

recycling, organics & garbage



A LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Piedmont Resident,

I am pleased to introduce Piedmont's new garbage, recycling and green waste services in connection with our new contract with Richmond Sanitary Service, Inc. In meetings and hearings over the last year, Piedmont residents expressed a strong desire for expanded recycling and waste reduction services, including a food scrap recycling program. While most of you expressed a desire to keep backyard pick-up service, some of you indicated that you would prefer curbside service. I am pleased to inform you that in addition to the most expansive recycling options available in any Bay Area community, you will have the option of backyard or curbside collection under our new contract.

Residents of Piedmont currently divert more than half our solid waste from the landfill through recycling. As a result, our efforts have saved valuable natural resources such as trees, fuel and water. Our efforts have also reduced air and water pollution, and are assisting in the fight against global warming by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Together, we can do more to protect our environment. This resource guide will introduce our new services for Piedmont and offer easy steps you can take to increase the amount you recycle and decrease what gets sent to the landfill. You may be surprised to discover how much can now be recycled and how little waste needs to be thrown away.

Please refer to the following pages to learn all about your new blue Recyclables cart, your new green Organics cart and all the materials—in unlimited amounts—you can put in these carts. The more that we put into these carts, the less will be sent to the landfill. The guide also explains how to properly dispose of batteries, cell phones, fluorescent light bulbs, household hazardous waste, and electronic waste. It also offers suggestions for reusing and recycling the large amount of items you might want to discard after a spring cleaning. Please keep this informative guide handy in a convenient place. Feel free to use the enclosed magnetic clip to put this guide on your refrigerator or some place where you can access it easily as you get accustomed to our enhanced services. This clip along with all the materials provided here have been paid for through grant funding that the City obtained to support our effort to lead the Bay Area in protecting our environment.

Each of these small steps forward can collectively make a large contribution in the long run. I look forward to working together toward a greener and more sustainable future for Piedmont and for all of us!

Sincerely,
Abe M. Friedman
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Mayor



welcome

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FOOD SCRAPS



Fruits & vegetables



Meat, poultry, fish & bones



All dairy products, eggshells



Bread, grain, pasta & nuts



Leftovers & plate scrapings

FOOD-SOILED PAPER



Paper plates, cups, napkins, towels & tissues



Coffee grounds, filters & tea bags



Waxed paper cartons (milk, ice cream, juice)



Pizza boxes & take-out containers

PLANT DEBRIS



Grass, leaves, roots & weeds



Plants & flowers (including palm, yucca, cactus & ivy)



Branches & twigs (up to 6" diameter and 3' long)



Untreated & uncoated wood scraps & chips



COLLECTING FOOD SCRAPS

- Collect food scraps and food-soiled paper in the green kitchen pail.
- Empty the pail contents into the large green Organics cart for collection.
- DO NOT place the kitchen pail outside for collection.

Helpful Hints:

- Keep the pail handy during meal preparation and clean-up: on the counter, under the sink or attached to a cabinet door.
- Lining the pail helps make cleaning it easier. You may use newspaper, a paper bag or other compostable liner.
- Collect food scraps in a paper or compostable bag. Or wrap them in newspaper. Place the food scraps and paper in the green Organics cart.
- Collect food scraps in a milk carton or paper take-out container. Place the entire container in the green Organics cart.



ORGANICS INFORMATION

Organics collection is weekly, unlimited, and included at no extra cost. There is no need to pay your landscape service to haul your yard waste. If you need an additional Organics cart, or green waste overage bags at no additional cost for occasional yard clean-ups, please call Richmond Sanitary Service at 800-320-8077.

Holiday trees are collected from December 26th through January 15th. Trees should be cleaned of all tinsel, ornaments and stands and placed curbside on the regular collection day. Flocked trees will be picked up but cannot be recycled. After holiday service, clean natural trees can be trimmed, trunks cut to size (3' maximum), and placed in the Organics cart at your convenience.

