of program

Anecdotes aside, Pollock says the HHW facilities have a successful track record, with a phenomenal response from residents to the 11-year-old program. “My staff can count the number of those types of odd things—like explosives and grandpa’s bottle of ether—no more

than a dozen times over the last 11 years,” he says.

In those 11 years the HHW facilities have served an impressive 150,000 households and gathered over 13 million pounds of household hazardous waste. All were safely processed for recycling or properly disposed. In 2003, Alameda County HHW facilities handled over 100,000 gallons of paint as well.

If you have cleaning products, paints, pool chemicals, bug or plant sprays in your home or garage and have questions about them, or need the location of the nearest HHW facility, please log on to [www.household-hazwaste.org](http://www.household-hazwaste.org) or call (800) 606-6606. See page 18 for the hazardous household waste facility near you. Remember, removing unwanted or unused chemicals, paints, and cleaning products from your home makes it a safer place to live.



### WANTED: OLD PAINT TO GOOD HOMES

Did you know that 85%-90% of the material that comes in to a HHW facility gets either recycled or reused? Take latex paint, for example. The HHW program gives away thousands of gallons of recycled latex paint free to the public, local government agencies, schools, churches, clubs, community organizations, and non-profits. For more information on the Alameda County Paint Giveaway program call (510) 567-6750.

### WHAT’S ACCEPTED AT OUR FACILITIES? PLENTY

Chances are most of your household hazardous wastes can be brought to our facilities:

PAINT	ADHESIVES	AUTO	GARDEN	MISC.
Stain	Putty	Fuel	Sprays	Propane
Shellac	Caulk	Waxes	Fertilizers	Spray Cans
Solvents	Epoxy	Batteries	Ant Traps	Pool Chemicals
Thinners	Mortar	Additives	Pesticides	Photo Chemicals
Additives	Stucco	Motor Oil	Herbicides	Acids & Caustics
Oil Paint	Cement	Oil Filters	Rat Poison	Waxes & Polishes
Latex Paint	Wood Glue	Antifreeze	Gopher Bait	Bleach & Cleaners

# PRACTICE THE 4Rs

## *Making a Difference in Your Community*

**Y**ou'd be surprised at how much recycling you do on a day-to-day basis and how much more you can be doing. Chances are you probably already do some form of recycling in your household. Do you collect bottles, cans, and newspapers every week for the recycling bin? What about gathering leaves, grass, and kitchen scraps for your collection cart? If you're taking these steps, you're helping all of us reach Alameda County's goal of 75% waste reduction by 2010. But, there's much more you can do to help reduce the amount of trash going into our landfills through small, daily steps.

### **A day in the life of a recycler**

Take what may be a typical Saturday for you. You wake up in the morning, grab your cloth shopping bag and your grocery list and head out the door. At the store, you pick up some concentrated orange juice and concentrated tile cleaner in an effort to lighten your load. You also pick up some of your favorite snacks in bulk so you don't have to make an extra trip back to the store in the middle of the week.

After leaving the grocery store, you stop by a friend's house to borrow their rake and hedge clippers because you're hosting a barbeque later that

afternoon and want to tidy up the yard for your guests. Then you're off to your favorite vintage clothing store to sell back some old sweaters and jeans and, while you're there, you decide to pick up a new (well, new to you) shirt to wear to the barbeque. Finally, you're on your way home only to be sidetracked by your local library where you check out a book on barbeque and beverage recipes.

Before your friends arrive, you send out some emails to touch base with a few of your out-of-town relatives. Soon after, your friends arrive and you start grilling. You serve your newly found barbeque chicken recipe on reusable plates and hand out plenty of cloth napkins. As the barbeque winds down you toss



all of the bottles and crushed soda cans into the recycling bin and ask your guests to gather and throw their remaining food scraps (except for the chicken bones) into your new backyard compost bin you've started for your garden. Your party was a big success and you send everyone home with leftovers in the plastic sour cream tubs you saved just for this purpose.

### What you accomplished



It may be a slight exaggeration to imply this is a typical weekend day for you, but even if you only accomplish one or two of these tasks in a day, or even in a week, you're taking action for the environment. Here's a breakdown of how the 4Rs are being used in this hypothetical Saturday:

You **reduced** by buying in bulk, buying concentrated items, and bringing them home in your cloth bag. You also made a shopping list beforehand to keep from buying more than you needed; you borrowed yard tools from a friend instead of buying them; you sent emails to family instead of writing them a note on paper; you used reusable plates and napkins at your party, and you passed out leftovers to cut down on food waste.

You **reused** by supporting the local vintage clothing store and then by borrowing a book from your local library. You **recycled** cans and bottles from your party. Finally, you addressed the fourth **R**—**rot** (or composting), by throwing your food scraps into your new backyard compost bin.

These are just a few of many ways you can participate in the 4Rs. Just a little bit everyday can get us to our goal.

### Benefits of using the 4Rs

- Conserves natural resources
- Reduces air and water pollution
- Protects and preserves habitat
- Lessens the load in our landfills
- Saves energy
- Makes your home healthier
- Saves money by relying less on consumer goods



## GET STARTED ON THE 4RS TODAY

### REDUCE

- Use a cloth bag when you go shopping.
- Use a refillable cup when you buy take-out coffee or tea.
- Avoid disposable or single-use products such as disposable razors, lighters, pens, foam/paper cups and plates.
- Buy products in concentrate such as juice and cleaners.
- Buy durable products.

### REUSE

- Shop at and donate to thrift stores.
- Reupholster, repair, refinish furniture.
- Reuse food containers and buy durable storage containers for leftovers.

### RECYCLE

- Use your city's curbside recycling program.
- Use this guide to find outlets for hard-to-recycle materials.

### ROT (COMPOST)

- Set up a compost bin to compost yard trimmings and food scraps.
- Attend a free workshop on backyard composting.
- Call **510-444-SOIL (7645)** for more information.

# FOOD FOR THOUGHT

***Innovative recycling program lets you add food scraps to your yard trimmings cart while saving money on garbage bills***

**Q**uick question: What's the biggest group of waste materials that go into our local landfills? Diapers? Nope. Plastics? Not even close. Soda cans? Not quite. The answer? Food scraps and food-soiled paper, such as used paper napkins and plates. They comprise the largest portion of the waste stream, or 38% of what is thrown away, making a compelling argument for food scrap recycling programs in Alameda County.

Alameda, Albany, Castro Valley, Emeryville, Fremont, Livermore, Oakland, Pleasanton, and San Leandro already have food scrap recycling programs in place. Soon Berkeley, Dublin, Hayward, and Union City will have their own programs as well.

Food scrap recycling is a simple concept: you put your leftovers and fruit and vegetable trimmings, and even meats and bones into your yard trimmings cart and place the cart at the curb each week.

Food scrap recycling is relatively new and has been gaining popularity among Alameda County residents. For example, San Leandro already boasts a 30% participation rate in its food scrap recycling program since it began in December 2002. Although initially intimidated by the idea, people have found it to be fairly simple. "It's really not a novel concept," says Jennifer Auletta, recycling coordinator for the City of San Leandro. "I don't think people really understand how easy it is until they start doing it—but those who are doing it are really enthusiastic."

## **Making a difference**

One success story is Margie Greene and her family of San Leandro. She says her daughter brought up a good point one day—she wondered when you throw something away, where is "away?" Having always been ecologically conscious, Greene's decision to start food scrap recycling was an obvious one. The results have been tremendous.

In the past, the family of four would easily fill up two 45 gallon garbage cans. "With both food scrapping and the regular recycling program, we now put an average of 10 gallons of garbage at the curb each week. We've cut down that much," she says.

Auletta agrees that you can have a vast reduction in garbage if you participate in the food scrap recycling program. "Your waste picture just changes dramatically," she says. "The cart you have for garbage never gets filled and if it is filled, it's often with really light plastic packaging. So you can actually see and feel the difference. It's a good feeling to see your trash get so small."

“The City of San Leandro makes it easy,” says Greene. She puts all of her food scraps in a plastic container located near her kitchen sink. At the end of the day, she simply dumps the contents into her yard trimmings cart outside.

### The benefits

Even if you don't think you can make a commitment to recycle every single scrap of food that you would otherwise throw in your disposal or in the trash, you can still take part in food scrap recycling. “It's better to do what you can than not participate at all,” says Auletta. “Even if it's just cleaning out your fridge the day before the yard trimmings and food scraps get collected. Some people find it too overwhelming if they think they have to recycle every single morsel of food they generate.”

Recycling your food scraps cuts down on waste going into our landfills. Those food scraps are valuable natural resources which are turned into compost. There's also a monetary advantage. “If peo-

ple can reduce their garbage cart size, they can save money,” says Greene. “In my city, residents are charged for their garbage cart size, so if they go from a 64-gallon garbage cart to a 32-gallon garbage cart, they can reduce their garbage bill substantially.”

So, where does all of this recycled food go? For the City of San Leandro, the food scraps go to a facility in Milpitas where it is turned into compost. Some of this compost is even given back to the residents so they can use the product of their food scrap recycling in their garden.

If you're like Greene and currently participate in your local food scrap recycling program, good for you!

If you want to participate in a food scrap collection program and are unsure if your city offers such a program, call your city recycling coordinator, or see Curbside Recycling Services on pages 62 and 63 for more information.

### Recycling food scraps is easy!

1. **Collect** food scraps in your kitchen pail.
2. **Empty** the contents of your kitchen pail into your green yard waste cart.
3. **Set out** your green yard waste cart for weekly pickup.



### FOOD: TOO VALUABLE TO WASTE

Every day, over one million pounds of food is disposed in Alameda County landfills. Much of this food is edible and can be donated to people in need. You can help by donating edible food to organizations listed in this guide (see page 46). These organizations will get the food to the people who need it. In many cases, food donations are tax deductible (Public Law 104-210).

- Your donation of food will:
- Help those that are hungry.
  - Donate a valuable and needed resource.
  - Support food donation programs.
  - Prevent sending edible food to the landfill.

### PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW

The federal “Good Samaritan” law lets you donate edible food to local charities and protects you or your business from liability that may arise from the use of donated food.



# PLASTIC DEMYSTIFIED



*In some cases, plastic containers marked with the recycling symbol cannot be recycled.*

*Please note: Most residential recycling programs in Alameda County only accept narrow-neck plastic containers. Please see page 62 and 63 for more detailed information.*

Not all plastic is the same. Think of plastic as fruit. Not all fruit is the same. An orange is not an apple. Similarly, not all plastic is the same. Plastic #1 is not plastic #5. Even within the same plastic group there are differences. Consider apples. A red apple is not a green apple. Similarly, a plastic #2 narrow-neck milk jug is not the same as a plastic #2 wide-mouth yogurt cup.

## Identifying numbers developed by plastic manufacturers (not recyclers)

There are many types of plastic in common use. Plastic must be sorted by type for recycling since each type has different properties, such as different melting temperatures. The plastic industry developed an identification system to label the different types of plastic containers. The system divides plastic into seven groups and uses a number code generally found on the bottom of containers. The identifying number is usually found inside chasing arrows or what is commonly called the “recycling symbol.” In some cases, containers marked with the recycling symbol cannot

## TYPES OF PLASTIC

Sometimes, plastic is the best—or only—choice for a product. But, when there is a choice, consider buying items that aren’t plastic or packaged in plastic. Particularly avoid plastic numbers 3, 5, and 7. These are extremely difficult or impossible to recycle and, like all plastic, their production poses serious health risks to workers and the environment.



### 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 containers.*

*dential recycling programs accept narrow-neck HDPE containers; #2 bags can be recycled at large grocery stores.*



### Plastic #2: High Density Polyethylene (HDPE)

Common uses: detergent bottles, milk and water jugs, grocery bags, yogurt cups. *All resi-*



### Plastic #3: Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC or V)

Common uses: plastic pipes, outdoor furniture, shrink wrap, water bottles, liquid detergent containers. *Recycling centers rarely take #3 PVC plastic. Look for alternatives whenever possible.*

be recycled. The table below explains the plastic container identification system.

### Variety does not equal recyclability



**Plastic disposables? Use sparingly!**

Plastic comprises a continually growing portion of the packaging and products we use in our daily life. It seems that the more you look the more you will see plastic. Most of this plastic is recyclable in theory, but much of the plastic just isn't economical to collect for recycling.

### Choose wisely to prevent waste

There is much we can do, however, to reduce the amount of plastic we recycle or throw away. By paying attention to the first three of the 4Rs, each of us can help prevent some of the waste associated with plastic.

**REDUCE** First, practice waste prevention. This means: don't buy products that are over-packaged in unnecessary plastic. Some tips:

- Avoid products that are prewrapped such as fruits and vegetables.
- When shopping, bring a reusable bag or sack instead of using plastic grocery or produce bags.
- Avoid single-use convenience products such as plastic plates, cups, tablecloths, and flatware.



**Save tubs for reuse.**

- At work, replace disposable plates, cups, etc., with reusable flatware, coffee mugs, and plates purchased from thrift stores, flea markets, or garage sales.
- Avoid single-portion convenience foods that come in packaging that cannot be recycled.



**Paper or plastic? Better, use your own reusable bag.**

Take packing peanuts to a shipping store (most will accept them for free; see page 52) to be used again.

**RECYCLE** Finally, recycle. Whether at home or work, recycle all your beverage containers. Avoid purchasing those containers that your residential recycling program won't accept. Recycle plastic grocery and produce bags, along with the plastic wrap from dry cleaning. Call the Recycling Hotline for more information.

**REUSE** Next, reuse what you have. For example, reuse plastic cottage cheese tubs instead of spending money on one-use disposable containers. Reuse plastic produce bags by rinsing, drying, and taking them back to the grocery store so you can fill them again instead of using name brand bags.



**One-use Styrofoam? Try to avoid.**



#### Plastic #4: Low Density Polyethylene (LDPE)

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

*plastic. Look for alternatives whenever possible.*



#### Plastic #6: Polystyrene (PS)

**PS** Common uses: packaging pellets or Styrofoam peanuts, cups, plastic tableware, meat trays, to-go clam shell containers, egg cartons, shipping blocks. *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. Look for alternatives whenever possible.*



#### Plastic #7: Other

**OTHER** Common uses: 3- and 5-gallon reusable water bottles, ketchup bottles. *This plastic category, as its name "other" implies, is any plastic other than the named #1-#6 plastic types. These containers can be several different types of plastic polymers. Most recycling centers do not take plastic #7. Look for alternatives whenever possible.*



#### Plastic #5: Polypropylene (PP)

**PP** Common uses: ketchup bottles, aerosol caps, drinking straws, yogurt containers. *Recycling centers rarely take #5 PP*

# PLANNING ON REMODELING? THINK GREEN

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. Here are five easy low/no cost ways to start building green:

- Use low/no VOC (volatile organic compounds) paint, adhesives, and finishes.
- Install compact fluorescent bulbs.
- Install water saving devices.
- Select Energy Star® appliances and furnaces.
- Renewable and recycled content products.

## What YOU can do!

- Identify what aspects of green building are important to you.
- Talk with your contractor and architect about building green.
- Ask your local supplier to stock green building products.

## Green building guidelines

Two comprehensive booklets for building and remodeling in an environmentally sound manner are available to you. Call the Recycling Hotline or go to

[www.BuildGreenNow.Org](http://www.BuildGreenNow.Org) to get copies of the Green Building Guides to learn more about how to:

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

*Copies of the Green Building Guides are also available at [www.BuildGreenNow.Org](http://www.BuildGreenNow.Org).*



**GREEN BUILDING**  
*in Alameda County*

## GREEN BUILDING – FREE RESOURCES

### Green Building Materials Database

A searchable online database of green building products, local vendors and service providers that correspond with the Green Building Guidelines. Offered in collaboration with “Bay Area Build It Green” at [www.build-green.org](http://www.build-green.org)

### Bay Area Build It Green

To learn about Green Building in the Bay Area and find fact sheets, green building guide-

lines, the online materials database, or to locate a “Certified Green Building Professional” for your next remodeling project visit [www.build-green.org](http://www.build-green.org)

### Ask an Expert

If you have specific Green Building questions, ask an expert! Bay Area residents and building professionals can contact the Green Resource Center for free phone and email consultations that offer project advice, product/materials recommenda-

tions, and contractor referrals.

**Hotline: 1-888-40-GREEN  
(888-404-7336)**

[www.GreenResourceCenter.org](http://www.GreenResourceCenter.org)

### Multifamily and Commercial Buildings

Green Building Guidelines for multifamily housing are available at [www.multifamilygreen.org](http://www.multifamilygreen.org) For more information about the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEEDtm) rating system for commercial buildings, visit [www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org)

# The American Dream Home...

## With a Twist of Green!

Imagine your dream home. Now imagine it with Green...and we don't mean a lawn.

New homes are getting Greener as smart buyers demand higher quality homes that save money and keep their families healthier.



So, what's Green Building? It's a superior construction standard using premium building materials to create a healthier, more energy-efficient home.

- More durable materials
- Less toxic paints
- Energy Star® appliances
- Energy-efficient lighting
- Water-saving fixtures
- Renewable and recycled-content products

Remember, when searching for a new home, ask your builder how they are using the latest technology to bring you the savings, comfort, convenience, health and safety you deserve.



