

A Greener El Cerrito

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Residential & Commercial Bulk Pick-Up Services



East Bay Sanitary provides residential customers free pick-ups of up to eight (8) large items, such as furniture or appliances **OR** twenty-five (25) 32-gallon bags, boxes or tied bundles of extra trash or green waste per calendar year. Total allotment permitted can be divided between two scheduled pick-up requests per calendar year. Residents can also request free curbside pick-ups of electronic & universal waste, including batteries, fluorescent lamps, TVs & computers, up to three times per calendar year. Call East Bay Sanitary at 510-237-4321 for details & to schedule a pick-up. *Note: offerings differ for apartment residents & must be arranged through the property manager. Commercial customers may receive a one time per calendar year free pick-up of four (4) large items (furniture or appliances) or twelve (12) 32-gallon bags of trash (only). For more information, visit ebsan.com/free-pick-ups. For questions, please contact East Bay Sanitary by phone at 510-237-4321 or by email at info@ebsan.com.

Christmas Tree Curbside Pick-ups

Clean, natural, non-flocked Christmas trees are picked up by East Bay Sanitary on your regularly scheduled service day beginning December 26th for three weeks. Please place your Christmas tree next to your carts **OR** cut up the tree & place it inside of your compost cart (green) for curbside collection. If placed in the compost cart, the lid **must** fully close. After January 17th, trees & flocked trees can be picked up for a fee. To schedule, contact East Bay Sanitary at 510-237-4321 or email info@ebsan.com. *Trees may also be taken for a fee to the local transfer stations in Berkeley or Richmond where green waste is accepted. For questions, please contact the Berkeley Transfer Station at 510-981-6300 or the Golden Bear Transfer Station in Richmond at 510-970-7260.



2025 Solid Waste and Recycling Rates

Residential Solid Waste Services include weekly collection of recycling (blue), compost (green) & garbage (black) carts; limited free on-call collection of larger quantities from your home; free access to the regional Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility & free access to most services at the El Cerrito Recycling + Environmental Resource Center. **Commercial Solid Waste Services** include collection of recycling, one 64 gallon compostable waste container collected once weekly & garbage. Commercial Solid Waste Services also include access to the El Cerrito Recycling + Environmental Resource Center (in quantities equivalent to those of residential properties). **Service Charges** apply for additional services. Visit el-cerrito.org/rates for a full list of services & charges.

GARBAGE CONTAINER SIZE	RESIDENTIAL SERVICE	COMMERCIAL / MULTI-FAMILY SERVICE
20 Gallon	\$51.79 per month	\$53.91 per month
35 Gallon	\$68.21 per month	\$71.13 per month
64 Gallon	\$135.46 per month	\$141.31 per month
1 Cubic Yard (Loose, weekly pickup)	NA	\$470.82 per month
2 Cubic Yards (Loose, weekly pickup)	NA	\$925.28 per month
Green Waste Collection (weekly pickup) Note: One 64-gal cart, 1x a Week included in base rate	Extra 35 gal cart is \$34.11 per month Extra 64 gal cart is \$67.75 per month	Extra 35 gal is \$34.11 per month Extra 64 gal is \$67.75 per month Extra 1 Cubic Yard is \$332.45 per month

COMPOSTING FOOD SCRAPS HELPS CURB CLIMATE CHANGE

When food scraps, yard waste & food-soiled paper (like napkins & pizza boxes) decompose at the landfill, they break down anaerobically (without oxygen) & emit methane - a greenhouse gas that traps 80x more heat than carbon dioxide.

Composting reduces methane emissions by pumping oxygen into compost piles as the organic materials decompose. Composting also returns water & nutrients back into the soil to help grow crops at farms & gardens across California.

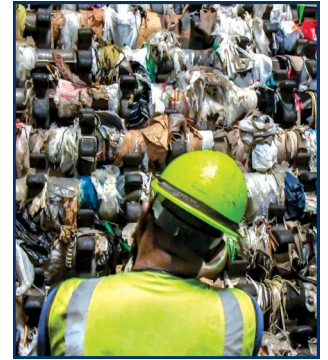


By placing our compostable waste in the green cart, we protect our planet from climate change!

For more information on El Cerrito's composting program, please visit El-Cerrito.org/GreenWaste.

PLASTIC BAGS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Plastic bags & other soft, stretchy plastics can tangle & damage sorting lines. Bagged materials can also be mistaken for garbage & your recycling cart may not be collected.



- Do not place plastic wrap, plastic film or plastic bags in your blue recycling cart.
- Place recyclables loose in your recycling cart.
- Place plastic bags & other soft stretchy plastics in the black garbage cart to be sent to landfill.
- Shredded paper can be placed in paper bags or cardboard boxes inside your blue cart.

For more information on what can go in your curbside recycling cart, please visit El-Cerrito.org/Curbside.



ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

RERC Hours	Recycling Center Hours: The Recycling + Environmental Resource Center (RERC) is open six days per week, Monday - Friday 8:30am-4:00pm, Saturdays 9:00am-4:45pm For the upcoming holidays, the Center will be closed as follows: Martin Luther King Jr. Day (1/20) & President's Day (2/17) . Curbside collection of recycling, compost & garbage will occur as normally scheduled.
Dec. 26 to Jan. 17	Free Christmas Tree Pick-Up: Christmas trees will be picked up free of charge as part of your compost service on your scheduled collection day through January 17th by East Bay Sanitary. A fee is charged for flocked trees. Please call (510) 237-4321 for more information or to schedule a flocked tree pick-up.
Jan. 5, Feb. 2, Mar. 2, Apr. 6	Baxter Creek Volunteer Work Days: Help remove litter & invasive plants from this jewel on the Ohlone Greenway. Work days will take place on the first Sunday of each month from 10am-12pm, except during major holiday weekends. RSVP is encouraged, but not required—(510) 215-4350 or green@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us .
Apr. 19	Celebrate Earth Day: Volunteer & join Citywide Work Parties from 9am-12pm. Find the latest event information at El-Cerrito.org/EarthDay .
Apr. 26	El Cerrito Green Mobility Fair: See what eco-friendly travel options are available in our community! More details to come as the date approaches. Find the latest event information at El-Cerrito.org/EarthDay .
May 17	Spring Citywide Garage Sale: Maps will be available online one week prior to the event. For more information or to register your garage sale as part of the event, please visit El-Cerrito.org/GarageSale .
May 3rd & 4th	Hillside Festival 2025: Mark your calendars for the El Cerrito Trail Trekkers' Annual Hillside Festival. The festival is free & features hikes, history events & more. Find more information, visit ectrailtrekkers.org .
1st Wed. Monthly	Free Tours of the Recycling + Environmental Resource Center: Join the City for a behind-the-scenes look at the LEED Platinum Certified Recycling Center on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 3pm. Tours at an alternative time can also be scheduled for a fee. RSVP is encouraged, but not required—(510) 215-4350 or green@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us .
3rd Sat. Monthly	Compost Giveaway: Free compost for El Cerrito residents & businesses only. Compost will be available at the Upper Cerrito Vista Parking Lot adjacent to the tennis courts (entrance off of Avis Drive). Available while supplies last. Limit of 5 cubic feet per household or business (approx. seven 5-gallon buckets).