KEEP OUT OF THE CART

- All plastics (including bags and flower pots)
- All glass and metal
- Rocks, dirt, concrete and sand
- Treated or coated wood
- Ashes
- Diapers
- Hazardous waste
- Pet waste

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PAPER



All types of paper
(newspaper, junk mail, office paper,
magazines, phone books &
paper bags)



Corrugated cardboard
(flattened boxes)



Clean egg cartons &
waxed paper containers
(rinsed & clean)



Shredded paper
(enclosed in paper bags only)

PLASTIC



All plastics #1-7
(bottles, jugs, wide-mouth
containers, tubs)



Polystyrene or Styrofoam
(blocks, sheets, containers,
peanuts & egg cartons)



Plastic bags, plastic wrap
& dry cleaning bags
(bagged or bundled with cotton
or hemp string)



Aseptic containers
(juice boxes, etc.)

GLASS & METAL



Glass containers
(bottles & jars)



Metal containers
(aluminum, tin, steel
& bimetal cans)



Aluminum foil & pans,
small scrap aluminum &
steel (up to 40 lbs. & 2' in
any dimension)



Spray cans
(empty and nontoxic),
metal lids & caps

BATTERY COLLECTION

Place dry-cell household batteries and cell phones in a sealed plastic bag on top of the blue Recyclables cart.

Accepted battery types include: household/flashlight batteries, rechargeable batteries, button/watch batteries, nickel cadmium (NiCd) batteries, nickel-metal hydride (NiMH) batteries, and lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries.



RECYCLING INFORMATION

Recycling is weekly, unlimited, and included at no extra cost. If you need an additional blue Recyclables cart at no additional cost, please call Richmond Sanitary Service at 800-320-8077.

KEEP OUT OF THE CART

- Ceramic plates and cups
- Window and mirror glass
- Light bulbs
- Glassware
- Hazardous waste, including household hazardous waste
- Metal coat hangers (return to your dry cleaner)



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NON-RECYCLABLE ITEMS SAFE FOR THE LANDFILL, INCLUDING:



Ceramic plates & cups



Diapers



Glassware



Treated wood
(painted or stained)



Hoses
(rubber or garden)



Disposable razors
& feminine products



Non-fluorescent
light bulbs

AND: Cat litter & pet feces, leather & rawhide, vacuum bags, plastics other than #1-7 (please cut 6-pack rings)



GARBAGE INFORMATION

Save money! Rates are based on garbage cart capacity, filled to the rim with the lid properly closed. Over one third of residential waste is compostable and can be added to the green Organics cart. By increasing the amount you recycle (unlimited quantity at no extra cost) and reducing the amount you throw away, you may be able to select a smaller garbage cart at a lower rate.

Please... before discarding anything, consider that many items not accepted in the blue Recyclables cart—from bubble wrap to DVDs to eyeglasses—can be reused or recycled. For a complete list of reusable and recyclable materials and the charitable institutions and vendors that accept them, use the Recycling Wizard at www.StopWaste.Org/recycle.

PRACTICE THE 4Rs

Reduce: Everyone can reduce the amount of waste generated by decreasing or eliminating consumption of such things as plastic and paper bags, items in excessive packaging, and disposable or single-use products like razors, lighters and pens.

Reuse: Rather than throwing products away, we can reuse them by donating to thrift stores, charities, or salvage yards.

Recycle: Keep up the good work! Piedmont residents who recycle their paper, bottles, cans, yard waste and food scraps help save natural resources, conserve energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Rot (compost): Compost made from food scraps placed in your green Organics cart or made in your own backyard compost bin is a rich soil amendment used by gardeners, landscapers and farmers to help grow healthy plants. For more information about backyard composting and low-cost compost bins, go to www.BayFriendly.org.