[www.BuildGreenNow.Org](http://www.BuildGreenNow.Org)

# CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS RECYCLING

Construction and demolition (C & D) materials occupy up to 21% of our landfill space. Recent building activities have been cited as one reason why landfill volumes have been increasing, despite expanding recycling efforts by local jurisdictions.

## Recycle C & D debris

Most construction waste is wood, drywall, metals, concrete, dirt, and cardboard—materials that can be reused or recycled if managed properly. To find out where to recycle C & D debris, call the Recycling Hotline or consult the *Builders' Guide to Reuse and Recycling—A Directory for Construction and Demolition Materials* (available in hard copy or on our website).

## Construction & Demolition Ordinance

One strategy to reduce this waste is to require maximum feasible recycling at job sites. The Alameda County Waste Management Authority Board has endorsed a Model Construction & Demolition Ordinance requiring contractors to divert at least 50% of their construction waste materials from the landfill. As of October 2003 the following jurisdictions have C&D Ordinances in place: Alameda, Castro Valley Sanitary District, Dublin, Hayward, Livermore,



Find out your city's recycling requirements and hauling restrictions prior to starting construction or demolition work.

Oakland, Oro Loma Sanitary District (San Lorenzo area), San Leandro and Union City. The County of Alameda also requires C&D materials recycling for County-owned projects, regardless of location. Building and demolition permit applicants are required to fill out a standard Waste Management Plan, outlining the estimated amounts and types of waste to be generated, reused, recycled, and disposed. Applicants may also be required to submit proof that materials have been reused or recycled.

## STOP WASTE BEFORE IT STARTS – CONSIDER THESE TIPS

### REDUCE

- Avoid leftovers: measure twice and cut once.
- Choose materials that are durable so you don't have to replace them frequently.
- Use energy-efficient practices and products.

### REUSE

- Instead of traditional demolition, consider salvage and deconstruction by selectively and carefully removing materials for reuse.
- Consider remodeling or retrofitting existing building for new use.
- Allow time in your schedule for salvaging and recycling.
- Donate surplus materials (see page 38).

### RECYCLE

- Recycling can save you money. Ask your contractor to recycle. Use the *Builders Guide to Reuse and Recycling*.
- Clean loads are the key to successful recycling. Be sure that your idea of a clean load is the same as your recyclers'.
- Early on, set up the site locations for reuse and recycling.



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@ SCHOOL !**



## **Congratulates**

Albany Unified School District

Berkeley Unified School District

Castro Valley Unified School District

Emery Unified School District

Oakland Unified School District

San Lorenzo Unified School District

**For their commitment to  
district-wide recycling and  
providing a recycling bin  
in every class room.**

**These school districts model  
waste reduction behavior  
for their students everyday.**

**REDUCE**



**REUSE**



**RECYCLE**



**ROT**



# **Way to Go!!!**

[www.irecycleatschool.org](http://www.irecycleatschool.org)

# BUSINESS WASTE REDUCTION ASSISTANCE

The StopWaste Partnership Program experts provide free assistance to help Alameda County businesses and public agencies realize economic benefits when they reduce solid waste, start or expand recycling programs, and implement environmental performance improvements.

## Join the StopWaste Partnership

Team up with the StopWaste Partnership, and you'll participate in a free, award-winning program that can save tons of money for your company, while saving tons on resources from landfill.

StopWaste can help your company reduce operating costs and increase efficiencies. Plus, you can develop processes to eliminate waste before it's created and learn to recycle materials that would otherwise go to landfills.

Get all of the expert, technical assistance possible—absolutely free—through the StopWaste Partnership. In addition, funding assistance is available. So there are many reasons to get started right away.



If your company is a medium- to large-sized (50 employees or more) business or a public agency in Alameda County, join the StopWaste Partnership today.

Visit [www.StopWaste.Org/Partnership](http://www.StopWaste.Org/Partnership) for more information.



## FOR ALL BUSINESSES ...

Check out our website at [www.StopWaste.Org/Partnership](http://www.StopWaste.Org/Partnership) to discover the effectiveness of the StopWaste Partnership and explore our resources:

### RECYCLExpress and Re-Think Your Bottom Line

- Business waste reduction guides show how to implement a recycling program and give practical, cost-saving waste reduction tips

### Case Studies

- Accomplishments of participants and award winners in the StopWaste Partnership

### Best Practices Database

- Step-by-step business practices that prevent waste and reduce operating costs. Includes company profiles and where to purchase needed equipment

### Funding Assistance

- Grants and loans readily available for waste prevention,

recycling, and projects that encourage the development, marketing, and use of recycled-content products

### Recycling Vendors

- A database with detailed information on recycling vendors, listed by the material they collect, available online at [www.StopWaste.Org/Recycle](http://www.StopWaste.Org/Recycle) or by calling the Recycling Hotline at 877-STOPWASTE.



# BE A HERO.

**Help save the environment  
and save your company  
thousands of dollars.**



[www.StopWaste.Org/Partnership](http://www.StopWaste.Org/Partnership)

# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTES

Dispose of household hazardous waste safely, conveniently – and for free! Use one of the three Alameda County facilities to dispose of unused or old paint, auto, and garden products.

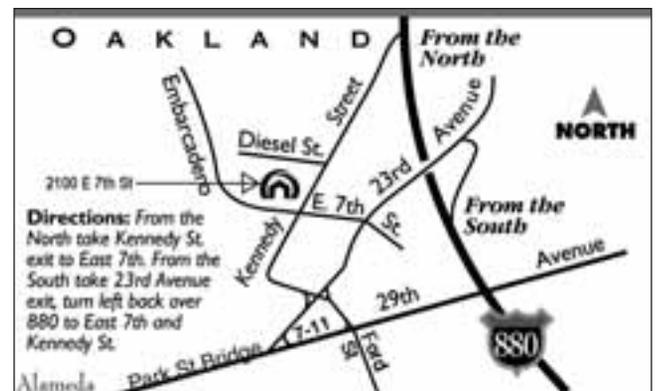
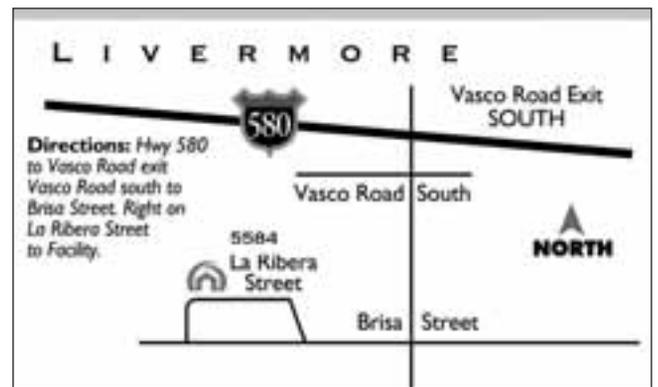
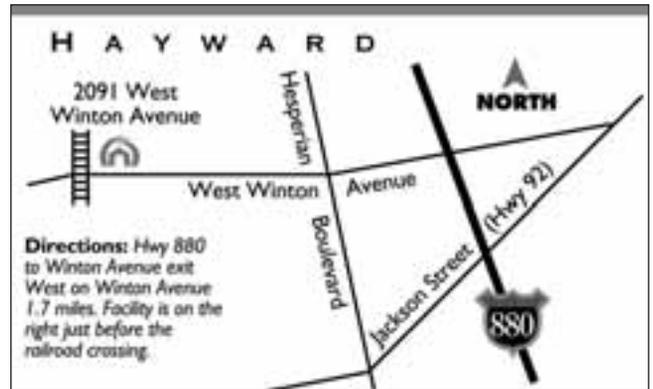
### Got paint?

Leftover paints, pesticides, household cleaners, automotive fluids and products, household and rechargeable batteries, fluorescent lamps, and other common items we have or use in our homes or at work can be harmful and hazardous. Many of these products, known as household hazardous wastes (HHW), contain chemicals that are poisonous, toxic, corrosive, or flammable. These products will contaminate the environment when poured on the soil, down a household or storm drain, or dumped in the trash. These products when improperly disposed can contaminate the soil, groundwater, creeks, and the Bay. Take them to a HHW facility for recycling or proper disposal.

### Three drop-off facilities for Alameda County residents and small businesses

The Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste program operates three drop-off facilities for HHW. The facilities, located in Hayward, Livermore, and Oakland, are free to all Alameda County residents on a limited drop-in and/or appointment basis.

Small businesses that qualify as “Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators” (page 48) may schedule an appointment to use this service for a low administrative and processing fee.



## HHW PROGRAM INFORMATION

### Hours of Operation

All facilities operate on a rotating schedule. Check the website or call for specific days and times.

### How much can I put in my car?

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

### How to safely transport your HHW wastes

- Do place the materials upright in the trunk of your vehicle packed safely in boxes
- Don't mix different wastes in the same container
- Don't smoke or have open flames around any containers



**Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste Program**  
**800-606-6606**  
[www.household-hazwaste.org](http://www.household-hazwaste.org)

# Finish the Job Right

*Recycle your  
used motor  
oil and filters.*

Find Out How  
877-STOPWASTE  
[www.StopWaste.Org](http://www.StopWaste.Org)



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# JUNK MAIL

We all receive unsolicited mail. Each time you enter a contest, make a donation, buy something on credit or with a check, order a product by mail, send in a subscription or warranty card, or order something online, there is a good chance that your name and address will be added to a mailing list. These lists are commodities that are regularly sold or traded. With a few smart steps you can minimize unwanted mail and continue to receive mail you really want.



## Take action to reduce your junk mail now! It's as easy as 1 - 2 - 3

### 1. Write a letter asking to have your name removed from mailing lists.

You can find pre-written template letters for mailing your name removal request by visiting the Bay Area Junk Mail Reduction Campaign website [www.StopJunkMail.org](http://www.StopJunkMail.org).

### 2. Add the address(es) and name(s) you wish to have removed to the letter.

Also, add the mailing address of the company you wish to contact (see below). Don't forget to sign the letter.

### 3. Fold letter in half. Tape or staple closed.

Add stamp and address, then mail.

This will save you an envelope and a lot of unnecessary paper consumption.

## It's easy to reduce unwanted mail - [www.StopJunkMail.org](http://www.StopJunkMail.org)

Use toll-free telephone numbers to call to request removal of your name and address from mailing lists.

## Reduce paper waste

Junk mail represents 5% of what Alameda County residents send to landfills. By taking the steps to reduce the amount of unsolicited mail you receive, you will prevent waste. And remember to recycle your mail, catalogues, and magazines after it's been read.

## THE ROAD TO NO MORE JUNK MAIL

Below are just a few of the organizations that you can contact to have your name removed or suppressed on mailing lists.

### Mail Preference Service c/o Direct Marketing Association

P.O. Box 643  
Carmel, NY 10512  
212-768-7277  
[www.dmaconsumers.org](http://www.dmaconsumers.org)

### ADVO Systems

Attn: Customer Assistance  
P.O. Box 249  
Windsor, CT 06095  
888-241-6760  
<http://www.advo.com/consumersupport.html>

### Valpak Coupons

8605 Largo Lakes Dr.  
Largo, FL 33773  
888-797-1896  
[www.coxtarget.com](http://www.coxtarget.com)

### Donelly Marketing

Database Operations  
416 South Bell  
Ames, IA 50010  
888-633-4402

### Harte Hanks Direct Marketing

Attn: Resident List  
6701 Bay Meadow Dr. Ste. D  
Glenburne, MD 21060  
800 456-9748

### Credit Card Solicitations Opt-Out Services

888-567-8688  
[www.optoutprescreen.com](http://www.optoutprescreen.com)  
Removes your name from the lists of major credit card companies.

### America OnLine (AOL)

888-265-8003  
Call to stop receiving AOL CDs.



## It's good to recycle your junk mail. It's even better to stop getting it.

Tired of dealing with junk mail? Catalogs, credit card offers, and coupons for things you don't want or need—wouldn't you be happy if you never saw junk mail again?

It may be easier than you think. **Get a free Stop Junk Mail Kit.** The simple format and pre-addressed postcards help you get the job done.

Reducing junk mail gets clutter out of your mailbox and helps protect the environment. It takes 17 trees to make a ton of paper. That means nearly 100 million trees get used for junk mail every year in the U.S.

Let's keep the trees in the forest, and get the junk mail out of your life. Visit our website to take action now or call the number below to **get your free Stop Junk Mail Kit.**

**Bay Area Junk Mail Reduction Campaign**  
A partnership of 110 Bay Area cities & counties

**[www.StopJunkMail.org](http://www.StopJunkMail.org)**  
877-STOPWASTE (786-7927)

# BAY-FRIENDLY GARDENING: FROM YOUR BACKYARD TO THE BAY

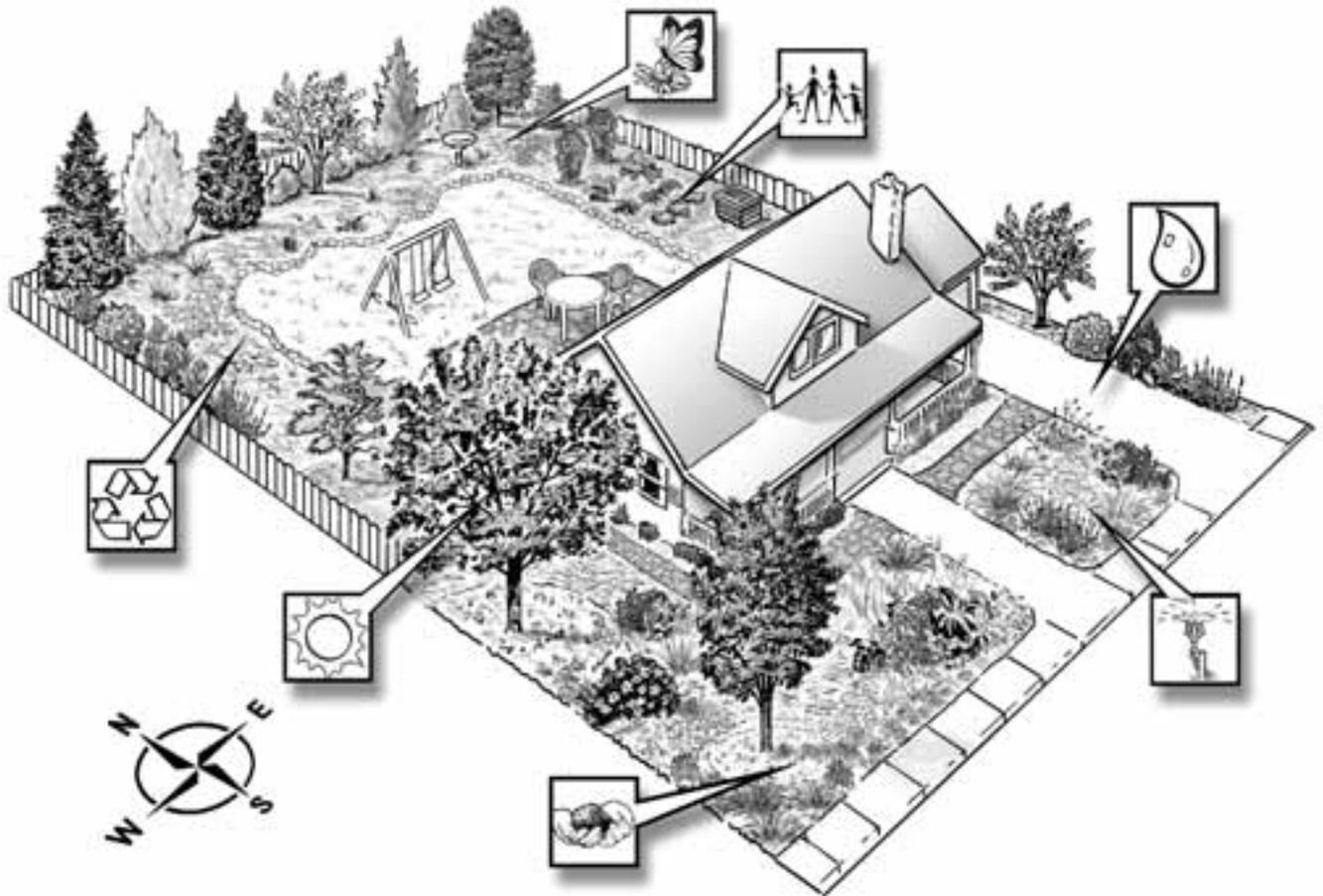
Bay-Friendly Gardening recognizes that what we do in our yards has impacts on air quality in the Central Valley, sediment loads in the San Francisco Bay, and capacity at the Altamont Landfill. This approach means simplifying garden care, reducing chores, and using as few resources (such as water and chemical fertilizer) as possible.

Bay-Friendly Gardening does not advocate a particular style of gardening—it offers endless opportunities, from backyard wildlife gardens and native plant communities to vegetable gardens, flower beds, and more.

The Bay-Friendly Garden (*below*) is one that fits into the environment of which it is a part. In this garden, trees were planted with the orientation of the house and the direction of the prevailing winds taken into account. Bushes, shrubs and flowers are drought tolerant and mostly perennials. Water is used carefully. Garden waste is recycled by composting or mulching.

Because it works with nature, rather than against it, Bay-Friendly Gardening simplifies garden care. Using fewer resources, such as water and fertilizer, can mean less maintenance. And because it emphasizes natural gardening techniques, Bay-Friendly Gardening offers a way to make our communities healthier, safer places.

