

# DROP-OFF RECYCLING CENTER

## Recycle at the EL CERRITO RECYCLING + ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE CENTER

The El Cerrito Recycling + Environmental Resource Center offers community members a convenient way to reduce their environmental footprint by offering extensive recycling and reuse services. As a LEED Platinum-certified facility that features a zero-net energy building, recycled rainwater catchment, rain gardens for treating storm water, native plantings, and reused building materials, the Center is also a living model of sustainability.

### ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- Batteries – household & auto
- Bicycles and parts
- Books and magazines\*\*
- Cardboard
- CDs and DVDs
- Clothing and hangers
- Electronic waste
- Eyeglasses
- Fluorescent bulbs: CFLs and tubes\*\*
- Food donations (non-perishable)
- Garden pots for reuse
- Glass bottles
- Metal (all)
- Newspaper
- Pallets (good condition)
- Paper, mixed
- Paper, office
- Plastic bottles (narrow-neck, #1 & #2)
- Polystyrene (“Styrofoam,” white #6 blocks)\*\*
- Reusable household items
- School & office supplies
- Sporting goods
- Textiles (any condition)
- Tools & hardware

*RecycleMore.com service area residents only*  
*\*\* Fees or Residency requirements may apply*

### NOT ACCEPTED:

- Ammunition & explosives
- Ballasts
- Building materials
- Construction debris
- Green waste (yard debris, food scraps)
- Dirt
- Household garbage
- Large furniture
- Mirrors & plate glass
- Plastic – bags, films, rigids
- Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners
- Major appliances
- Microwaves
- Tires
- Wood

*Restrictions and limitations may apply for business and commercial accounts. Only residential quantities of materials accepted.*



Photos by David Winkley



### LOCATION

**7501 Schmidt Lane**  
**El Cerrito, CA 94530**  
**510-215-4350**  
**El-Cerrito.org**

### HOURS

**Monday–Friday:**  
**8:00 AM to 5:45 PM**  
*Closes at 4:45PM*  
*Nov. 1 through Feb. 1*

**Saturday–Sunday:**  
**9:00 AM to 4:45 PM**  
*Closed on major holidays*

### SPECIAL EVENTS & TOURS

The Center holds monthly tours on the first Wednesday of each month from 3 PM to 4 PM and other special events, such as compost giveaways. Call 510-215-4350 or come to the Center for details.

To sign up for email alerts visit [El-Cerrito.org/GreenHappenings](http://El-Cerrito.org/GreenHappenings).

# MORE SERVICES

*Restrictions, limitations, and/or fees may apply for businesses and commercial accounts.*

### Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

Drop off HHW at the West Contra Costa Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility. Rates apply. Visit [RecycleMore.com](http://RecycleMore.com) or call 888-412-9277 for more information on rates and hours.



### Bulk Loads: Transfer Stations

For drop-off of bulk loads of garbage, green waste, or construction debris. Rates apply.

**Richmond: The Golden Bear Transfer Station is located at 1 Parr Blvd., Richmond, CA 94801, just west of the Richmond Parkway. 510-970-7260.**

**Berkeley: The Berkeley Transfer Station is located at 1201 Second Street, Berkeley, CA 94710, just off the Gilman Street freeway exit. 510-981-7270.**



### EBS Bulky Pickup Services

EBS collects and hauls materials for the landfill. **Rates apply.** Call 510-237-4321 for details.



### Reusables

Please donate usable goods to a local charity or discard them at the Recycling Center's ReUse Station. Or try listing them on [FreeCycle.org](http://FreeCycle.org), [Craigslist.org](http://Craigslist.org), or [Nextdoor.org](http://Nextdoor.org).



### “Recycle Where?”

Search for recycling and disposal instructions for numerous materials based on your location. See [RecycleWhere.org](http://RecycleWhere.org).

