

ONE-STOP RECYCLING CENTER

Recycle almost anything 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 comprehensive 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 a living model of sustainability.

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- Batteries – household & auto
- Bicycles and parts
- Books and magazines*
- Cardboard
- Clothing and hangers
- Electronic waste
- Eyeglasses
- Fluorescent bulbs: CFLs and tubes*
- Food donations (non-perishable)
- Garden pots for reuse
- Glass bottles and jars
- Household Hazardous Waste (HHW): **Tuesdays only****
- Medicines & Sharps*
- Scrap Metal
- Newspaper
- Pallets (good condition, size 48" x 40" only)
- Paper, mixed
- Paper, office
- Plastic bottles (narrow-neck, #1 & #2)
- Expanded Polystyrene/ EPS ("Styrofoam," clean, white #6 blocks, **El Cerrito Residents only, Thursdays only.**)*
- Oil-Motor oil & (metal) filters**
- Oil-Cooking oil (liquid)
- Reusable household items
- School & office supplies
- Sporting goods
- Textiles

* Fees and/or residency requirements may apply

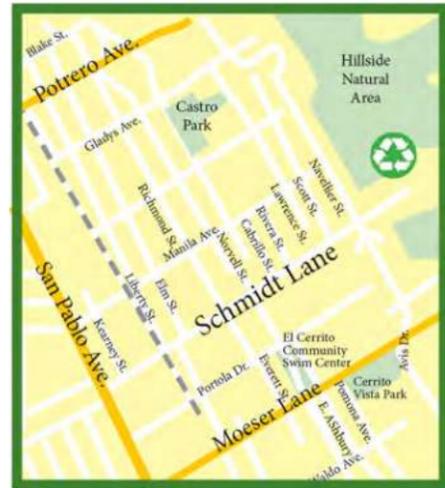
** RecycleMore service area residents only

NOT ACCEPTED:

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



Photos by David Weekly



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

HOURS
Monday–Friday:
8:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Saturday:
9:00 AM to 4:45 PM

Sundays and Major Holidays: CLOSED

TOURS & SPECIAL EVENTS

The Center holds tours on the first Wednesday of each month from 3pm to 4pm as well as other special events. Call 510-215-4350, come to the Center for details, or sign up for email alerts at El-Cerrito.org/GreenHappenings.

CRV BUY BACK

The Recycling Center **does not** offer payment for any materials. For a list of local Buy Back recycling facilities, visit calrecycle.ca.gov and click on the Bottles and Cans link.

DISCLAIMERS

- Accepted materials and facility hours subject to change.
- All materials subject to staff review and approval.

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/hazardous-waste/vsqq 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. Fees apply.

- Richmond: **Golden Bear Transfer Station**, 1 Parr Blvd., Richmond, CA 94801, just west of the Richmond Parkway, open Mon-Fri 7am-5pm and Sat-Sun 9am-5pm, 510-970-7260.
- Berkeley: **Berkeley Transfer Station**, 1201 Second Street, Berkeley, CA 94710, just off the Gilman Street freeway exit, open Mon-Sat 8am-4:30pm, 510-981-7270.



EBS Bulky Pickup Services

One time per year each commercial service recipient is entitled to receive a free large item collection. Call East Bay Sanitary at 510-237-4321 for details.



Reusables

Please donate reusable household items to a local charity or offer to the Reuse Trailer staff located at the Recycling Center. Or list them on Craigslist.org, NextDoor.com, FreeCycle.org, or Buy Nothing groups on Facebook.



Plastic Bag and Film Recycling

Visit bagandfilmrecycling.org for drop off options.

RE:Source

Search for recycling and disposal options for hard-to-recycle items. Visit resource.stopwaste.org.

Free Monthly Compost Giveaways

For El Cerrito residents and businesses, compost will be available at the Upper Cerrito Vista Parking Lot adjacent to the tennis courts (entrance off of Avis Drive) on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Available while supplies last. Limit of 5 cubic feet per household or business (approximately seven 5-gal. buckets).