Whether you want an attractive yard to view from your home or a place where you can get your hands dirty, growing a Bay-Friendly Garden is a great way to make a difference in your own backyard.

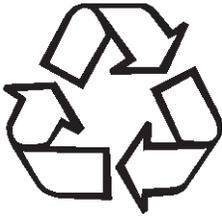


# GROW A BAY-FRIENDLY GARDEN

Cultivate your garden with some of these practices and reap the benefits of a Bay-Friendly garden:

## Contribute to a Healthy Environment

Plant an organic vegetable garden and harvest healthy, tasty produce throughout the year.



## Reduce Waste in the Garden

Use salvaged landscape materials. Create raised beds from broken concrete (urbanite), or construct a fence from reclaimed lumber.

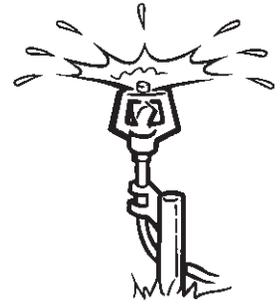


## Create a Wildlife Habitat

Provide water for wildlife with a bird bath. Include plants that flower or fruit at different times of the year.

## Conserve Water

Replace a front lawn with low water use native groundcovers. Select drought-tolerant perennials and shrubs.



## Build Healthy Soil

Let leaves lie under trees for mulch. Compost yard and kitchen waste for a home-made soil amendment.

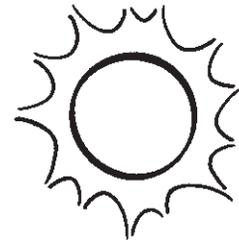
## Protect Local Watersheds and the Bay

Choose permeable hardscapes to prevent runoff. Use least-toxic pesticides as a last resort.

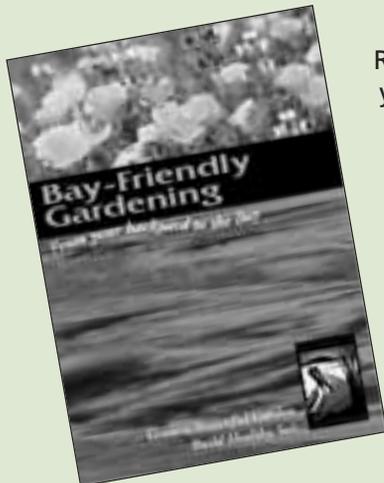


## Conserve Energy

Plant a tree on the west of the house for summer cooling. Buy local landscape products.



## DIG DEEPER INTO DESIGN AND MAINTENANCE PRACTICES



Request a copy of Bay-Friendly Gardening: From your backyard to the Bay. This 70+ page how-to guide provides gardening tips, a design survey, profiles of East Bay gardens, and much more. Order a free copy today at [www.StopWaste.Org](http://www.StopWaste.Org). Available free to Alameda County residents only.



# BECOME A BAY-FRIENDLY GARDENER

The Bay-Friendly Gardening Program was developed to encourage residents to make environmentally friendly gardening choices.

**Ways to get started:**

**Discount Compost Bins.** Buy a bin and make home-made compost. Alameda County residents can purchase high quality compost bins at discount prices. More information below. Or visit [www.StopWaste.Org](http://www.StopWaste.Org) or call 510-444-SOIL.

**Bay-Friendly Gardening Workshop Series.** Attend a hands-on workshop and cultivate your knowledge. Workshops include: Bay-Friendly Gardening Basics, Gardening from the Ground Up, Gardening for Wildlife, Gardening to Manage Pests Naturally, Let Worms Eat Your Garbage, and Bay-Friendly Garden Design, Superior Plants for Summer-Dry Climates.



**Master Composter Training.** Participate in this in-depth annual program and educate your community.

**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.

**Bay-Friendly Garden Registration.** Share your success and inform your neighbors with a garden sign. Register your garden as “Bay-Friendly” and receive an outdoor sign for posting in your garden.

**Compost Information Hotline.** Call 510-444-SOIL for composting tips, to order a bin, or learn more about Bay-Friendly Gardening.

## COMPOST

### A Bay-Friendly Garden Starts with Healthy Soil

Home Composting is one of the best ways to create healthy soil and grow a beautiful Bay-Friendly Garden. Turn your fruit, vegetable, and plant trimmings into a rich soil amendment. You will reduce waste, use less water and fertilizer, and grow healthier plants.

Alameda County residents can purchase a top-quality compost bin at a reduced price: Smith & Hawken Biostack for \$39 (retail \$89), Smith & Hawken Home Composter for \$19 (retail \$69), or a Wriggly Wranch worm bin for \$29 (retail \$100) - *tax and delivery not included*. Go to [www.StopWaste.Org](http://www.StopWaste.Org) or call the **Compost Information Hotline at 510-444-SOIL** to order your compost bin or for more information.



*\*Plus tax and delivery*

# CHOOSE A BAY-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPER

Of the 110,000 tons of plant debris thrown each year into Alameda County landfills, the majority passes through the hands of professional landscapers. When you hire someone to design, install, or maintain your yard, it's worth asking how they will reduce waste and keep your yard and the Bay healthy.



## Hiring a landscape professional? Ask these questions.

Does the company...

- Offer an organic or environmentally-sensitive program?
- Use compost?
- Grasscycle or mulch mow?
- Mulch beds annually with leaves, chips, compost, or other plant debris?
- Recycle their plant debris?
- Examine a core sample, and/or use a soil test?
- Use or recommend natural, organic, or slow-release fertilizers?
- Look for plants that thrive in the Bay Area climate?
- Look for pest-resistant plants?

- Consider the landscape's water needs and select drought-tolerant plants?
- Recommend natives or other plants that provide habitats for birds and pollinators?
- Explain their Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach?
- Use alternative approaches first, before turning to pesticides?
- Consider the health and environmental impacts of pesticides?
- Make plant health and water conservation high priorities?
- Understand and regularly maintain and adjust irrigation systems?

## BAY-FRIENDLY — FREE RESOURCES

Refer your landscaper to our website for free resources and technical assistance to landscapers in Alameda County. Resources include:

- Bay-Friendly Landscape Guidelines, Sustainable Practices for the Landscape Professional
- A Landscaper's Guide to Mulch: Save Money, Control Weeds and Create Healthy Landscapes
- A Landscaper's Guide to Grasscycling: Save Time, Save Money and Create Beautiful Lawns



*"Bay-Friendly Landscaping Guidelines, Sustainable Practices for the Landscape Professional" is a free resource you can request through our website or hotline.*

# BATTERIES

Household and rechargeable batteries have become a major part of our lives. According to the U.S. EPA (Environmental Protection Agency), Americans purchase more than two billion household batteries a year to power radios, clocks, toys, and other home and office electronics.



Batteries, especially the rechargeable variety, contain toxic heavy metals, such as mercury, cadmium, nickel, and lead. In Alameda County, batteries tossed on the side of the road or in the garbage may leach toxic contents into our drinking water and into the Bay. You may not know that it is illegal to throw out rechargeable batteries. See below for information on how to recycle your rechargeable batteries.

### Buy smart and dispose right

- Choose low-mercury alkaline batteries and purchase battery-free toys and appliances whenever possible.
- Look for solar-powered devices, such as calculators and watches.
- Recycle rechargeable batteries.
- Contact the Alameda Household Hazardous Waste Program at [www.household-hazwaste.org](http://www.household-hazwaste.org) or call **800-606-6606** for information on the proper disposal of all types of batteries.

### Most batteries are hazardous and most can be recycled

**Lead-Acid** – (batteries that power backup systems, cars and emergency lights) are easy to recycle through auto parts stores. See page 50.

**Rechargeable** – (found in many consumer items such as cellular telephones, handhelds, drills, etc.) are also easy to recycle—see below.

**Alkaline or Zinc-Carbon** – (often called consumer, household, or flashlight batteries) can be recycled at Household Hazardous Waste facilities or through private collection companies.

### Key to materials found in batteries

Pb = Lead Acid; Ni-Cd = Nickel Cadmium;  
Hg=Mercury; Ak = Alkaline; Li-ion = Lithium Ion;  
Ni-MH = Nickel Metal Hydride.

## RECYCLE RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES

Rechargeable batteries, used to power cellular and cordless telephones, hand-held PDAs, cordless tools, and laptop computers, have become increasingly common. Because rechargeables are particularly toxic, it is now illegal to dispose of them in the trash. The Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC) lists hundreds of drop-off locations for rechargeable batteries.

The RBRC program recycles Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), Lithium Ion (Li-ion), and Small Sealed Lead (Pb) batteries.

For more information, go to [www.rbrc.org](http://www.rbrc.org) or call toll-free, **800-8Battery (822-8837)**.

# ELECTRONICS

Each year in California hundreds of thousands of computers, monitors, copiers, fax machines, printers, televisions, handhelds (cellular phones, PDAs, etc.) and other electronic items become obsolete. Rapid advances in technology and an expanding demand for new features accelerate the generation of old electronic equipment also called e-waste.



E-waste is a problem because they contain heavy metals, batteries, and other harmful materials that mix with plastic and other products that makes them difficult to recycle.

The good news is that there are many options to donate, reuse, and recycle old or unwanted electronic items in Alameda County and the Bay Area. Often the items need to be delivered to specialized reuse and recycling facilities where they are either salvaged for reuse or recycled for their valuable components and precious metals. For the complete list of television and computer monitor reuse and recycling outlets see page 42.

## What's the deal with the old television?

Televisions, computer monitors, and cathode ray tubes (CRTs) contain lead—a known human health hazard—in the screen glass. As a result, these items are banned from landfills. Most thrift stores no longer accept televisions and computer monitors, even if they are working. For you to do the right thing and properly dispose of these items it requires special effort. See below or check with your city recycling program for special collection events or options. See page 64 for contact information.

## COMPUTER & ELECTRONICS REUSE AND RECYCLING OUTLETS

### Alameda County Computer Resource Center

1501 Eastshore Hwy., Berkeley  
510-528-4052  
www.accrc.org  
Fee/Drop-off: computers, monitors, peripherals, TVs, office & home electronics, handhelds  
Pickup: large quantities

### GreenDisk

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

### Freon Free

Serves all of Alameda County  
707-429-9013  
www.freonfree.netfirms.com  
Fee/Pickup: monitors, office electronics, computers; large quantities

### Industrial Surplus Foundation

3536 Arden Rd., Hayward  
510-784-0639  
www.isfisf.org  
Drop-off: working computers, 19"+ monitors, peripherals, TVs, home electronics  
Pickup: large quantities

### Fox Electronics

686 North King Rd., San Jose  
408-929-4369  
www.foxelectronics.com  
Drop-off: computers, office electronics, peripherals, monitors, software  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

For the complete list of computer and electronics reuse and recycling outlets see page 42.

# BUY RECYCLED AND ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY PRODUCTS

The recyclables we separate from waste for collection are made into new products. When you buy recycled products, you close the recycling loop, and that's what makes recycling work. Take the next step—buy products with recycled content.



## Buy recycled

As many consumers already know, recycled-content products are comparable—and in some cases superior in quality, price, and durability—to virgin material products. If your store doesn't have recycled-content products, ask the manager to carry them. Look for recycled content in:

- Copy paper, printing and writing paper, paper towels, tissues, etc.
- Home and office supplies (file folders, notepads, binders, remanufactured toner cartridges)
- Glassware (kitchen glasses, plates, bowls)
- Outdoor products (soaker hoses, garden edging boards, benches, tables, decking)
- Gifts (jewelry, vases, suncatchers)

## Choose green products

In addition to buying recycled-content products, environmentally preferable purchasing means buying products that are energy-efficient, water-conserving, less toxic, more durable, and sold without excessive packaging. Examples of environmentally preferable products include:

- Less toxic cleaning products
- Printing and writing paper that is processed without dioxin-generating chlorine
- Low- or no-VOC (volatile organic compounds) paints
- Energy Star® certified appliances and computers
- Water-conserving water heaters, faucets, and fixtures
- Alternatives to vinyl flooring, such as natural linoleum, ceramic tile, low-VOC and recycled-content carpet

## FACTS SHEETS ON PURCHASING

### Environmentally Preferable and Recycled-Content Products

- Office Paper Supplies
- Office Non-paper Supplies
- Janitorial Paper Supplies
- Park and Recreation Products
- Transportation Products
- Remanufactured Toner Cartridges

### Other Information

- Where to Buy Recycled Paper
- Pointers on Using Recycled-content Plastic Lumber
- Links to information on recycled-content and environmentally preferable products

### Post-Consumer When Possible

Post-consumer recycled-content paper is paper made from paper products that have been used, recycled, and manufactured back into paper. When purchasing recycled-content products, look for the highest percentage of post-consumer recycled content.

### BUY RECYCLED—FREE RESOURCES

To help you find and buy recycled-content and environmentally friendly products, the Alameda County Waste Management Authority and Recycling Board offer numerous resources.

Find these resources online:  
[www.StopWaste.Org](http://www.StopWaste.Org)

# RECYCLING TERMS

The terms below are used throughout the Reuse & Recycling Services Directory found on the following pages. These definitions are given to help you to choose the best reuse or recycling options found in this listing.

## California Redemption Value (CRV)

In California, beverages packaged in aluminum, glass, plastic, and bimetal require a deposit (redemption value). The CRV deposit amount is 4¢ for containers under 24 ounces and 8¢ for containers at or above 24 ounces. The deposit can be redeemed at any certified redemption center. According to state law, only certain beverage containers have redemption value. These are:

- Beer and other malt beverages
- Wine coolers and distilled spirit coolers
- Carbonated and non-carbonated water, soda and mineral water, and similar soft drinks
- Carbonated and non-carbonated fruit drinks that contain any percentage of fruit juice
- Coffee and tea drinks
- Non-carbonated beverages
- Sport drinks



## Redemption center

Redemption centers that redeem CRV deposits are certified by the state. Many large grocery stores have redemption centers located in their parking lots. To locate the nearest redemption center go to [www.StopWaste.Org](http://www.StopWaste.Org) or call the Recycling Hotline. To contact the California Department of Conservation Recycling Hotline call 800-RECYCLE (732-9253) or visit [www.consrv.ca.gov/dor](http://www.consrv.ca.gov/dor).

## Buyback

Recycling facilities often pay cash for recyclable materials. The most common types of materials for buyback are CRV containers, cardboard, and scrap metal. Some companies may have minimum quality and quantity requirements for buyback.

## Drop-off

Most recycling facilities will accept recyclable materials on a drop-off basis. Call to confirm operating hours and material preparation requirements. Some supermarkets also have drop-off containers for CRV containers and plastic grocery and produce bags.

## Pickup

Many recycling companies provide pickup service on a one-time or regular basis. Some companies may charge a fee for pickup services. Availability of such service depends on the quality and quantity of materials as well as geographical proximity.



## Fees

Recycling facilities and recycling companies may charge a fee for handling certain materials such as appliances, yard trimmings, computers, monitors, TVs, tires, oil, or hazardous materials. These fees are usually nominal and less than landfill disposal rates and make it possible to offset recycling costs and divert such materials away from landfills.

## Residential recycling collection services

All residential recycling service providers in Alameda County collect newspapers, cardboard, mixed paper, cans, bottles, and more. See Curbside Recycling Services on page 62 and 63 for more information.

## Transfer Stations

Transfer stations receive garbage for consolidation and ultimate hauling to landfills and often have recycling operations that take cans, bottles, paper, cardboard, and certain plastic. Transfer stations may also accept materials for recycling such as used motor oil, appliances, electronics, tires, couches, mattresses, untreated wood, and yard trimmings. See page 64 for a list of transfer stations.

# REUSE RECYCLING SERVICES DIRECTORY

## All things recyclable (and more)

The following pages list where you can recycle a huge variety of items, from aerosol cans to mattresses and beyond. Also included is information about where items can be reused or donated (labeled “REUSE”). Where there are both reuse and recycling options, resources for both are noted. Finally, please pay attention to the information about proper disposal (labeled “DISPOSAL”) of common items such as motor oil, batteries, and needles that are potentially toxic when improperly managed.

## How to use this directory

The information contained in this directory is provided by recycling facilities. Because the industry is constantly changing, some facilities may have reduced or expanded the types of materials they accept. Always call ahead to confirm hours of operation and assure acceptance of materials you wish to recycle. To have your business considered for inclusion in our database, please call **877-STOPWASTE**.



## [www.StopWaste.Org](http://www.StopWaste.Org)

For the most up-to-date and comprehensive reuse and recycling information, go online [www.StopWaste.Org/recycle](http://www.StopWaste.Org/recycle).

*Listings in this guide should not be 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.*

## **AEROSOL CANS**

Some residential curbside recycling programs accept empty non-hazardous aerosol cans. See Hazardous Waste & Materials, page 48.