### El Cerrito Solid Waste Rates

See [ElCerrito.org](http://ElCerrito.org) for current rates.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

**CITY OF EL CERRITO ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES:**  
510-215-4350; [El-Cerrito.org](http://El-Cerrito.org)

**EAST BAY SANITARY:** 510-237-4321; [EBSAN.com](http://EBSAN.com)

**HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY:** 1-888-412-9277

**RECYCLEMORE:** 510-215-3125; [RecycleMore.com](http://RecycleMore.com)



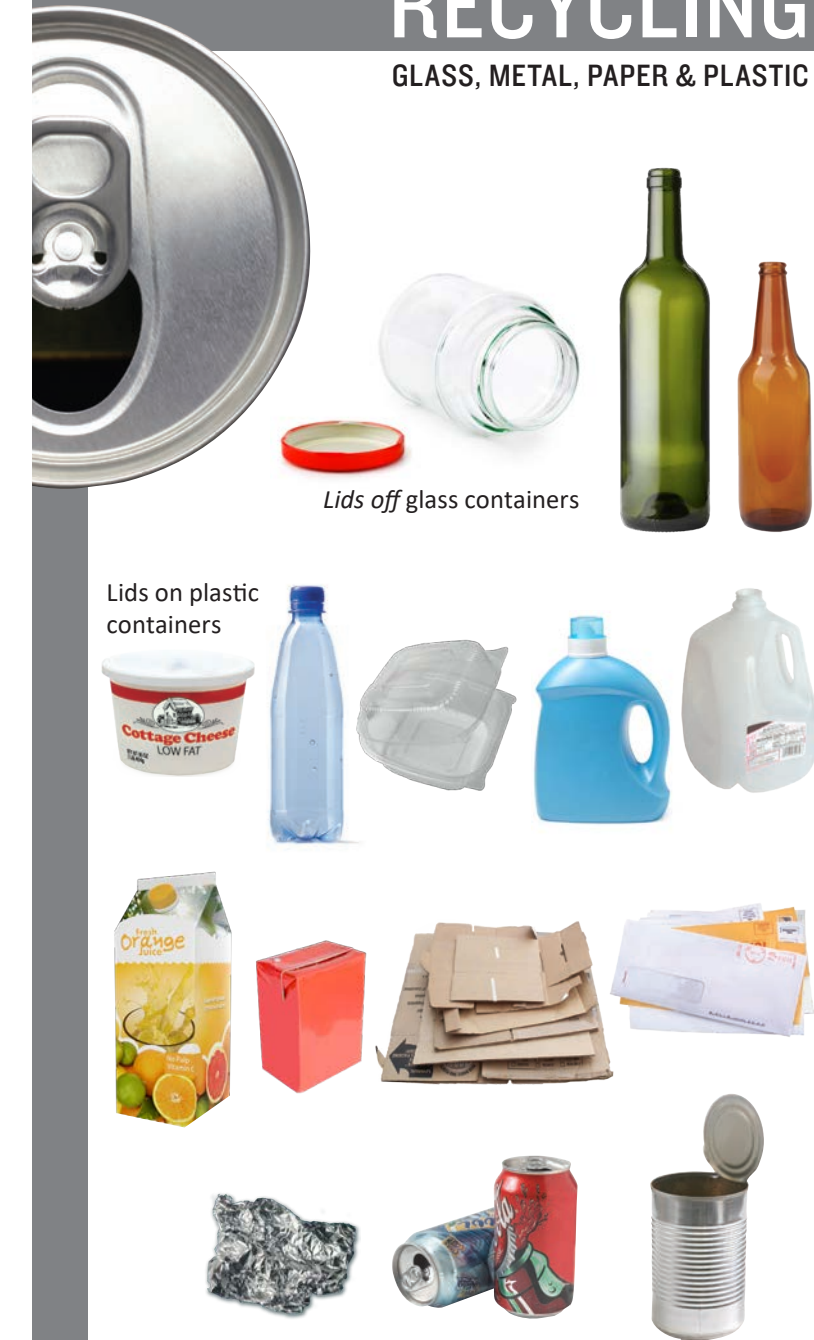
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# RECYCLING

GLASS, METAL, PAPER & PLASTIC

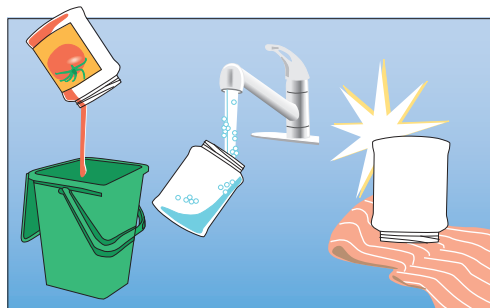


Lids off glass containers

Lids on plastic containers

## 3 EASY STEPS TO PREPARE RECYCLABLES

- 1) EMPTY
- 2) CLEAN
- 3) DRY



Recycling is collected up to 3 times a week by the City of El Cerrito.

