

COVID-19 TRASH & RECYCLING FAQ

Please help us keep our community clean and safe and protect recycling workers!

What should I do with these items?



✓ Disposable masks and gloves

Personal protective equipment like **masks and gloves** belong in the **garbage**. They cannot be recycled. As litter on streets and parking lots, they get blown and washed into creeks and the Bay.

Tip: Keep a sealable plastic bag with you for your used gloves and mask, then dispose when you get to a trash can.



✓ Disposable wipes

Please do not throw **disposable wipes** into the toilet. They do not break down like toilet paper and can clog pipes and cause backups. Even if the packaging says “flushable” or “compostable,” they belong in the **garbage**.



✓ Household batteries, e-waste, and fluorescent bulbs

These items need **special disposal** and do not belong in the garbage. However, many facilities that typically accept these materials are closed or have reduced hours. Please hold on to them until drop-off facilities reopen!



✓ Unwanted items

Cleaning out? You may want to **designate an area or clearly labeled boxes to save items** that need to be donated or discarded once stay-at-home orders are lifted. Most donation drop-off sites are closed, and bulky item collections are on hold in most cities.

What else can I do to help?



Properly **separating recyclable and compostable materials** from garbage is now more important than ever! Please help minimize exposure for recycling workers by placing materials into carts and bins **loose (not in bags)**, **breaking down cardboard**, and **rinsing or wiping out** recyclable containers.

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