COVID-19 IMPACTS ON GARBAGE AND RECYCLING SERVICES

For the Counties of San Mateo and Santa Clara

Questions about anything listed here?

Please call us at (408) 299-7300. We return calls daily.

City-Provided Garbage and Recycling Services

All cities in Santa Clara and San Mateo County continue to provide garbage and recycling collection services.

- Please continue to place your separated items into the appropriate containers.
- Place ALL personal protection equipment in the garbage.
  - This includes used masks, gloves, and cleaning wipes.
- Here are a few ways to help recyclers and garbage collection workers.
  - Keep recyclables “loose” — don’t put them into garbage bags, just put them “straight into the recycling cart.”
    - Don’t put plastic bags in recycling bins — they jam recycling machinery.
    - Empty, and if possible, rinse containers — the cleaner they are, the easier they are to sort and recycle.
- Put garbage and personal protection equipment (masks, gloves, wipes) into bags.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Services

Due to shelter-in-place orders public health orders, HHW facilities in the counties of San Mateo and Santa Clara are currently not able to collect materials or take appointments for free HHW drop-off services. We recommend storing materials safely and to bring them to us when the facilities reopen. Certain materials can be dropped off at retail partner stores and/or by mail. For drop-off locations, visit HHW.org or RecycleStuff.org.
California Redemption Value (CRV Beverage Containers)

By Executive Order from the Governor, California has temporarily suspended enforcement of bottle and can (California Redemption Value-CRV) takeback requirements. The temporary period is for 60 days beginning on April 27, 2020.

As a result, local retailers and recycling centers may determine whether or not to redeem CRV during this time. Consumers are advised to call ahead before bringing CRV containers for redemption.

CRV redemption locations can be found by using the search bar on RecycleStuff.org. In San Mateo County, J&D Recycling in San Mateo is open with limited hours. Our staff is currently surveying CRV redemption centers to determine which are providing services in Santa Clara County.

Recycling, Reuse and Donation Centers

Due to shelter in place orders public health orders, many facilities are temporarily closed or have reduced hours of operation. Please call before bringing recyclables or donated materials to any facility. Facilities may be found by using the search bar on RecycleStuff.org.

Are Reusable Bags Required? Will I still have to pay for bags?

By Executive Order from the Governor, California has temporarily suspended the single-use ‘carryout bag ban” for cities covered by state legislation. The temporary period is for 60 days beginning on April 27, 2020. This order does not apply to cities and counties with ordinances that took effect before January 1, 2015.

According to Ron Fong of the President of the California Grocers Association (San Jose Mercury News, April 26, 2020, p. B1) “most grocery stores will no longer charge for bags during the 60-day suspension, even in places where Newsom’s order doesn’t apply.”

Cal/OSHA has issued guidance for the grocery industry. The safe handling of reusable bags and recyclable containers is addressed in the guidance. For information, please see https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Infection-Prevention-in-Grocery-Stores.pdf
Self-Haul Materials to Landfills and Transfer Stations

Please call ahead as conditions may change.

Landfills in Santa Clara County that continue to accept self-hauled material include:

- **Guadalupe Recycling and Disposal Facility**
  15999 Guadalupe Mines Rd, San Jose, CA, 95120
  (408) 268-1670
  http://guadalupe.wm.com/index.jsp
  Hours: Mon-Sat: 8am-4pm, Sun: Closed

- **Kirby Canyon Recycling & Disposal Landfill**
  910 Coyote Creek Golf Dr., Morgan Hill, CA, 95037
  (408) 779-2206
  https://www.wmsolutions.com/locations/details/id/184
  Hours: Mon-Fri: 7am-4pm, Sat: 7am-1pm, Sun: Closed

- **Mission Trail Waste Systems Transfer Station**
  1313 Memorex Dr., Santa Clara, CA, 95050
  (408) 727-5365 ex. 514
  http://www.missiontrail.com/TransferStation/
  Hours: Mon-Fri: 6am-4pm, Sat: 6am-2pm

- **San Martin Transfer Station**
  14070 Llagas Ave, San Martin, CA, 95046
  (408) 842-3358
  http://www.recologysouthvalley.com
  Hours: Tues-Sat: 8am-4pm. Sun-Mon: Closed
- **Zanker Material Processing Facility**
  675 Los Esteros Rd, San Jose, CA, 95134
  (408) 263-2385
  http://www.zankerrecycling.com
  Hours: Mon-Fri: 6am-4:45pm, Sat: 8am-3:45pm. Sun: Closed

  Landfills in *San Mateo County* that continue to accept self-hauled material include:

- **Blue Line Transfer, Inc.**
  500 East Jamie Court South San Francisco, CA 94080
  (650) 589-4020
  [www.ssfscavenger.com](http://www.ssfscavenger.com)
  Hours: Mon-Fri: 6am-4:30pm, Sat and Sun: Closed

- **Ox Mountain Landfill**
  12310 San Mateo Road (HWY 92) Half Moon Bay, CA 94019
  (650) 726-1819
  [www.republicservices.com](http://www.republicservices.com)
  Hours: Mon-Fri: 8am-4:30pm, Sun: Closed

**COVID-19 Information Resources**

Center for Disease Control: [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)
World Health Organization: [www.who.int](http://www.who.int)
U.S. EPA: [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)
Coronavirus Information: [www.conornavirus.gov](http://www.conornavirus.gov)
CalRecycle: [https://calrecycle.ca.gov/markets/covid-19](https://calrecycle.ca.gov/markets/covid-19) (for information on the impacts of COVID-19 on waste management and recycling)