More information: 510-215-4350  
El-Cerrito.org/CurbSideProgram



# GREEN WASTE & FOOD SCRAPS

GREEN WASTE, FOOD & FOOD SOILED PAPER



## NO PLASTICS!

NO PLASTIC BAGS, CONTAINERS OR UTENSILS



Green waste is collected by East Bay Sanitary.  
More information: 510-237-4321 • EBSan.com



Free pails are available for collecting your food scraps in the kitchen. Call 510-215-4350 to request one.

# GARBAGE/ LANDFILL



## BELONGS IN THE GARBAGE/LANDFILL

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Animal & human waste                                            | Painted wood                      |
| Diapers (used or clean)                                         | Plastic straws, utensils          |
| Chip bags (any mylar packaging)                                 | Plastic items smaller than 2"x 2" |
| Ceramics, dishware & glassware (best reused, e.g. art supplies) | Polystyrene (#6) food packaging   |
| Hoses, PVC pipe                                                 | Used tissues                      |



Garbage is collected by East Bay Sanitary.  
More information: 510-237-4321 • EBSan.com

# SERVICES & REQUIREMENTS

## Collection Details

East Bay Sanitary collects green waste, food scraps, and garbage and the City of El Cerrito collects recyclables from all businesses, institutions and multi-family units using a variety of containers. Choices include carts, dumpsters, and roll-off bins. Unsure of what size or how many times per week you need to meet your solid waste needs? Please contact East Bay Sanitary for green waste and garbage services and the City of El Cerrito's Recycling Center for recycling services.

## Mandatory Recycling and Green Waste Collection

Over the past decade, the State of California has passed multiple pieces of legislation requiring most businesses, institutions, and multi-family complexes to provide recycling and organics (green waste and food scraps) collection services. Legislation includes:

- AB 341 (effective 2012): Mandatory recycling services for businesses and multi-family units generating 4 or more cubic yards (CY) of garbage per week;
- AB 1826 (effective 2018): Mandatory green waste composting for specified multi-family complexes and commercial accounts;
- AB 827 (effective 2020): Requires accounts subject to mandatory recycling and organics requirements to provide indoor recycling and organics receptacles for customers;
- SB 1383 (effective 2022): Mandatory recycling, green waste and food scraps collection services for all commercial and residential properties and required edible food recovery for businesses (e.g. grocery stores) meeting specific thresholds.

In addition, the City of El Cerrito has several ordinances that help control certain types of problematic waste. These include:

- El Cerrito Plastic Bag Ordinance (ECMC 2013-03): Bans El Cerrito retail and other applicable businesses from providing single-use plastic bags;
- El Cerrito Foodware Ordinance (ECMC 2013-04): Bans El Cerrito food service businesses from providing prepared food in EPS foam foodware or take-out containers and instead use foodware containers that are either compostable or recyclable through the City's recycling program.
- Visit [El-Cerrito.org/SourceReduction](http://El-Cerrito.org/SourceReduction) for more information.

## Need help?

Both the City of El Cerrito and East Bay Sanitary provide free assessments, training, and materials to help get your business and apartments recycling, collecting organics, and in compliance with applicable laws. Contact us if you have questions or need assistance:

**City of El Cerrito Recycling Center:**  
[green@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us](mailto:green@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us); 510-215-4350

**East Bay Sanitary: 510-237-4321**

**ITEMS NOT ALLOWED IN ANY CURBSIDE CONTAINERS:** BATTERIES, ELECTRONICS, FLUORESCENT BULBS, HHW, MEDICINES, AND MEDICAL SHARPS. SEE BACK PANELS FOR INFORMATION ON PROPER DISPOSAL OF THESE ITEMS.