## **ALUMINUM - RECYCLE**

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

### **CA Dept of Conservation**

Call for CRV buyback locations  
800-732-9253  
[www.conservation.ca.gov](http://www.conservation.ca.gov)  
Buyback: CRV

### **Aaron Metals**

750 - 105th Ave., Oakland  
510-569-6767  
[www.aaronmetals.com](http://www.aaronmetals.com)  
Buyback: CRV, scrap  
Pickup: large quantities

### **Alameda County Industries (ACI)**

San Leandro  
510-357-7282  
[www.alamedacountyindustries.com](http://www.alamedacountyindustries.com)  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

### **Alco Iron & Metal**

2350 Davis St., San Leandro  
510-562-1107  
[www.alcometals.com](http://www.alcometals.com)  
Buyback: CRV, scrap  
Pickup: large quantities

### **Alliance Metals**

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

### **American Metals & Iron**

11665 Berryessa Rd., San Jose  
408-452-0777  
Buyback/Drop-off: CRV, scrap  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

### **BFI**

Fremont  
510-657-3500  
[www.bfifremont.com](http://www.bfifremont.com)  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

### **California Waste Solutions**

1820 - 10th St., Oakland  
510-836-6200  
[www.californiawastesolutions.com](http://www.californiawastesolutions.com)  
Buyback: CRV, scrap, foil/pans  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

### **Community Conservation Centers**

2nd & Gilman St. or M.L.K. Jr. Way & Dwight Way, Berkeley  
510-524-0113  
Buyback: 2nd St. site only  
Drop-off: CRV, foil/pans, scrap

### **Custom Alloy Scrap**

2730 Peralta St., Oakland  
510-893-6476  
[www.customalloy.com](http://www.customalloy.com)  
Buyback: CRV, scrap  
Pickup: large quantities

### **D C Metals / W C Rose**

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

### **DataShred and Papercycle**

Hayward  
888-767-7761  
[www.shredncycle.com](http://www.shredncycle.com)  
Fee/Pickup: CRV; large quantities

### **Davis Street Recycling Center**

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

### **East Bay Conservation Corps**

Oakland  
510-992-7800  
[www.ebcc-school.org](http://www.ebcc-school.org)  
Fee/Pickup: CRV, non-CRV; large quantities

### **El Cerrito Recycling Center**

7501 Schmidt Ln., El Cerrito  
510-215-4350  
[www.ecrecycling.org](http://www.ecrecycling.org)  
Drop-off site only

### **Fry's Machinery & Metals**

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

### **Golden Gate Disposal & Recycling**

San Francisco  
415-626-4000  
[www.norcalwaste.com/ggbusrecycle.htm](http://www.norcalwaste.com/ggbusrecycle.htm)  
Fee/Pickup: CRV, non-CRV, scrap; large quantities

### **Goodwill Donation Stations**

Call for CRV buyback locations  
510-534-6666  
[www.goodwill.org](http://www.goodwill.org)  
Buyback: CRV



## **ALUMINUM**

The average aluminum can contains more than 50% post-consumer recycled content.

It takes 90% less energy to make an aluminum can from recycled aluminum.

The aluminum can was introduced into the marketplace in 1964.

## **DRINK BOXES**

Drink boxes or aseptic packages contain a total of six layers in this order:

- (1) polyethylene
- (2) paper
- (3) polyethylene
- (4) aluminum foil
- (5) polyethylene
- (6) polyethylene

Drink boxes are recycled to reclaim the paper fiber, comprising 70% of the packaging. When possible, buy drinks in larger packages to save resources and energy.

**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

**National Recycling Corp.**

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

**Nexcycle Recycling Centers**

Call for CRV buyback locations  
800-883-2274  
Buyback: CRV

**Nica Metals**

101 N. Greenville Rd., Livermore  
925-443-6422  
www.nicametals.com  
Buyback: CRV, scrap  
Pickup: large quantities

**Oakland Small Business Recycling Program**

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

**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

**San Ramon Recycling Center**

2231 Omega Rd., San Ramon  
925-743-0903  
Drop-off site only

**Sims Metal**

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

**Smurfit - Stone Recycling**

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

**Standard Iron & Metal**

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

**Tomra Pacific**

Call for CRV buyback locations  
510-651-6204  
Buyback: CRV

**Tri-CED Community Recycling**

33377 Western Ave., Union City  
510-471-3850  
Buyback: CRV, scrap, 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  
www.weiscorecycling.com  
Buyback/Pickup: large quantities

**ANTIFREEZE**

See Motor Oil & Filters, Antifreeze, Auto Batteries, page 50.

**APPLIANCES - REUSE**

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

**Appliance Rebuilders**

25161 Huntwood Ave., Hayward  
510-782-9584  
Fee/Drop-off/Pickup

**Bay Area Rescue Mission**

123 MacDonald Ave., Richmond  
510-215-4887  
www.bayarearescue.org  
Drop-off/Pickup

**Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch Thrift Store**

116 North L St., Livermore  
925-449-7702  
Drop-off: small appliances

**Full Gospel Mission Ministry Thrift Shop**

20812 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward  
510-537-7338  
Drop-off: small appliances

**Goodwill Stores**

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

**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

**Oakland Museum - White Elephant Sale**

333 Lancaster St., Oakland  
510-536-6800  
www.museumca.org  
Drop-off/Pickup: small appliances

**ReStore**

9235 San Leandro St., Oakland  
510-777-1447  
www.restorecommunity.com  
Drop-off/Pickup: no refrigerators/freezers

**Square Meals Project**

2607 Ellsworth St., Berkeley  
510-649-8154  
Drop-off/Pickup: small, working appliances

**St. Vincent de Paul**

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

**The Salvation Army**

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

**Thrift Town**

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

**Urban Ore**

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

**VA Outpatient Clinic**

4951 Arroyo Rd., Livermore  
925-373-4700

Drop-off: small appliances, kitchen accessories

**APPLIANCES - RECYCLE**

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

**Altamont Landfill**

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

[www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com)

Fee/Drop-off: all appliances

**American Metals & Iron**

11665 Berryessa Rd., San Jose  
408-452-0777

Fee/Drop-off

**Berkeley Transfer Station / Oil Recycling Depot**

1201- 2nd St., Berkeley  
510-981-7270

[www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/pw/swm.html](http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/pw/swm.html)

Fee/Drop-off: all appliances

**Community Conservation Centers**

2nd & Gilman St. or M.L.K. Jr. Way & Dwight Way, Berkeley  
510-524-0113

Drop-off: 2nd St. site only; no CFCs

**Custom Alloy Scrap**

2730 Peralta St., Oakland  
510-893-6476

[www.customalloy.com](http://www.customalloy.com)

Fee/Drop-off: no freon

**D C Metals / W C Rose**

2399 Davis St., San Leandro  
510-569-2255

Fee/Drop-off: all appliances  
Pickup: large quantities

**Davis St. Transfer Station / Recycling Park**

2615 Davis St., San Leandro  
510-638-2303

[www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com)

Fee/Drop-off: all appliances

**Dorn Recyclers**

Livermore

925-449-9328

Fee/Pickup: non-freon appliances only; large quantities

**Dull One**

Hayward

510-785-8114

Fee/Pickup: large quantities

**Freon Free**

Serves all of Alameda County  
707-429-9013

[www.freonfree.netfirms.com](http://www.freonfree.netfirms.com)

Fee/Pickup: large quantities

**Fry's Machinery & Metals**

1845 W. Winton Ave., Hayward  
510-276-4344

Fee/Drop-off: no refrigerators/freezers

**J. Caseber Washers & Dryers**

1908 - 10th St., Berkeley  
510-548-4419

Drop-off/Pickup

**JACO Environmental**

Serves all of Alameda County  
800-741-0172

[www.appliancerecycling.com](http://www.appliancerecycling.com)

Fee/Pickup: small quantities

**Jeb's Appliance**

847 E. Lewelling Blvd., Hayward  
510-278-3511

Drop-off/Pickup

**Nica Metals**

101 N. Greenville Rd., Livermore  
925-443-6422

[www.nicametals.com](http://www.nicametals.com)

Fee/Pickup: no CFCs; large quantities

**Pleasanton Transfer Station**

3110 Busch Rd., Pleasanton  
925-846-2042

[www.pleasantongarbage.com](http://www.pleasantongarbage.com)

Fee/Drop-off

**Sims Metal**

30104 Industrial Pkwy. S.W., Hayward

510-471-6600

[www.sims-group.com](http://www.sims-group.com)

Drop-off: no CFCs

Pickup: large quantities

**Tri-Cities Waste Management**

7010 Auto Mall Pkwy., Fremont  
510-624-5910

Fee/Drop-off: all appliances

Pickup: large quantities

**APPLIANCES**

Most older refrigerators and freezers contain Freon, a chemical known as Chlorinated Fluorocarbon or CFC. Each molecule of a CFC can destroy over 100,000 molecules of the earth's protective ozone layer. Appliance recyclers capture CFC's and avoid releasing them into the air.

**Vasco Road Landfill & Recycling Drop-off**

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

**ART & EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, GAMES, TOYS, ZIPPERS - REUSE**

**A Safe Place - Shelter for Battered Women**

Oakland  
510-986-8600  
Drop-off: school/art supplies, toys, games

**Bay Area Rescue Mission**

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

**Books for the Barrios**

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

**Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch Thrift Store**

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

**Che Guevara Memorial Marching Band**

El Cerrito  
510-236-2595  
Drop-off/Pickup: accordions

**Children's Hospital**

747 - 52nd St., Oakland  
510-428-3471  
Drop-off/Mail-in: toys, games, videos, art supplies

**Clark Business Machines**

Berkeley  
510-843-2326  
Drop-off: typewriters

**DR3**

1960 Williams St., San Leandro  
510-351-0520  
www.svdp.us  
Drop-off: audio/video tapes, maps, magazines, musical instruments, manual typewriters & sewing machines, buttons

**East Bay Depot for Creative Reuse**

6713 San Pablo Ave., Oakland  
510-547-6470  
www.eastbaydepot.org  
Drop-off/Pickup: school/art supplies, toys, games, software, zippers

**Goodwill Stores**

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

**Industrial Surplus Foundation**

3536 Arden Rd., Hayward  
510-784-0639  
www.isfisf.org  
Drop-off: art/school/office supplies  
Pickup: large quantities

**Mannequin Madness**

430-B Orange St., Oakland  
510-444-0650  
www.mannequinmadness.com  
Buyback/Pickup: mannequins

**Oakland Museum - White Elephant Sale**

333 Lancaster St., Oakland  
510-536-6800  
www.museumca.org  
Drop-off/Pickup: books, tapes, records, CDs, games

**Oakland Public Schools - Music Department**

314 E. 10th St., Oakland  
510-879-8116  
www.music.ousd.k12.ca.us  
Drop-off/Pickup: musical instruments

**RAFT - Resource Area for Teachers**

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

**SCRAP**

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

**Send A Piana to Havana**

National Program  
212-505-3173  
www.sendapiana.com  
Pickup: pianos, piano tools/supplies

**St. Vincent de Paul**

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

**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  
www.satruck.com  
Drop-off: school/art supplies, toys, games

**Tinker's Workshop**

1336 Channing Way, Berkeley  
510-644-2577  
www.tinkersworkshop.org  
Drop-off: chemistry equipment

**Urban Ore**

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

**ASPHALT, BRICK, CONCRETE, GRAVEL, PORCELAIN - RECYCLE**

**AJ Hauling**

Berkeley  
510-665-4329  
Fee/Pickup: concrete & brick rubble

**Altamont Landfill**

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

**Aman Environmental Construction**

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

**Berkeley Transfer Station / Oil Recycling Depot**

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

**Curtner Quarry**

2000 Scott Creek Rd., Milpitas  
510-793-8861  
Fee/Drop-off: asphalt, concrete

**Davis St. Transfer Station / Recycling Park**

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

**Dorn Recyclers**

Livermore  
925-449-9328  
Fee/Pickup: asphalt, concrete; large quantities

**Dutra Materials**

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

**Granite Rock Recycling**

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

**La Vista Quarry**

28814 Mission Blvd., Hayward  
510-538-5085  
Fee/Drop-off: asphalt, concrete, roofing tile, gravel, porcelain

**Pleasanton Transfer Station**

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

**Raisch Products**

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

**Specialty Crushing**

2201 Wake Ave., Oakland  
510-986-0964  
Fee/Drop-off: asphalt, concrete

**SRDC - Sunol**

5550 Niles Canyon Rd., Sunol  
650-961-2742  
Fee/Drop-off: asphalt, broken brick, concrete

**Tri-Cities Waste Management**

7010 Auto Mall Pkwy., Fremont  
510-624-5910  
Fee/Drop-off: asphalt, concrete  
Pickup: large quantities

**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  
www.vulcanmaterials.com  
Fee/Drop-off: asphalt, brick, concrete, gravel

**Zanker Road Resource Management**

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

**AUDIO & VIDEO TAPES, BOOKS, CDs & RECORDS - REUSE****Agape Villages**

3160 Crow Canyon Pl., San Ramon  
925-866-3020  
www.agapevillages.org  
Drop-off: children's audio/video tapes, books, software, CDs

**AuralTech CD Refinishing**

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

**Berkeley Public Library**

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

**Books for the Barrios**

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

**Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch Thrift Store**

116 North L St., Livermore  
925-449-7702  
Drop-off: books, audio/video tapes, records, CDs, software

**Children's Book Project**

290-A Napoleon St., San Francisco  
415-401-6315  
www.childrensbookproject.org  
Drop-off: children's books

**COMPUTER DISKETTES**

We throw away approximately 3 to 4 million failed or surplus diskettes every day—well over one billion each year.

**COMPUTERS AND ELECTRONICS**

With the continuous advances of technology many electronic devices rapidly become obsolete. The cost of handling, transporting, repairing and/or recycling often exceeds the value of these items. Therefore, many of these items may require a special fee.

**Children's Hospital**

747 - 52nd St., Oakland  
510-428-3471  
Drop-off: children's books & videos

**DR3**

1960 Williams St., San Leandro  
510-351-0520  
www.svdp.us  
Drop-off/Pickup: audio/video tapes,  
books, records

**East Bay Depot for Creative Reuse**

6713 San Pablo Ave., Oakland  
510-547-6470  
www.eastbaydepot.org  
Drop-off: audio/video tapes, books

**Friends of the Berkeley Library**

2433 Channing Way, Berkeley  
510-841-5604  
www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org  
Drop-off: books, audio/video tapes,  
records, CDs

**Friends of the Oakland Library**

721 Washington St., Oakland  
510-444-0473  
Drop-off: books, audio/video tapes,  
records, CDs

**Full Gospel Mission Ministry Thrift Shop**

20812 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward  
510-537-7338  
Drop-off: audio/video, tapes, books,  
CDs

**Goodwill Stores**

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

**Kaiser Permanente Medical Center**

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

**Oakland Museum - White Elephant Sale**

333 Lancaster St., Oakland  
510-536-6800  
www.museumca.org  
Drop-off/Pickup: audio/video tapes,  
records, CDs

**Oakland Technology Exchange West**

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

**RAFT - Resource Area for Teachers**

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

**Rainbow's End Thrift Shop**

22683 Main St., Hayward  
510-888-0300  
Drop-off: books, audio/video tapes,  
records, CDs

**SCRAP**

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

**St. Vincent de Paul**

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

**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  
www.satruck.com  
Drop-off: books, CDs, records,  
audio/video tapes

**Thrift Town**

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

**Tinker's Workshop**

1336 Channing Way, Berkeley  
510-644-2577  
www.tinkersworkshop.org  
Drop-off: technical how-to books

**Tom's Computer Warehouse**

4770-D San Pablo Ave., Emeryville  
510-654-1080  
www.tomscomputerwarehouse.net  
Drop-off: diskettes, CDs

**Toy-Go-Round**

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

**Urban Ore**

7th St. & Ashby Ave., Berkeley  
510-841-5AVE (7283)  
www.urbanore.citysearch.com  
Buyback/Drop-off: books,  
audio/video tapes, records, CDs

**VA Outpatient Clinic**

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

**AUDIO & VIDEO TAPES,  
COMPUTER DISKETTES,  
LASER CDs - RECYCLE****Alameda County Computer Resource Center**

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

**Computer Recycling Center**

370 W. Caribbean Drive, Sunnyvale  
408-327-1800  
www.crc.org  
Fee/Drop-off: CD/jewel cases,  
diskettes

**Ecodisk**

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

**Fox Electronics**

686 North King Rd., San Jose  
408-929-4369  
www.foxelectronics.com  
Drop-off: diskettes  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

**G.B. Industrial**

Union City  
510-489-0881  
Pickup: CDs/laser disks; large quanti-  
ties

**GreenDisk**

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

**Hackett Electronics**

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

**MBA Polymers**

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

**MRC Polymers**

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

**Polymer Recovery Services**

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

**Super Link Plastic**

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

**Tom's Computer Warehouse**

4770-D San Pablo Ave., Emeryville  
510-654-1080  
www.tomscomputerwarehouse.net  
Fee/Drop-off/Pickup: diskettes

**VintageTech E-Waste Recycling Service**

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

**Weird Stuff Warehouse**

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

**BATTERIES - AUTOMOTIVE**

See Motor Oil & Filters, Antifreeze, Auto Batteries, page 50.

**BATTERIES - HOUSEHOLD & RECHARGEABLE**

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. By law, rechargeable batteries cannot be thrown into the trash and must be recycled. For more information see page 18.

**Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste Program**

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

**Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corp.**

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

**AERC Recycling Solutions**

30677 Huntwood Ave., Hayward  
800-628-3675  
www.aercycling.com  
Fee/Drop-off/Pickup: all types; large quantities

**Art's Automotive**

2871 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley  
510-540-7093  
Fee/Drop-off: all types; small quantities

**Philip Services**

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

**Recyclights West**

Hayward  
800-884-8982  
Drop-off: rechargeable batteries  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

**Safety Kleen**

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

**BICYCLES - REUSE****Agape Villages**

3160 Crow Canyon Pl., San Ramon  
925-866-3020  
www.agapevillages.org  
Drop-off

**Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch Thrift Store**

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

**Cyclepath**

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

**BATTERIES**

It is estimated that over 200,000,000 pounds of batteries per year are thrown away by households nationwide (not including businesses). Batteries contain heavy metals and caustic substances contaminate the soil and Bay, Delta or other water sources when improperly disposed. Motor vehicle batteries contain about 18 pounds of lead and about one gallon of corrosive lead-contaminated sulfuric acid. For more information, see pages 18 and 50 and please dispose of batteries properly!

**Full Gospel Mission Ministry Thrift Shop**

20812 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward  
510-537-7338  
Drop-off

**Goodwill Stores**

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

**Karim Cycle**

2800 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley  
510-849-4004  
www.teamkarim.com  
Drop-off

**Missing Link**

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

**Oakland Museum - White Elephant Sale**

333 Lancaster St., Oakland  
510-536-6800  
www.museumca.org  
Drop-off/Pickup

**Play It Again Sports**

See phone book for locations in Alameda, Fremont, Buyback/Drop-off

**Recycles Bike Shop**

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

**St. Vincent de Paul**

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

**The Salvation Army**

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

**The Y-Bikes Shoppe - Presidio Community Y**

1152 Gorgas Ave., San Francisco  
415-447-9696  
Drop-off

**Thrift Town**

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

**Tinker's Workshop**

1336 Channing Way, Berkeley  
510-644-2577  
www.tinkersworkshop.org  
Drop-off/Pickup: bicycles, bike parts/accessories

**Trips for Kids / The Recyclery**

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

**Urban Ore**

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

**BOOKS - REUSE**

See Audio / Video Tapes, Books, CDs & Records - Reuse, page 35.

**BOOKS - RECYCLE**

See Paper & Cardboard - Recycle, page 53.

**BUCKETS & DRUMS - RECYCLE**

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

**Amigo Environmental**

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

**Containers Unlimited**

10901 Russet St., Oakland  
510-430-0503  
Drop-off: buckets, metal/plastic drums  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

**G.B. Industrial**

Union City  
510-489-0881  
Fee/Pickup: plastic drums/buckets; large quantities

**Materials Reuse**

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

**Myers Container Management Services**

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

**Phoenix Container**

Turlock  
209-669-2642  
Fee/Pickup: buckets, all types of drums

**Questar**

30983 San Clemente St., Hayward  
510-732-1333  
www.questarusa.com  
Drop-off: food grade fiber, metal, plastic drums  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

**Super Link Plastic**

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

**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 12.

**Berkeley Architectural Salvage**

1167 - 65th St., Oakland  
510-655-2270  
Buyback/Drop-off: pre-1940s doors, windows, hardware, lumber, lighting, marble/tile, ironwork

**Building Resources**

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

**C & K Salvage**

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

**Caldwell Building Resource Center**

195 Bayshore Blvd., San Francisco  
415-550-6777

www.caldwell-bldg-salvage.com  
Buyback/Drop-off: brick, tile/masonry, doors, windows, hardware, sinks, lumber, ironwork, tile, tubs, flooring

**Ohmega Salvage**

2407 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley  
510-843-7368

www.ohmegasalvage.com  
Buyback/Drop-off: pre-1940s sinks, toilets, hardware, doors, windows, bathtubs, bricks

**ReStore**

9235 San Leandro St., Oakland  
510-777-1447

www.restorecommunity.com  
Drop-off/Pickup: bathroom fixtures, doors, windows, hardware, toilets, sinks, wire, lighting, lumber, ironwork, cabinets, tools, insulation

**Reusable Lumber**

Oakland  
650-529-9122

www.reusablelumber.com  
Pickup: doors, lumber, windows

**The ReUse People**

Alameda  
888-588-9490

www.thereusepeople.org  
Pickup: bathroom fixtures, doors, windows, hardware, brick, tile/masonry, toilets, sinks, wire, lighting, lumber, ironwork, cabinets

**This & That Used Building Materials**

1701 Rumrill Blvd., San Pablo  
510-232-1273

Buyback/Drop-off/Pickup: bathroom fixtures, doors, windows, hardware, brick, tile/masonry, toilets, sinks, wire, lighting, lumber, ironwork, tools, cabinets

**Tinker's Workshop**

1336 Channing Way, Berkeley  
510-644-2577

www.tinkersworkshop.org  
Drop-off: building materials & fixtures

**Urban Ore**

7th St. & Ashby Ave., Berkeley  
510-841-SAVE (7283)

www.urbanore.citysearch.com  
Buyback/Drop-off: bathroom fixtures, doors, windows, hardware, brick, tile/masonry, toilets, sinks, wire, lighting, lumber, ironwork, cabinets

**Whole House Building Supply & Salvage**

1955 Pulgas Rd., East Palo Alto  
650-322-3090

www.driftwoodsalvage.com  
Drop-off: bathroom fixtures, doors, windows, hardware, tile/masonry, toilets, sinks, wire, lighting, brick, lumber, ironwork, cabinets

**CAR & VEHICLE DONATIONS**

**Agape Villages**

3160 Crow Canyon Pl., San Ramon  
925-866-3020

www.agapevillages.org  
Pickup: working & non-working

**Bay Area Rescue Mission**

123 MacDonald Ave., Richmond  
510-215-4887

www.bayarearescue.org  
Drop-off/Pickup

**Easter Seals Bay Area**

800-513-6560  
www.donateacar.com

Pickup

**Goodwill**

510-698-7208  
Pickup

**In Defense of Animals**

415-388-9641  
www.idausa.org/supportf.html

Pickup

**National Kidney Foundation**

800-488-2277  
www.kidney.org

Pickup

**National Multiple Sclerosis Society**

800-344-4867  
www.msconnection.org

Pickup

**Oakland SPCA**

8323 Baldwin St., Oakland  
510-569-0702

www.oaklandspca.org  
Drop-off/Pickup

**Pick Your Part**

Hayward  
888-600-5865

Buyback

**Save The Bay**

Oakland  
510-452-9261

www.savesfbay.org  
Pickup



**BOOKS**

Public libraries are outstanding examples of community reuse. One book can be read by hundreds if not thousands of people.

**St. Vincent de Paul**  
510-636-4245  
Pickup

**The Salvation Army**  
Call for locations  
800-958-7825  
www.satruck.com  
Pickup

**Volunteers of America Auto Donations**  
510-559-5458  
www.voaba.org  
Pickup

**CARDBOARD**

See Paper & Cardboard - Recycle, page 53.

**CARPET & PADDING - REUSE**

**Oakland Museum - White Elephant Sale**  
333 Lancaster St., Oakland  
510-536-6800  
www.museumca.org  
Drop-off/Pickup: usable carpet/padding

**Philanthropy By Design**  
1355 Market St., San Francisco  
415-552-1772  
www.pbd.org  
Drop-off: usable carpet/padding

**RAFT - Resource Area for Teachers**  
1355 Ridder Park Dr., San Jose  
408-451-1420  
www.raft.net  
Drop-off/Pickup: samples

**Reusable Lumber**  
Oakland  
650-529-9122  
www.reusablelumber.com  
Drop-off: usable carpet/padding

**SCRAP**  
834 Toland St., San Francisco  
415-647-1746  
www.scrap-sf.org  
Drop-off/Pickup: usable carpet/padding

**The ReUse People**  
Alameda  
888-588-9490  
www.thereusepeople.org  
Drop-off/Pickup: usable carpet/padding

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

**Whole House Building Supply & Salvage**  
1955 Pulgas Rd., East Palo Alto  
650-322-3090  
www.driftwoods salvage.com  
Drop-off: usable carpet/padding

**CARPET, CARPET PADDING & POLYURETHANE FOAM - RECYCLE**

**Bob's Foam Factory**  
4055 Pestana Pl., Fremont  
510-657-2420  
www.bobsfoam.com  
Drop-off: polyurethane foam  
Pickup: large quantities

**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  
www.wm.com  
Fee/Drop-off: carpet padding

**DR3**  
1960 Williams St., San Leandro  
510-351-0520  
www.svdop.us  
Drop-off: clean, dry padding

**Material Recovery**  
1601 Dixon Landing Rd., Milpitas  
408-741-3436  
Fee/Drop-off/Pickup: carpet/padding

**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 Computers & Electronics - Reuse & Recycle, page 42.

**CHRISTMAS TREES**

All cities in Alameda County provide recycling of yard trimmings year-round. Call the Recycling Hotline for specific information on tree recycling during the holiday season.

**CLOTHING, REMNANTS & TEXTILE - REUSE & RECYCLE**

Most thrift shops accept used clothing for resale.

**A Safe Place - Shelter for Battered Women**  
Oakland  
510-986-8600  
Drop-off: clean, wearable garments

**Agape Villages**  
3160 Crow Canyon Pl., San Ramon  
925-866-3020  
www.agapevillages.org  
Drop-off: children's clothes, jackets

**Bay Area Rescue Mission**  
123 MacDonald Ave., Richmond  
510-215-4887  
www.bayarearescue.org  
Drop-off/Pickup: clean, wearable garments

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

**Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch Thrift Store**  
116 North L St., Livermore  
925-449-7702  
Drop-off: clean, wearable garments

**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  
www.davisstreet.org  
Drop-off: clean, wearable clothing, jackets

**DR3**  
1960 Williams St., San Leandro  
510-351-0520  
www.svdop.us  
Drop-off: fabric, remnants, linens, leather scraps, yarn

**East Bay Depot for Creative Reuse**

6713 San Pablo Ave., Oakland  
510-547-6470  
www.eastbaydepot.org  
Drop-off: fabric, remnants, yarn

**Emergency Shelter Program**

Hayward  
510-786-1181  
Drop-off: women's professional apparel

**Fashion After Passion**

1521 Webster St., Alameda  
510-769-6667  
Buyback/Drop-off: maternity/baby clothing

**Full Gospel Mission Ministry Thrift Shop**

20812 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward  
510-537-7338  
Drop-off: clean, wearable garments

**Goodwill Stores**

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

**Kreature Komforts (PetCo)**

3735 E. Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley  
510-886-4466  
Drop-off: blankets, towels, sheets, pillowcases, comforters, small rugs

**Oakland Museum - White Elephant Sale**

333 Lancaster St., Oakland  
510-536-6800  
www.museumca.org  
Drop-off/Pickup: fabric, yarn, remnants

**Oakland SPCA**

8323 Baldwin St., Oakland  
510-569-0702  
www.oaklandspca.org  
Drop-off: towels, blankets, pillowcases, comforters, small rugs

**One World Running**

National Program  
303-444-7223  
www.bolderboulder.com/shoes-forafrica.cfm  
Mail-in program: running shoes & apparel

**Philanthropy By Design**

1355 Market St., San Francisco  
415-552-1772  
www.pbd.org  
Drop-off: fabric

**RAFT - Resource Area for Teachers**

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

**Rainbow's End Thrift Shop**

22683 Main St., Hayward  
510-888-0300  
Drop-off: clean, wearable garments

**SCRAP**

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

**Square Meals Project**

2607 Ellsworth St., Berkeley  
510-649-8154  
Drop-off/Pickup: clean, wearable garments, blankets, towels and toiletries

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Call for locations  
800-607-4357  
www.svdp.org  
Drop-off: clean, wearable garments

**St. Vincent de Paul Free Dining Room**

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

**The Princess Project**

San Francisco  
415-269-6667  
www.princessproject.org  
Drop-off: formal dresses, accessories

**The Salvation Army**

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

**Thrift Town**

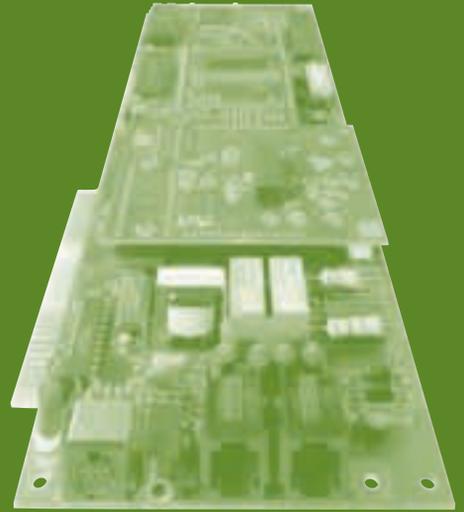
See phone book for locations in Fremont, San Leandro  
Drop-off: clean, wearable garments

**United Textile**

San Lorenzo  
510-276-2288  
www.uti-rags.com/business.asp  
Pickup: fabric, textile; large quantities

**Urban Ore**

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



**E-WASTE**

Once the computer, monitor, and keyboard leave your desk, they are classified as hazardous waste. The lead and other products they contain must be kept out of landfills. Make sure to dispose of e-waste properly. See page 27 and 42 for more information.

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

**Wardrobe for Opportunity**  
Oakland  
925-935-2146  
www.wardrobe.org  
Drop-off: women's professional  
apparel, accessories

## COMPUTERS & ELECTRONICS - REUSE & RECYCLE

With the continuous advances of technology, many electronic devices rapidly become obsolete. The cost of handling, transporting, repairing and/or recycling often exceeds the value of these items. Therefore, many of these items may require a special disposal fee.

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

**Access 2 Technology**  
Oakland  
510-393-6242  
www.a2t.org  
Drop-off: working Macintosh  
computers, monitors, peripherals

**AER Worldwide**  
National Program  
510-300-0500  
www.aerxchange.com  
Fee/Drop-off/Pickup: computers,  
monitors, cellular telephones  
Pickup: large quantities

**AERC Recycling Solutions**  
30677 Huntwood Ave., Hayward  
800-628-3675  
www.aercycling.com  
Fee/Drop-off/Pickup: computers,  
monitors, office electronics; large  
quantities

**Agape Villages**  
3160 Crow Canyon Pl., San Ramon  
925-866-3020  
www.agapevillages.org  
Drop-off: working computers, TVs,  
VCRs, monitors, peripherals

**Alameda County Computer  
Resource Center**  
1501 Eastshore Hwy., Berkeley  
510-528-4052  
www.accrc.org

Fee/Drop-off: computers, monitors,  
peripherals, TVs, office & home elec-  
tronics, handhelds  
Pickup: large quantities

**Alliance Metals**  
3426 Peralta St., Oakland  
510-547-2408  
Drop-off  
Fee/Pickup: non-working computers;  
large quantities

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

**Berkeley Transfer Station /  
Oil Recycling Depot**  
1201- 2nd St., Berkeley  
510-981-7270  
www.ci.berkeley.ca.us  
Fee/Drop-off: computers, monitors,  
peripherals, TVs, home & office  
electronics

**Berman's Recycling Industry**  
600 E. Trimble, San Jose  
408-955-7900  
www.auctionbdi.com  
Buyback/Drop-off/Pickup: working  
monitors, computers, electronics,  
software, office electronics

**Books for the Barrios**  
2350 - D Whitman Rd., Concord  
925-687-7701  
www.booksforthebarrios.com  
Drop-off: working computers

**BSE Recycling**  
Fremont  
800-839-5762  
www.bse-recycling.com  
Fee/Pickup: computers, monitors,  
office electronics, peripherals

**Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch  
Thrift Store**  
116 North L St., Livermore  
925-449-7702  
Drop-off: working computers, type-  
writers

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

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

**Clark Business Machines**  
Berkeley  
510-843-2326  
Drop-off: office electronics

**Clean Computer Campaign**  
Online Service  
www.svtc.org  
Bay Area referral service for  
electronics recycling

**Computer Recycling Center**  
370 W. Caribbean Drive, Sunnyvale  
408-327-1800  
www.crc.org  
Fee/Drop-off: computers, monitors,  
peripherals, office electronics  
Pickup: large quantities

**D C Metals / W C Rose**  
2399 Davis St., San Leandro  
510-569-2255  
Fee/Drop-off: non-working  
computers

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

**Dell**  
National Program  
www.dell.com  
Fee/Mail-in Program: computers,  
monitors, office electronics, periph-  
erals

**Fox Electronics**  
686 North King Rd., San Jose  
408-929-4369  
www.foxelectronics.com  
Drop-off: computers, office electron-  
ics, peripherals, monitors, software  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

**Fremont's E-Cycling Center**  
42600 Boyce Rd., Fremont  
510-657-3500  
www.ci.fremont.ca.us  
Fremont Residents Only  
Drop-off: monitors, peripherals, com-  
puters, TVs, home & office  
electronics

**Freon Free**  
Serves all of Alameda County  
707-429-9013  
www.freonfree.netfirms.com  
Fee/Pickup: monitors, office electron-  
ics, computers; large quantities

**Full Gospel Mission Ministry Thrift Shop**

20812 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward  
510-537-7338

Drop-off: working home electronics, computers, monitors, peripherals, TVs

**Goodwill Stores**

Call for locations  
510-534-6666

[www.goodwill.org](http://www.goodwill.org)

