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Garbage Cart Materials for All Cities of Santa Clara County

The following materials may be placed in the residential garbage cart in any city in Santa Clara County.

Campbell | Cupertino | Gilroy | Los Altos | Los Altos Hills | Los Gatos | Milpitas | Monte Sereno | Morgan Hill |

Mountain View | Palo Alto | San Jose | Santa Clara | Saratoga | Sunnyvale | Stanford University

For details of your city's recycling and garbage services, including large item (bulky) good pick-up services please see https://www.recyclestuff.org/ssc_cityinfo.php?County=1

Food/ Pet Waste (Sunnyvale residents place in the yellow "compost" side of the split cart)

Bones	• Eggs	• Grains
 Bread 	 Filters (e.g. coffee, tea) 	 Meat
 Coffee grounds 	 Fish and shellfish 	Pasta
 Dairy Products (e.g. cheese) 	• Fruit	 Pet waste (bagged)
 Diapers (bagged) 	Dough	 Poultry
	 Vegetables 	

Electronic Waste

 Audio tapes 	 Speakers 	 CD and DVS's (e.g. computer,
 Video tapes 		music)

Glass

Ceramics	Dishware-ceramic	Incandescent light bulbs
 Cookware-glass(e.g. baking 	 Eye glasses 	Mirrors
pans, Pyrex)	 Glass art 	

Metal

- Foil wrapped beverage pouches and boxes (Capri Sun)
- Nuts and Bolts
- Razors







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Paper

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- Cardboard-waxed or soiled
- Compostable ware
- Padded and Tyvek
- Envelopes
- Waxed paper

- Ice cream cartons
- Newspaper-dirty (paint,
- Pet waste or food/ grease)
- Paper cups and plastic-coated single-use cups
- Paper napkins
- Tissues (e.g. Kleenex)

- Paper towels
- Photographs
- Pizza delivery boxes
- Take-out food containers
- (e.g. fast food)
- Thermal fax paper

Plastic

- Chip bags
- Credit cards
- Foil beverage pouches
- Gloves-latex (single-use and disposable)
- Single use razors

- Pipe-PVC
- Rubber bands
- Shoes
- Straws
- Take-out food containers polystyrene foam
- Tarps
- Toothpaste and ointment tubes
- Utensils-plastic (e.g. spoons, forks, knives)
- Webbing/mesh (e.g. from lawn furniture

Polystyrene/ Styrofoam

- Cups and plates
 - Egg cartons- molded foam
- Foam packaging (e.g. from electronics)
- Meet trays-molded foam
- Packaging "peanuts" (bagged)
- Take-out containers polystyrene foam

Textiles/ Fabric (Try donating first)

- Accessories (e.g. belts, purses)
- Boots and shoes
- Carpet and rugs
- Cotton
- Rayon

- Electric blankets
- Fabrics
- Leather goods
- Linen
- Pillows
- Polyester

- Diapers-cloth or
- disposable
- Rubber
- Stuffed animals
- Vinyl
- Wool







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Household Hazardous Waste

DO NOT put these items in your curbside garbage or recycling.

Contact (HHW) Household Hazardous Waste (408)-299-7300 or HHW.org for disposal information.

- Auto and brake fluids
- Car batteries
- Cleaning fluids
- Computers
- Electric Waste (except as listed in recyclables)
- Electrical cords (phone/computer chargers)
- Fire extinguishers
- Fluorescent light bulbs (e.g. CFLs, tubes)
- Smoke Detector

- Grease and cooking oil
- Household Batteries (e.g. AA, AAA, D, nickel, cadmium, lithium)
- Laptops
- Monitors
- Motor oil
- Oil filters
- Lead
- Coolant

- Paints and stains (e.g. oil based and latex)
- Pesticides and fertilizes
- Pool and spa chemicals
- Solvents
- Syringes and sharps
- Televisions
- Transmission fluid
- Fuel tanks-with valve (e.g. helium, propane, gas tanks)