KEEP OUT OF THE CART

- Recyclables
- Organics, food scraps and food-soiled paper
- Hazardous waste, including household hazardous waste
- Electronics or batteries
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Paint, solvents, chemicals or pesticides
- Biohazardous or biomedical waste, including medications and needles
- Automobile parts, including oil, oil filters, batteries and tires

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BULKY WASTE ITEMS INCLUDE:



Furniture & carpets



Mattresses



Refrigerators, ranges, & similar appliances



Stereos, DVD players, microwave ovens & other small devices



E-Waste
(computers, monitors, TVs & other items containing cathode ray tubes, LCD or plasma screens)



Tires
(no rims)



Large plant debris
(up to 7' x 4' x 2' and/or 100 lbs, must be bundled and tied)



AND: Clothing is also accepted, but please consider donating used clothing to charity

COLLECTION

Bulky waste is collected on an on-call basis. Residential customers receive free bulky waste service up to an annual limit of four collections with a combined total of 20 cubic yards (10 cubic yards maximum each pick-up). Ten cubic yards is approximately 3' x 3' x 30' or 6' x 6' x 7'.

THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Hazardous waste
- Biohazardous or biomedical waste, including medications and needles
- Construction and demolition debris
- Concrete, rocks, bricks and dirt
- Automobile parts, including oil, oil filters or batteries

REMINDER

Please do not forget that many items can be reused or recycled. When you donate reusable or recyclable items to a charity you may be eligible for a tax deduction. To reuse or recycle bulky items, visit www.StopWaste.Org/recycle.

For bulky item pick-up, please call Richmond Sanitary Service at 800-320-8077 or visit www.richmondsanitarypiedmont.com.

bulky waste

HAZARDOUS WASTE ITEMS INCLUDE:



Paint, stain, varnish,
thinner & adhesives



Auto products:
motor oil & filters,
old fuel, batteries



Household batteries
*(please see page 7 about
recycling batteries)*



Fluorescent light bulbs



Cleaners &
chemicals



Pesticides,
herbicides & fertilizers



Medical Waste
(needles, syringes, etc.)



Mercury
thermometers

A complete list of household hazardous waste can be found at www.household-hazwaste.org.

HAZARDOUS WASTE

Many products found in households, garages and yards contain hazardous materials that must be disposed of properly.

Take your household hazardous waste (HHW) to an Alameda County HHW facility. **It's easy, free, and the only legal way to dispose of household hazardous waste.** To determine if a product is hazardous or to find locations and schedules for disposal at Alameda County's HHW facilities, please call 800-606-6606 or visit www.household-hazwaste.org.

Used Oil

Your automobile's used oil and oil filters can be recycled and **MUST** be disposed of legally. Have your oil and filter changed at a professional oil-change service provider. If you change your oil and filter yourself, please visit www.ciwmb.ca.gov/UsedOil/Centers/ to locate a certified used-oil recycling center near you.

Medical Waste

To properly dispose of home-generated syringes, needles and other sharps, you must obtain a certified medical waste disposal container, also called a sharps container (available at most pharmacies). The container may be disposed of at an Alameda County HHW facility for free, or mailed for proper disposal if the container was purchased with postage payment included.

Coffee cans, bleach containers and soda bottles are **NOT** acceptable substitutes for approved sharps containers and cannot be accepted at Alameda County HHW facilities.

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reference



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND WEBSITES

Richmond Sanitary Service	800-320-8077	www.richmondsanitarypedmont.com
Alameda County Recycling Hotline	877-STOPWASTE (786-7927)	www.StopWaste.Org
Household Hazardous Waste	800-606-6606	www.household-hazwaste.org
Needle and Syringe Disposal	800-606-6606	www.household-hazwaste.org
Used Motor Oil	800-CLEANUP	www.ciwmb.ca.gov/UsedOil/Centers
Bay-Friendly Gardening & Home Composting	510-444-SOIL (444-7645)	www.BayFriendly.org
Beverage Container Recycling	800-RECYCLE (732-9253)	www.bottlesandcans.com
Stop Junk Mail	877-STOPWASTE (786-7927)	www.StopJunkMail.org

GENERAL SERVICE AND COLLECTION INFORMATION

General Collection Schedule

Collection hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For missed collections, call Richmond Sanitary Service at 800-320-8077, before 12 noon for same-day return trip.

Holiday Collection Schedule

Collections will be one day later if your service day is on or after the following holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

General Service Information

For information on service, rates, methods of payment, prepayment discounts and other general questions, please call Richmond Sanitary Service at 800-320-8077 or visit www.richmondsanitarypedmont.com.





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