Drop-off: working home electronics

**GreenDisk**

National Program  
800-305-3475

[www.greendisk.com](http://www.greendisk.com)

Fee/Mail-in program: cellular telephones, pagers, handhelds

**Hackett Electronics**

1260 N. 13th St., San Jose  
408-283-9000

[www.hackettelec.com](http://www.hackettelec.com)

Fee/Drop-off: computers, monitors, office electronics

**Hewlett Packard Computer Recycling Program**

National Program  
800-340-2445

[www.hp.com](http://www.hp.com)

Fee/Mail-in program: monitors, computers, printers, peripherals, handhelds

**HMR Group**

435 - 23rd St., San Francisco  
415-647-6071

[www.hmrusa.com](http://www.hmrusa.com)

Fee/Drop-off/Pickup: monitors, TVs, home & office electronics, computers; large quantities

**IBM PC Recycling Service**

National Program  
877-999-7115

Fee/Mail-in program: monitors, computers, printers, peripherals

**Industrial Surplus Foundation**

3536 Arden Rd., Hayward  
510-784-0639

[www.isfisf.org](http://www.isfisf.org)

Drop-off: working computers, 19"+ monitors, peripherals, TVs, home electronics

Pickup: large quantities

**Oakland Museum - White Elephant Sale**

333 Lancaster St., Oakland  
510-536-6800

[www.museumca.org](http://www.museumca.org)

Drop-off/Pickup: working computers, home electronics, peripherals

**Oakland Technology Exchange West**

1680 - 14th St., Oakland  
510-893-4822

[www.otxwest.org](http://www.otxwest.org)

Drop-off/Pickup: monitors, computers, peripherals

**Pleasanton Transfer Station**

3110 Busch Rd., Pleasanton  
925-846-2042

[www.pleasantongarbage.com](http://www.pleasantongarbage.com)

Fee/Drop-off: non-working computers, monitors, household electronics, TVs

**RAFT - Resource Area for Teachers**

1355 Ridder Park Dr., San Jose  
408-451-1420

[www.raft.net](http://www.raft.net)

Drop-off/Pickup: working VCRs, computers, monitors, peripherals

**Recycle for Breast Cancer**

National Program  
925-735-7203

[www.recycleforbreastcancer.org](http://www.recycleforbreastcancer.org)

Mail-in program: cellular telephones

**Recycle Trucking**

Fremont

510-226-9375

Fee/Pickup: computers, office electronics; large quantities

**Sims Metal**

30104 Industrial Pkwy. S.W.,  
Hayward

510-471-6600

[www.sims-group.com](http://www.sims-group.com)

Buyback/Drop-off: non-working computers

Pickup: large quantities

**Sports4Kids Swap Shop**

2095 Rose St., Berkeley

510-868-1591

[www.sports4kids.org/support.html](http://www.sports4kids.org/support.html)

Pickup/Drop-off: cellular telephones

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Call for locations

800-607-4357

[www.svdp.org](http://www.svdp.org)

Drop-off: working home electronics

**Standard Iron & Metal**

4525 San Leandro St., Oakland  
510-535-0222

[www.standardiron.net](http://www.standardiron.net)

Buyback/Drop-off: non-working electronics

Pickup: large quantities



**FOOD**

Every day, over one million pounds of food is thrown away in Alameda County landfills.

Residents can learn how to compost food scraps. See page 24 or call the Home Compost Information Hotline at 510-444-SOIL.

**The Salvation Army**

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

**Thrift Town**

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

**Tinker's Workshop**

1336 Channing Way, Berkeley  
510-644-2577  
www.tinkersworkshop.org  
Drop-off/Pickup: camera/video equipment, sewing machines

**Tom's Computer Warehouse**

4770-D San Pablo Ave., Emeryville  
510-654-1080  
www.tomscomputerwarehouse.net  
Fee/Drop-off/Pickup: computers, peripherals, monitors, printers, faxes, VCRs, diskettes

**Tri-Cities Waste Management**

7010 Auto Mall Pkwy., Fremont  
510-624-5910  
Fee/Drop-off: non-working computers, electronics

**Trips for Kids / The Recyclery**

610 - 4th St., San Rafael  
415-458-2986  
www.tripsforkids.org  
Drop-off: working Pentium II+ computers, monitors, peripherals

**Urban Ore**

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

**Valley Electronics**

402 Roberson Ln., San Jose  
408-437-9929  
Drop-off/Pickup: computers, monitors, office electronics, VCRs; large quantities

**Verizon Wireless**

3990 Hollis St., Emeryville  
510-547-3210  
www.verizon.com  
Drop-off: cellular telephones

**VintageTech E-Waste Recycling Service**

2442 Research Dr., Livermore  
925-371-1050  
www.ecycle.info  
Fee/Drop-off: working/non-working computers, peripherals, monitors,

TVs, home electronics, cellular telephones, handhelds, software  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

**Weird Stuff Warehouse**

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

**CONCRETE**

See Asphalt, Bricks, Concrete, Gravel, Porcelain - Recycle, page 34.

**COUCHES & MATTRESSES - 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  
www.bayarearescue.org  
Drop-off/Pickup: reusable condition

**Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch Thrift Store**

116 North L St., Livermore  
925-449-7702  
Drop-off: reusable condition

**Estates Mattress**

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

**Full Gospel Mission Ministry Thrift Shop**

20812 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward  
510-537-7338  
Drop-off: reusable condition

**Goodwill Stores**

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

**Oakland Museum - White Elephant Sale**

333 Lancaster St., Oakland  
510-536-6800  
www.museumca.org  
Drop-off/Pickup: couches

**St. Vincent de Paul**

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

**The Salvation Army**

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

**Thrift Town**

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

**COUCHES - RECYCLE**

At the time this guide was printed there were no recycling options for couches. Call the Recycling Hotline for current information.

**DIRT / CLEAN FILL**

**Altamont Landfill**

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

**Curtner Quarry**

2000 Scott Creek Rd., Milpitas  
510-793-8861  
Fee/Drop-off

**Davis St. Transfer Station / Recycling Park**

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

**Landfill Management**

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

**Pleasanton Transfer Station**

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

**Raisch Products**

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

**SRDC - Sunol**

5550 Niles Canyon Rd., Sunol  
650-961-2742  
Fee/Drop-off

**Tri-Cities Waste Management**

7010 Auto Mall Pkwy., Fremont  
510-624-5910  
Fee/Drop-off  
Pickup: large quantities

**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  
www.vulcanmaterials.com  
Fee/Drop-off

**DRYWALL / SHEETROCK - REUSE & RECYCLE****Altamont Landfill**

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

**Berkeley Transfer Station / Oil Recycling Depot**

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

**This & That Used Building Materials**

1701 Rumrill Blvd., San Pablo  
510-232-1273  
Drop-off: usable sheetrock

**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  
www.z-best.com/zankerrd  
Fee/Drop-off: trim/scrap recycling

**ELECTRONICS**

See Computers & Electronics - Reuse & Recycling, page 42.

**EYEGLASSES & HEARING AIDS - REUSE****Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch Thrift Store**

116 North L St., Livermore  
925-449-7702  
Drop-off: eyeglasses

**Hope for Hearing Foundation**

National Program  
310-410-0900  
www.hope4hearing.org  
Mail-in program: hearing aids

**Lions Center for the Blind**

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

**Lions Club of Livermore**

1347 Hillview Dr., Livermore  
925-443-7674  
Drop-off: eyeglasses, hearing aids

**New Eyes For The Needy**

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

**Urban Ore**

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

**FLUORESCENT LAMPS & BALLASTS**

Fluorescent lamps and bulbs contain mercury and some ballasts contain PCBs, all of which are harmful to humans and the environment. Therefore, these items require special handling and disposal.

**Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste Program**

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

**AERC Recycling Solutions**

30677 Huntwood Ave., Hayward  
800-628-3675  
www.aercycling.com  
Fee/Drop-off/Pickup: large quantities

**FLUORESCENT LAMPS**

Fluorescent and HID lamps are our best environmental choice. Compared to an incandescent, the energy used over the life-time of a 28-watt fluorescent produces 1,020 pounds less carbon dioxide and three pounds less nitrogen.

**Philip Services**

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

**Recycle Trucking**

Fremont  
510-226-9375  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

**RecycLights West**

Hayward  
800-884-8982  
Drop-off/Fee/Pickup: large quantities

**Safety Kleen**

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

**World Environmental**

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

**FOOD DONATIONS - EDIBLE**

**Alameda County Community Food Bank**

Oakland  
510-834-3663  
www.accfb.org  
Drop-off/Pickup: food donations from local food manufacturers, brokers, producers, growers and retailers; products include frozen, canned, fresh and packaged goods; large quantities

**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  
www.davisstreet.org  
Drop-off: all edible food

**Emergency Shelter Program**

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

**Oakland Mayor Hunger Relief Program**

150 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Oakland  
510-238-7754  
Referral service for food donation programs

**Oakland Potluck**

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

**Open Heart Kitchen**

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

**Square Meals Project**

2607 Ellsworth St., Berkeley  
510-649-8154  
Drop-off/Pickup: non-perishable 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

**FOOD SCRAPS - COMPOSTING**

Several cities in Alameda County collect food scraps along with yard trimmings. See the Curbside Recycling Services Directory, page 62. Backyard composting is an easy way to recycle food scraps. See Bay Friendly Gardening, page 24.

**Golden Gate Disposal & Recycling**

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

**Recycle to Conserve**

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

**Waste Management of Alameda County**

Oakland  
510-613-8700  
www.wm.com  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

**FURNITURE – REUSE**

**A Safe Place - Shelter for Battered Women**

Oakland  
510-986-8600  
Drop-off: household furniture

**Acquisitions Office**

1900 Marina Blvd., San Leandro  
510-351-7511  
www.acqoffice.com  
Buyback/Drop-off/Fee/Pickup: office furniture

**Bay Area Rescue Mission**

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

**Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch Thrift Store**

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

**East Bay Depot for Creative Reuse**

6713 San Pablo Ave., Oakland  
510-547-6470  
www.eastbaydepot.org  
Drop-off/Pickup: chairs, tables, lamps, bookshelves

**Full Gospel Mission Ministry Thrift Shop**

20812 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward  
510-537-7338  
Drop-off: chairs, tables, lamps, bookshelves

**Goodwill Stores**

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

**Industrial Surplus Foundation**

3536 Arden Rd., Hayward  
510-784-0639  
www.isfisf.org  
Drop-off: office furniture  
Pickup: large quantities

**Oakland Museum - White Elephant Sale**

333 Lancaster St., Oakland  
510-536-6800  
www.museumca.org  
Drop-off/Pickup: chairs, lamps, tables, bookcases

**Philanthropy By Design**

1355 Market St., San Francisco  
415-552-1772  
www.pbd.org  
Drop-off: usable condition

**Rainbow's End Thrift Shop**  
22683 Main St., Hayward  
510-888-0300  
Drop-off: chairs, tables, lamps,  
bookshelves

**St. Vincent de Paul**  
Call for locations  
800-607-4357  
www.svdop.org  
Drop-off: chairs, tables, lamps,  
bookshelves

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

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

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

## **GLASS - PLATE & NON-CON- TAINER - REUSE & RECYCLE**

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

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

**Strategic Materials**  
San Leandro  
510-357-0531  
www.strategicmaterials.com  
Fee/Drop-off: plate glass & cullet

## **GLASS CONTAINERS - RECYCLE**

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

**CA Dept of Conservation**  
Call for CRV buyback locations  
800-732-9253  
www.conservation.ca.gov  
Buyback: CRV

**Alameda County Industries (ACI)**  
San Leandro  
510-357-7282  
www.alamedacountyindustries.com  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

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

**BFI**  
Fremont  
510-657-3500  
www.bfifremont.com  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

**California Waste Solutions**  
1820 - 10th St., Oakland  
510-836-6200  
www.californiawastesolutions.com  
Buyback: CRV  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

**Community Conservation Centers**  
2nd & Gilman St. or M.L.K. Jr. Way & Dwight Way, Berkeley  
510-524-0113  
Buyback: 2nd St. site only  
Drop-off: CRV

**DataShred and Papercycle**  
Hayward  
888-767-7761  
www.shredncycle.com  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

**Dotson's Mobile Recycling**  
Hayward  
415-971-6226  
Pickup: CRV, non-CRV; large quantities

**East Bay Conservation Corps**  
Oakland  
510-992-7800  
www.ebcc-school.org  
Fee/Pickup: CRV, non-CRV; large quantities

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



## **GLASS**

When glass is recycled, water consumption is reduced by 50%, mining waste by 79%, and air pollution by 14%.

Glass can be recycled indefinitely.

**Golden Gate Disposal & Recycling**

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

**Goodwill Donation Stations**

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

**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

**Nexcycle Recycling Centers**

Call for CRV buyback locations  
800-883-2274  
Buyback: CRV  
Drop-off: Non-CRV

**Nica Metals**

101 N. Greenville Rd., Livermore  
925-443-6422  
www.nicametals.com  
Buyback: CRV

**Oakland Small Business Recycling Program**

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

**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

**San Ramon Recycling Center**

2231 Omega Rd., San Ramon  
925-743-0903  
Drop-off site only

**Sims Metal**

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

**Standard Iron & Metal**

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

**Tomra Pacific**

Call for CRV buyback locations  
510-651-6204  
Buyback/Drop-off: CRV

**Tri-CED Community Recycling**

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

**GREASE & COOKING OIL**

**Darling International**

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

**Modesto Tallow**

Modesto  
800-564-7204  
www.modestotallow.com  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

**Philip Services**

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

**Pioneer Liquid Transport**

San Jose  
800-804-7327  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

**Salinas Tallow**

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

**GREETING CARDS - REUSE**

**East Bay Depot for Creative Reuse**

6713 San Pablo Ave., Oakland  
510-547-6470  
www.eastbaydepot.org  
Drop-off

**Oakland Museum - White Elephant Sale**

333 Lancaster St., Oakland  
510-536-6800  
www.museumca.org  
Drop-off

**RAFT - Resource Area for Teachers**

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

**SCRAP**

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

**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 56.

**HANGERS - REUSE**

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

**Oakland Museum - White Elephant Sale**

333 Lancaster St., Oakland  
510-536-6800  
www.museumca.org  
Drop-off/Pickup

**Thrift Town**

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

**HAZARDOUS WASTE & MATERIALS**

**Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste Program**

Locations in Hayward, Livermore, Oakland  
800-606-6606  
Alameda County Residents only  
www.household-hazwaste.org  
Free drop-off for paint, cleaners, solvents, batteries, motor oil & filters, antifreeze, pesticides, fluorescent lamps & ballasts, and chemicals.  
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. For more information see page 18.

**AERC Recycling Solutions**  
30677 Huntwood Ave., Hayward  
800-628-3675  
www.aercrecycling.com  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

**Alameda County Office of  
Medical & Solid Waste**

Alameda  
510-567-6790  
www.acgov.org/aceh  
Information on proper disposal of  
needles, sharps, medications, phar-  
maceuticals, hazardous wastes &  
materials

**Alameda County Sheriff**

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

**Altamont Landfill**

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

**Evergreen Environmental**

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

**First Alert - Smoke Detector  
Disposal**

National Program  
800-323-9005  
Mail-in Program for First Alert & BRK  
smoke detectors to properly disposal  
of radioactive components

**Freon Free**

Serves all of Alameda County  
707-429-9013  
www.freonfree.netfirms.com  
Fee/Pickup: refrigerant/HCF, fluo-  
rescent tubes/ballasts

**Philip Services**

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

**Safety Kleen**

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

**Vasco Road Landfill & Recycling  
Drop-off**

4001 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore  
925-447-0491  
Fee/Drop-off: treated wood, tele-  
phone 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  
www.z-best.com/zankerrd  
Fee/Drop-off: railroad ties, treated  
wood

**HEARING AIDS - REUSE**

See Eyeglasses & Hearing Aids -  
Reuse, page 45.

**JUNK MAIL - REDUCE**

For information on how to reduce  
junk mail see page 20. To recycle  
your junk mail see Paper and  
Cardboard - Recycle, page 53.

**MATERIALS EXCHANGE -  
REUSE**

Materials Exchange outlets are  
places to donate or find useful  
items. The possibilities are endless—  
building materials, remnants, surplus,  
computers, tools, furniture—the list  
goes on.

**CALMAX - California Materials  
Exchange**

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

**East Bay Depot for Creative  
Reuse**

6713 San Pablo Ave., Oakland  
510-547-6470  
www.eastbaydepot.org  
Drop-off/Pickup

**ExcessAccess**

Online Service  
415-242-6041  
www.excessaccess.com  
Drop-off/Pickup: links surplus busi-  
ness and household items with non-  
profits and recyclers



**GROCERY BAGS**

About 700 paper bags can be  
made out of a typical 15-year-  
old tree. In a big grocery store,  
the clerks can give away that  
number of bags in just one  
hour. Save resources by bring-  
ing your own reusable bag  
when you go shopping.

**Industrial Surplus Foundation**

3536 Arden Rd., Hayward  
 510-784-0639  
 www.isfisf.org  
 Drop-off/Pickup: surplus industrial goods for charitable causes

**RAFT - Resource Area for Teachers**

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

**Theatre Bay Area - TMAX**

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

**MATTRESSES & BOX SPRINGS - RECYCLE**

**Altamont Landfill**

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

**Berkeley Transfer Station / Oil Recycling Depot**

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

**Davis St. Transfer Station / Recycling Park**

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

**DR3**

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

**MATTRESSES - REUSE**

See Couches & Mattresses - Reuse, page 44.

**MEDICAL SUPPLIES & SURPLUS**

**Direct Relief International**

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

**HMR Group**

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

**RACORSE Network**

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

**Tinker's Workshop**

1336 Channing Way, Berkeley  
 510-644-2577  
 www.tinkersworkshop.org  
 Drop-off/Pickup: medical supplies/equipment

**VIDA - Volunteers for Inter-American Development**

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

**MILK CARTONS & DRINK BOXES - RECYCLE**

Most residential recycling programs in Alameda County collect milk cartons and drink boxes. See Curbside Recycling Services page 62.

**California Waste Solutions**

1820 - 10th St., Oakland  
 510-836-6200  
 www.californiawastesolutions.com  
 Drop-off  
 Fee/Pickup: large quantities

**East Bay Resources**

2430 Willow St., Oakland  
 510-419-0294  
 Drop-off: call first  
 Pickup: large quantities

**Specialty Fibres**

Walnut Creek  
 925-934-8700  
 Buyback/Pickup: large quantities

**MOTOR OIL & FILTERS, ANTIFREEZE, AUTO BATTERIES**

NOTE: 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. It is strongly recommended to call before attempting to drop-off antifreeze and motor oil.

**Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste Program**

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

**AERC Recycling Solutions**

30677 Huntwood Ave., Hayward  
 800-628-3675  
 www.aercycling.com  
 Fee/Drop-off  
 Pickup: all battery types; large quantities

**Alco Iron & Metal**

2350 Davis St., San Leandro  
 510-562-1107  
 www.alcometals.com  
 Buyback/Drop-off: batteries

**American Battery Co.**

3488 Arden Rd., Hayward  
 510-259-1150  
 www.powerstridebattery.com  
 Drop-off: batteries  
 Pickup: large quantities

**Art's Automotive**

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

**AutoZone**

See phone book for locations, Oakland  
 Drop-off: oil

**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  
www.ci.berkeley.ca.us  
Drop-off: motor oil, filters

**Bruce's Tires**

240 Hegenberger Rd., Oakland  
510-568-2120  
Drop-off: oil, filters

**Castro Valley Autohaus**

20697 Park Way, Castro Valley  
510-581-4525  
Buyback/Drop-off: oil, filters

**Chau's Bayfair 76 Service**

15008 E. 14th St., San Leandro  
510-276-0179  
Drop-off: oil, filters

**Commercial Filter Recycling**

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

**Davis St. Transfer Station / Recycling Park**

2615 Davis St., San Leandro  
510-638-2303  
www.wm.com  
Drop-off: various oils

**El Cerrito Recycling Center**

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

**Evergreen Environmental**

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

**Firestone**

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

**Jerry's Auto Center**

2501 Santa Clara Ave., Alameda  
510-523-4423  
www.jerrysautocenter.com  
Drop-off: antifreeze, oil, filters

**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; small quantities

**Mark Morris Tires**

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

**Nica Metals**

101 N. Greenville Rd., Livermore  
925-443-6422  
www.nicametals.com  
Buyback/Drop-off: batteries

**Oceanworks**

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

**Oil Changers**

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

**Pennzoil Speed Oil Change Center**

5225 Shattuck Ave., Oakland  
510-985-1010  
Drop-off: transmission fluid, oil, filters

**Pep Boys**

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

**Philip Services**

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

**Pick Your Part**

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

**Pick-N-Pull**

8451 San Leandro St., Oakland  
510-729-7010  
www.picknpull.com  
Drop-off: batteries, oil

**Pleasanton Transfer Station**

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



**ANTIFREEZE AND MOTOR OIL**

Most antifreeze is made with a petroleum product called Ethylene Glycol. It's hazardous to animals and to the environment—it has a sweet taste, and is deadly if consumed.

One quart of improperly disposed oil can pollute over 250,000 gallons of drinking water.

Oil poured into the ground can seep into the groundwater table and contaminate drinking water supplies.

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. It is strongly recommended to call before attempting to drop-off antifreeze and motor oil.

**Quality Tune-Up**

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

**Rock & Roll Auto Recycling**

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

**RyNck Tire & Auto**

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

**Safety Kleen**

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

**Sears Automotive**

See phone book for locations  
Drop-off: batteries

**Sims Metal**

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

**Speedee Oil Change & Tune Up**

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

**Steve's Valero**

3192 Santa Rita, Pleasanton  
925-846-5672  
Drop-off: antifreeze, batteries, oil, filters

**Tri-Cities Waste Management**

7010 Auto Mall Pkwy., Fremont  
510-624-5910  
Drop-off: oil

**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**

**Alameda County Office of Medical & Solid Waste**

Alameda  
510-567-6790  
www.acgov.org/aceh  
Information on proper disposal of needles, sharps, medications, pharmaceuticals

**Safety Kleen**

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

**Stericycle**

National Program  
800-355-8773  
www.stericycle.com  
Fee/Mail-in program

**Waste Management & Sharps Compliance**

National Program  
877-927-8363  
www.wastemd.com  
Fee/Mail-in program

**PACKING MATERIALS - REUSE**

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

**Aim Mail Center**

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

**Handle With Care**

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

**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**

430-B Orange St., Oakland  
510-444-0650  
www.mannequinmadness.com  
Drop-off: packing peanuts

**Nancy Funk Ceramics**

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

**Packaging Store**

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

**Piedmont Grocery**

4038 Piedmont Ave., Oakland  
510-653-8181  
Drop-off: packing peanuts

**Plastic Loose Fill Council**

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

**Postal Annex**

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

**The Postal Stop**

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

**The UPS Shipping Store**

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

**Tutto Mio**

San Leandro  
www.tuttomio.biz  
Drop-off: packing peanuts, bubble wrap, styrofoam sheets; email first

**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 - RECYCLE

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### **F P International**

1050 Broadway, Redwood City  
800-866-9946  
www.fpintl.com  
Drop-off: EPS polystyrene blocks, packing peanuts  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities  
Mail-in Program: small quantities

### **SCA Northern American Packaging**

3466 Enterprise Ave., Hayward  
510-785-0220  
www.tuscarora.com  
Drop-off: #6 block polystyrene; small quantities

## PAINT - REUSE

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### **Alameda County Paint Give-A-Way Program**

2100 E. 7th St., Oakland  
510-567-6750  
www.household-hazwaste.org  
Free exterior paint available for pick-up

### **ReStore**

9235 San Leandro St., Oakland  
510-777-1447  
www.restorecommunity.com  
Drop-off/Pickup: new, unopened

## PALLETS - REUSE & SCRAP

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### **A & M Pallets**

Hayward  
510-785-5814  
Drop-off  
Fee/Buyback/Pickup: large quantities

### **Berkeley Transfer Station / Oil Recycling Depot**

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

### **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  
www.wm.com  
Fee/Drop-off: broken pallets

### **Dorn Recyclers**

Livermore  
925-449-9328  
Fee/Buyback/Pickup: large quantities

### **Larson Pallet**

Milpitas  
408-946-4971  
Fee/Pickup

### **Mission Pallet**

Oakland  
510-261-0994  
Buyback/Drop-off  
Pick-up: large quantities

### **Oakland Pallet**

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

### **Pleasanton Transfer Station**

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

### **R.H. Wood Products**

Newark  
510-794-6676  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

### **Recycle Trucking**

Fremont  
510-226-9375  
Fee/Buyback/Pickup: large quantities

### **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  
www.z-best.com/zankerrd  
Fee/Drop-off: broken pallets

## PAPER & CARDBOARD - RECYCLE

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



## PAPER

If all morning newspapers read around the country were recycled, over 41,000 trees would be saved daily.

Americans throw away enough wood and paper every year to heat 5 million homes for two hundred years.

**Alameda County Industries (ACI)**  
San Leandro  
510-357-7282  
www.alamedacountyindustries.com  
Fee/Pickup: all grades; large quantities

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

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

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

**California Waste Solutions**  
1820 - 10th St., Oakland  
510-836-6200  
www.californiawastesolutions.com  
Drop-off: all grades, hard/soft cover books  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

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

**Community Conservation Centers**  
2nd & Gilman St. or M.L.K. Jr. Way & Dwight Way, Berkeley  
510-524-0113  
Buyback: 2nd St. site only  
Drop-off: all grades, soft cover books

**DataShred and Papercycle**  
Hayward  
888-767-7761  
www.shredncycle.com  
Fee/Pickup: all grades; large quantities

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

**Dorn Recyclers**  
Livermore  
925-449-9328  
Fee/Pickup: all grades; large quantities

**East Bay Conservation Corps**  
Oakland  
510-992-7800  
www.ebcc-school.org  
Fee/Pickup: all grades, hard/soft cover books; large quantities

**East Bay Resources**  
2430 Willow St., Oakland  
510-419-0294  
Drop-off: all grades, hard/soft cover books  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

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

**Golden Gate Disposal & Recycling**  
San Francisco  
415-626-4000  
www.norcalwaste.com  
Fee/Pickup: all grades; large quantities

**H. Mack Jr.**  
Oakland  
510-635-1079  
Fee/Pick-up: cardboard; large quantities

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

**Multi-Material Management & Marketing**  
Oakland  
510-763-0101  
Buyback/Pickup: all grades; call for acceptance

**National Recycling Corp.**  
1312 Kirkham St., Oakland  
510-268-1022  
Drop-off: all grades, soft cover books  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

**National Waste Prevention Coalition**  
National Program  
www.metrokc.gov  
Website information on reducing unwanted mail

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

**Oakland Small Business Recycling Program**  
Pay as you throw collection program  
510-238-7283  
www.oaklandpw.com  
Fee/Pickup: all grades; curbside collection

**Recycle Trucking**  
Fremont  
510-226-9375  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

**Recycling & Resource Recovery Systems**  
3110 Busch Rd., Pleasanton  
925-846-4062  
Drop-off: all grades  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

**San Ramon Recycling Center**  
2231 Omega Rd., San Ramon  
925-743-0903  
Drop-off site only: all grades, hard/soft cover books

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

**Secondary Fibre**  
Union City  
510-487-4995  
Drop-off: all grades, hard/soft cover books  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

**Shred Works**  
Oakland  
510-729-7110  
www.shredworks.com  
Fee/Pickup: all grades; large quantities

**Smurfit - Stone Recycling**  
800 - 77th Ave., Oakland  
510-635-9383  
www.smurfit-stone.net  
Drop-off: all grades, hard/soft cover books  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

**Specialty Fibres**  
Walnut Creek  
925-934-8700  
Buyback/Pickup: all grades, hard/soft cover books; large quantities

**The Sutta Co.**

Oakland  
510-873-8777  
www.sutta.com  
Fee/Pickup: all grades, hard/soft cover books; large quantities

**Tri-CED Community Recycling**

33377 Western Ave., Union City  
510-471-3850  
Drop-off: all grades

**Tri-Cities Waste Management**

7010 Auto Mall Pkwy., Fremont  
510-624-5910  
Drop-off: all grades  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

**Vasco Road Landfill & Recycling Drop-off**

4001 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore  
925-447-0491  
Drop-off: all grades

**Waste Management of Alameda County**

Oakland  
510-613-8700  
www.wm.com  
Fee/Pickup: all grades, hard/soft cover books; large quantities

**Western Pacific Pulp & Paper**

Newark  
510-494-2060  
www.wppp.com  
Fee/Pickup: all grades, hard/soft cover books; large quantities

**Weyerhaeuser Paper**

Fremont  
510-490-5887  
www.weyerhaeuser.com  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

**PESTICIDES & FERTILIZERS**

See Hazardous Waste & Materials, pages 18 and 48.

**PHOTO CHEMICALS**

See Hazardous Waste & Materials, pages 18 and 48.

**PLASTIC - RECYCLE**

All residential recycling programs in Alameda County collect PET (#1) & HDPE (#2) bottles. Most also collect narrow-neck bottles (#1-#7). See the Curbside Recycling Services Directory, pages 62 and 63.

**CA Dept of Conservation**

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

**3M Recycling Program**

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

**Alameda County Industries (ACI)**

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

**Alliance Metals**

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

**Bay Polymer**

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

**BFI**

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

**California Waste Solutions**

1820 - 10th St., Oakland  
510-836-6200  
www.californiawastesolutions.com  
Buyback: CRV  
Drop-off: #1, #2  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

**Caplasticsmarkets.com**

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

**Community Conservation Centers**

2nd & Gilman St. or M.L.K. Jr. Way & Dwight Way, Berkeley  
510-524-0113  
Buyback: 2nd St. site only  
Drop-off: CRV, #1, #2

**DataShred and Papercycle**

Hayward  
888-767-7761  
www.shredncycle.com  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

**PLASTIC**

If you lined up all the polystyrene (Styrofoam) cups made in just one day, they would more than circle the entire planet. Try using a reusable cup whenever possible.

Plastic in our oceans kills around 1 million seabirds and over 100,000 marine mammals each year.

The plastic from 5 soda bottles can completely insulate a ski jacket.

Plastic bags and plastic wrap account for approximately 40% of our plastic garbage.

**Davis Street Recycling Center**

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

**Dotson's Mobile Recycling**

Hayward  
415-971-6226  
Pickup: CRV, non-CRV; large quantities

**DuPont**

National Program  
866-33-TYVEK (89835)  
www.envelopes.tyvek.com  
Mail-in program: Tyvek, HDPE #2 envelopes

**East Bay Conservation Corps**

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

**El Cerrito Recycling Center**

7501 Schmidt Ln., El Cerrito  
510-215-4350  
www.ecrecycling.org  
Drop-off site only: #1, #2

**Epic Plastics**

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

**G.B. Industrial**

Union City  
510-489-0881  
Fee/Pickup: most types; large quantities

**Garment Recovery Systems**

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

**Golden Gate Disposal & Recycling**

San Francisco  
415-626-4000  
www.norcalwaste.com  
Fee/Pickup: most types; large quantities

**Goodwill Donation Stations**

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

**Kingman Products**

Moraga  
925-377-1800  
Buyback/Pickup: most types; large quantities

**Materials Reuse**

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

**MBA Polymers**

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

**MRC Polymers**

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

**National Recycling Corp.**

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

**Nexcycle Recycling Centers**

Call for CRV buyback locations  
800-883-2274  
Buyback: CRV  
Drop-off: Non-CRV

**Oakland Small Business Recycling Program**

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

**Plastic Loose Fill Council**

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

**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

**San Ramon Recycling Center**

2231 Omega Rd., San Ramon  
925-743-0903  
Drop-off site only: #1-#7 narrow-neck bottles

**Smurfit - Stone Recycling**

800 - 77th Ave., Oakland  
510-635-9383  
www.smurfit-stone.net  
Fee/Pickup: #1 bottles, #2, #4 bottles & film; large quantities

**Super Link Plastic**

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

**The Sutta Co.**

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

**Tomra Pacific**

Call for CRV buyback locations  
510-651-6204  
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 & #2 bottles

**WeisCo Recycling**

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

**PLASTIC FILM & BAGS - RECYCLE**

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

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

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

**G.B. Industrial**  
Union City  
510-489-0881  
Buyback/Drop-off/Pickup: #2, #4, #5  
film/bags; large quantities

**Kingman Products**  
Moraga  
925-377-1800  
Buyback/Pickup: #2, #4, #5 film/bags;  
large quantities

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

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

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

## **PROPANE TANKS - REUSE & RECYCLE**

**Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste Program**  
Locations in Hayward, Livermore, Oakland  
800-606-6606  
www.household-hazwaste.org  
Free drop-off: single use & refillable

**Blue Rhino**  
National Program  
800-258-7466  
www.bluerhino.com  
Fee/Drop-off: refillable tanks

**Wilderness Exchange**  
1407 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley  
510-525-1255  
www.wildgeardeals.com  
Drop-off: single-use Propane & Butane canisters

## **SCRAP METAL - RECYCLE**

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

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

**Alameda County Industries (ACI)**  
San Leandro  
510-357-7282  
www.alamedacountyindustries.com  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

**Alco Iron & Metal**  
2350 Davis St., San Leandro  
510-562-1107  
www.alcometals.com  
Buyback/Drop-off  
Pickup: large quantities

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

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

**American Metals & Iron**  
11665 Berryessa Rd., San Jose  
408-452-0777  
Buyback/Drop-off  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

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

**Community Conservation Centers**  
2nd & Gilman St. or M.L.K. Jr. Way & Dwight Way, Berkeley  
510-524-0113  
Drop-off



## **STEEL / SCRAP METAL**

It takes 74% less energy to make new steel from recycled steel.

Tin cans are actually 99% steel with a thin layer of tin added to prevent rusting. If tin cans were made solely of tin, you could crush them with your hand.

Every second about 630 steel cans are recycled.

**Custom Alloy Scrap**

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

**D C Metals / W C Rose**

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

**Davis St. Transfer Station / Recycling Park**

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

**Dorn Recyclers**

Livermore  
925-449-9328  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

**El Cerrito Recycling Center**

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

**Freon Free**

Serves all of Alameda County  
707-429-9013  
www.freonfree.netfirms.com  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

**Fry's Machinery & Metals**

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

**Golden Gate Disposal & Recycling**

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

**Have Truck Will Haul**

Fremont  
510-797-0977  
Fee/Pickup

**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

**Nica Metals**

101 N. Greenville Rd., Livermore  
925-443-6422  
www.nicametals.com  
Buyback/Drop-off  
Pickup: large quantities

**Pick-N-Pull**

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

**Pleasanton Transfer Station**

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

**Recycle Trucking**

Fremont  
510-226-9375  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

**Refund Recycling**

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

**San Ramon Recycling Center**

2231 Omega Rd., San Ramon  
925-743-0903  
Drop-off site only

**Schnitzer Steel**

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

**Sims Metal**

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

**Standard Iron & Metal**

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

**The Sutta Co.**

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

**Tomra Pacific**

Call for CRV buyback locations  
510-651-6204  
Buyback/Drop-off: CRV

**Tri-CED Community Recycling**

33377 Western Ave., Union City  
510-471-3850  
Drop-off

**Tri-Cities Waste Management**

7010 Auto Mall Pkwy., Fremont  
510-624-5910  
Fee/Drop-off  
Pickup: large quantities

**Vasco Road Landfill & Recycling Drop-off**

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

**WeisCo Recycling**

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

**Zanker Road Resource Management**

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

**SHOES - REUSE & RECYCLE****Davis Street Family Resource Center**

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

**Nike's Reuse-A-Shoe Program - Transports**

6022 College Ave., Oakland  
510-655-4809  
www.nike.com  
Drop-off: athletic shoes for recycling; any brand

**One World Running**

National Program  
303-444-7223  
www.bolderboulder.com/shoes-forafrica.cfm  
Mail-in program: running shoes & apparel

**Square Meals Project**

2607 Ellsworth St., Berkeley  
510-649-8154  
Drop-off/Pickup: clean, wearable shoes

## **SINKS & TOILETS - REUSE**

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### **Building Resources**

701 Amador St., San Francisco  
415-285-7814  
www.buildingresources.org  
Buyback/Drop-off

### **C & K Salvage**

718 Douglas Ave., Oakland  
510-569-2070  
Buyback/Drop-off

### **Ohmega Salvage**

2407 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley  
510-843-7368  
www.ohmegasalvage.com  
Buyback/Drop-off: vintage sinks/toilets

### **ReStore**

9235 San Leandro St., Oakland  
510-777-1447  
www.restorecommunity.com  
Drop-off/Pickup: sinks, tile, bathtubs, low-flow toilets, bathroom fixtures

### **The ReUse People**

Alameda  
888-588-9490  
www.thereusepeople.org  
Pickup

### **This & That Used Building Materials**

1701 Rumrill Blvd., San Pablo  
510-232-1273  
Buyback/Drop-off

### **Urban Ore**

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

## **SPORTING GOODS - REUSE**

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### **Agape Villages**

3160 Crow Canyon Pl., San Ramon  
925-866-3020  
www.agapevillages.org  
Drop-off

### **Books for the Barrios**

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

### **Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch Thrift Store**

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

### **Full Gospel Mission Ministry Thrift Shop**

20812 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward  
510-537-7338  
Drop-off

### **Oakland Museum - White Elephant Sale**

333 Lancaster St., Oakland  
510-536-6800  
www.museumca.org  
Drop-off/Pickup

### **One World Running**

National Program  
303-444-7223  
www.bolderboulder.com/shoes-forafrica.cfm  
Mail-in program: running shoes & apparel

### **Play It Again Sports**

See phone book for locations in Alameda, Fremont, Buyback/Drop-off

### **Recycles Bike Shop**

3120 Sacramento St., Berkeley  
510-665-1889  
Buyback/Drop-off: outdoor gear

### **Sports4Kids Swap Shop**

2095 Rose St., Berkeley  
510-868-1591  
www.sports4kids.org/support.html  
Pickup/Drop-off

### **Thrift Town**

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

### **Tinker's Workshop**

1336 Channing Way, Berkeley  
510-644-2577  
www.tinkersworkshop.org  
Drop-off/Pickup

### **Wilderness Exchange**

1407 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley  
510-525-1255  
www.wildgeardeals.com  
Buyback/Drop-off: camping gear

### **World Vision - Get a Kick Out of Sharing**

National Program  
800-642-1616  
www.worldvision.org/soccerballs  
Mail-in program: soccer balls

## **STEREOS & VCRs**

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See Computers & Electronics - Reuse & Recycling, page 42.



## **TIRES**

Half a barrel of crude oil is used to produce one tire. Conserve resources by maintaining proper tire inflation.

New uses are being constantly found for recycled scrap tire material. Products include "loose crumb" for playgrounds, patio pavers, tiles, and asphalt residential shingles.

## STYROFOAM PACKING "PEANUTS" / POLYSTYRENE

See Packing Materials - Reuse, page 52.

## TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES

See Paper & Cardboard - Recycle, page 53.

## TELEVISIONS

See Computers & Electronics - Reuse & Recycle, page 42.

## 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  
www.wm.com  
Fee/Drop-off

### Berkeley Transfer Station / Oil Recycling Depot

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

### Bruce's Tires

240 Hegenberger Rd., Oakland  
510-568-2120  
Fee/Drop-off

### Davis St. Transfer Station / Recycling Park

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

### Firestone

See phone book for locations  
Fee/Drop-off

### Mark Morris Tires

2850 Broadway, Oakland  
510-451-0355  
Fee/Drop-off

### Pleasanton Transfer Station

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

### Rock & Roll Auto Recycling

3908 Old Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton  
925-224-9944  
www.rockandrollautoparts.com  
Fee/Drop-off: small quantities

### RyNck Tire & Auto

See phone book for locations  
Fee/Drop-off

### Sears Automotive

See phone book for locations  
Fee/Drop-off

### Tri-Cities Waste Management

7010 Auto Mall Pkwy., Fremont  
510-624-5910  
Fee/Drop-off/Pickup: large quantities

### Vasco Road Landfill & Recycling Drop-off

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

### West Coast Rubber Recycling

Gilroy  
408-842-2401  
www.groundrubber.com  
Fee/Pickup: tires, scrap rubber;  
large quantities

## TOILETS

See Sinks & Toilets - Reuse, page 59  
or Asphalt, Brick, Concrete, Gravel,  
Porcelain - Recycle, page 34.

## TONER & LASER CARTRIDGES - REUSE & RECYCLING

### Canon

National Program  
800-OK-CANON  
www.usa.canon.com  
Mail-in program

### Clark Business Machines

Berkeley  
510-843-2326  
Drop-off

### Give Something Back Foundation

Oakland  
510-635-5500  
www.givesomethingback.com  
Pickup

### GreenDisk

National Program  
800-305-3475  
www.greendisk.com  
Fee/Mail-in program

### Laser Link

Berkeley  
510-649-8000  
www.laserlinkintl.com  
Buyback/Pickup

### Lasertron Recycled Toner Cartridges

Oakland  
510-535-1400  
Drop-off/Pickup

### Recycle for Breast Cancer

National Program  
925-735-7203  
www.recycleforbreastcancer.org  
Mail-in program

### Xerox

National Program  
800-835-6100  
www.officeprinting.xerox.com  
Mail-in program

## TOOLS - REUSE

### Berkeley Tool Lending Library

1901 Russell St., Berkeley  
510-981-6101  
Drop-off

### Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch Thrift Store

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

### East Bay Depot for Creative Reuse

6713 San Pablo Ave., Oakland  
510-547-6470  
www.eastbaydepot.org  
Drop-off

### Oakland Museum - White Elephant Sale

333 Lancaster St., Oakland  
510-536-6800  
www.museumca.org  
Drop-off/Pickup

### Oakland Tool Lending Library

5205 Telegraph Ave., Oakland  
510-597-5089  
www.oaklandlibrary.org  
Drop-off

### ReStore

9235 San Leandro St., Oakland  
510-777-1447  
www.restorecommunity.com  
Drop-off/Pickup

**Tinker's Workshop**  
1336 Channing Way, Berkeley  
510-644-2577  
www.tinkersworkshop.org  
Drop-off/Pickup: hand & power tools

## **WOOD & YARD TRIMMINGS**

All curbside recycling programs in Alameda County collect yard trimmings.

**AJ Hauling**  
Berkeley  
510-665-4329  
Fee/Pickup

**Altamont Landfill**  
10840 Altamont Pass Rd., Livermore  
800-449-6349  
www.wm.com  
Fee/Drop-off: clean wood, yard trimmings

**Berkeley Transfer Station / Oil Recycling Depot**  
1201- 2nd St., Berkeley  
510-981-7270  
www.ci.berkeley.ca.us  
Fee/Drop-off: clean wood, yard trimmings

**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  
www.wm.com  
Fee/Drop-off: clean wood, yard trimmings

**Dorn Recyclers**  
Livermore  
925-449-9328  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

**East Bay Conservation Corps Urban Tree Mill**  
2201 Wake Ave., Oakland  
510-992-8018  
www.urbantreemill.org  
Fee/Drop-off/Pickup: trees/logs for milling

**H. Mack Jr.**  
Oakland  
510-635-1079  
Fee/Pick-up: wood debris; large quantities

**Newby Island Landfill**  
1601 Dixon Landing Rd., Milpitas  
408-262-1401  
Fee/Drop-off: clean wood, yard trimmings

**Pleasanton Transfer Station**  
3110 Busch Rd., Pleasanton  
925-846-2042  
www.pleasantongarbage.com  
Fee/Drop-off: clean wood, yard trimmings

**San Ramon Recycling Center**  
2231 Omega Rd., San Ramon  
925-743-0903  
Drop-off site only: clean wood, yard trimmings

**Tri-Cities Waste Management**  
7010 Auto Mall Pkwy., Fremont  
510-624-5910  
Fee/Drop-off: clean wood, yard trimmings  
Fee/Pickup: large quantities

**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  
www.wm.com  
Fee/Pickup: clean wood, yard trimmings; large quantities

**Zanker Road Resource Management**  
705 Los Esteros Rd., San Jose  
408-263-2384  
www.z-best.com/zankerrd  
Fee/Drop-off: clean wood, yard trimmings



## **YARD TRIMMINGS**

Every year, Americans harvest as much grass from lawns as the Japanese harvest rice.

Composting (page 24) is an effective way to conserve natural resources by recycling grass clippings, yard trimmings, and food scraps.

# SINGLE FAMILY HOMES

Use this chart to determine your recycling service provider and the materials they collect from single-family homes. Contact your service provider for more information.

Jurisdiction		MIXED PAPER, CARDBOARD, NEWSPAPERS	GLASS BOTTLES & JARS	ALUM., STEEL & TIN CANS	ALUM. FOIL & PANS	AEROSOL CANS - EMPTY (NO PAINT, CHEMICALS, ETC.)	SCRAP METAL	PLASTIC #1 PET & #2 HDPE*	PLASTIC #3 - #7*	YARD TRIMMINGS (FOOD SCRAPS)	MOTOR OIL (CALL FOR CONTAINERS)	LATEX PAINT (CALL FOR INFO)	MILK CARTONS & JUICE CARTONS
Curbside Recycling Service Provider													
Alameda	Alameda County Industries: 510-483-1400	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	F	O		X
Albany	Waste Management: 510-613-8710	X	X	X			X	X	X	F	O		X
Berkeley	Ecology Center: 510-527-5555	X	X	X	X		X	X		X			
Castro Valley	Waste Management: 510-537-5500	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	F	O	X	X
Dublin	Waste Management: 925-447-1300	X	X	X		X	X	W	W	X	X		X
Emeryville	Waste Management: 510-613-8710	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	F	O		
Fremont	BFI: 510-657-3500	X	X	X	X	X	X	W	W	F	O		X
Hayward	Curbcycle: 510-537-9963	X	X	X				W	WS	X	O		X
Livermore	Waste Management: 925-447-1300	X	X	X	X	X		W	W	F	X		X
Newark	Waste Management: 510-624-5900	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Oakland	For service provider call: 510-238-SAVE (7283)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	F	O	D	X
Oro Loma	Waste Management: 510-613-8710	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Piedmont	Republic Services: 800-320-8077	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X			X
Pleasanton	Pleasanton Garbage Co.: 925-846-2042	X	X	X			X	X	X	F			X
San Leandro	Alameda County Industries: 510-357-7282	X	X	X			X	X	X	F	O		X
Union City	Tri-CED Community Recycling: 510-429-8030	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		
Unincorporated Areas	Waste Management: 510-613-8710	X	X	X	X	X		W	W	X	X		X

\* Narrow-neck container with neck smaller than its base. No wide-mouth containers (like yogurt or margarine tubs), lids or plates

F = Includes food scraps    W = Wide-mouth container    D = Dry, empty cans only

S = #6 Clean Styrofoam    O = Oil filters

# MULTI-FAMILY HOMES (apartments, townhouses, condominiums, etc.)

Use this chart to determine your recycling service provider and the materials they collect from multi-family homes. Contact your service provider for more information.

Jurisdiction		MIXED PAPER, CARDBOARD, NEWSPAPERS	GLASS BOTTLES & JARS	ALUM., STEEL & TIN CANS	ALUM. FOIL & PANS	AEROSOL CANS - EMPTY (NO PAINT, CHEMICALS, ETC.)	SCRAP METAL	PLASTIC #1 PET & #2 HDPE*	PLASTIC #3 - #7*	YARD TRIMMINGS (FOOD SCRAPS)	MOTOR OIL (CALL FOR CONTAINERS)	LATEX PAINT (CALL FOR INFO)	MILK CARTONS & JUICE CARTONS
Curbside Recycling Service Provider													
Alameda	Alameda County Industries: 510-483-1400	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	F			X
Albany	Waste Management: 510-613-8710	X	X	X				X	X	F	X		X
Berkeley	Ecology Center: 510-527-5555	X	X	X	X			X		X			
Castro Valley	Waste Management: 510-537-5500	X	X	X		X		X	X	F		X	X
Dublin	Waste Management: 925-447-1300	X	X	X		X		W	W				X
Emeryville	Waste Management: 510-613-8710	X	X	X	X			X	X	X			
Fremont	BFI: 510-657-3500	X	X	X	X	X		W	W				X
Hayward	Curbcycle: 510-537-9963	X	X	X				W	WS				X
Livermore	Waste Management: 925-447-1300	X	X	X		X		W	W				X
Newark	Waste Management: 510-624-5900	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X
Oakland	For service provider call: 510-238-SAVE (7283)	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	F2-4		X	X
Oro Loma	Waste Management: 510-613-8710	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X			X
Piedmont	Republic Services: 800-320-8077	X	X	X	X			X	X	X			X
Pleasanton	Pleasanton Garbage Co.: 925-846-2042	X	X	X				X	X				
San Leandro	Alameda County Industries: 510-357-7282	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X
Union City	Tri-CED Community Recycling: 510-429-8030	X	X	X	X			X		X			
Unincorporated Areas	Waste Management: 510-613-8710	X	X	X		X		W	W	X			X

\* Narrow-neck container with neck smaller than its base. No wide-mouth containers (like yogurt or margarine tubs), lids or plates

F = Includes food scraps W = Wide-mouth container D = Dry, empty cans only

S = #6 Clean Styrofoam O = Oil filters 2-4 = Available to complexes with 2-4 units

# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

## Alameda County Source Reduction and Recycling Board Alameda County Waste Management Authority

Recycling Hotline .....	877-STOPWASTE
Composting Information Hotline .....	510-444-SOIL
Email .....	info@stopwaste.org
Website.....	www.stopwaste.org

### Alameda County

Household Hazardous Waste Hotline .....	800-606-6606
Clean Water Program Hotline .....	510-670-5543
Department of Environmental Health, Hazardous Materials .....	510-567-6700

### State of California

California Integrated Waste Management Board .....	916-341-6000
California Materials Exchange (CALMAX) .....	877-520-9703
Dept. of Conservation Beverage Container Recycling Hotline.....	800-RECYCLE
Cal-EPA Environmental Hotline .....	800-CLEANUP

### City Recycling Information

Alameda.....	510-749-5840
Albany.....	510-528-5766
Berkeley	
• commercial and yard waste.....	510-981-7270
• curbside recycling .....	510-527-5555
Castro Valley .....	510-537-0757
Dublin .....	925-833-6600
Emeryville.....	510-596-3728
Fremont.....	510-494-4740
Hayward.....	510-583-4700
Livermore .....	925-960-8004
Newark.....	510-793-1400
Oakland.....	510-238-7283
Oro Loma .....	510-276-4700
Piedmont.....	510-420-3050
Pleasanton .....	925-931-5002
San Leandro.....	510-577-6026
Union City.....	510-675-5466

### Transfer Station Recycling Services

Berkeley Transfer Station.....	510-981-7270
Pleasanton Transfer Station.....	925-846-2042
San Leandro Transfer Station .....	510-638-2303

### Bay Area County Recycling Hotlines

Contra Costa .....	800-750-4096
Marin.....	415-499-6647
Napa .....	707-257-9292
San Francisco .....	415-554-7329
San Mateo.....	888-442-2666
Santa Clara.....	800-533-8414
Solano .....	707-421-6765
Sonoma .....	707-565-3375



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**The Compost Information Hotline:  
510-444-SOIL (444-7645)**

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