CONTACT INFORMATION

EL CERRITO OPERATIONS + ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES:
510-215-4350; green@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us;
El-Cerrito.org/green
EAST BAY SANITARY: 510-237-4321; info@ebsan.com
HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY: 1-888-412-9277
RECYCLEMORE: 510-609-1215; RecycleMore.com



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CITY OF EL CERRITO

COMMERCIAL / MULTI-FAMILY

GARBAGE, RECYCLING, & ORGANIC RECYCLING SERVICES



Service Guidelines

- All businesses and residents must be enrolled in organic waste or "green waste" collection services and are required to properly sort materials for disposal. Free Slim Jim containers are available, contact the City of El Cerrito for more information.
- EBS provides garbage collection up to 6 days a week. One 64 gallon organics cart is included and serviced weekly. Additional organics carts are available for an additional monthly rate. See Ebsan.com for rates.
- City of El Cerrito provides recycling services up to five times per week on specific collection days, call 510-215-4350 to find out your collection days or to set up recycling services.
- Do not overfill carts; lids should close and material should move freely within the cart. Overage fees may apply if over-flowing. Materials placed outside of the carts **will not** be picked up.
- Sort properly (see inside brochure). Recycling and organics carts containing garbage may be subject to contamination charges.
- Holiday Schedule: Curbside collection occurs on all holidays except Christmas Day and New Year's Day. If those holidays fall on a regular collection day, then collection for that day and all following days in that week will occur one day later than usual.

RECYCLING

GLASS, METAL, PAPER & PLASTIC



Lids on plastic containers



Plastic containers #1, #2, and #5 only



DO NOT BAG!

3 EASY STEPS TO PREPARE RECYCLABLES

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



Recycling is collected weekly by the City of El Cerrito. More information: 510-215-4350
El-Cerrito.org/CurbsideProgram

Recycling Carts will change from gray to blue starting Spring 2023.

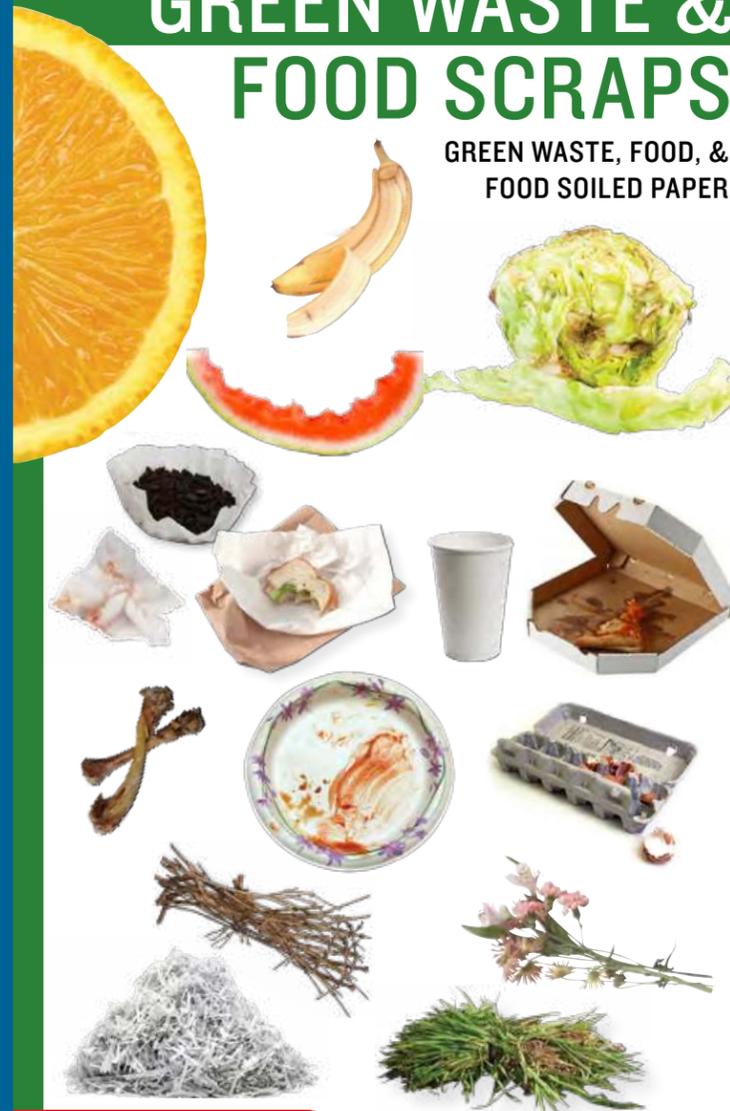


ITEMS NOT ALLOWED IN ANY CURBSIDE CONTAINERS: BATTERIES, ELECTRONICS, FLUORESCENT BULBS, HHW, MEDICINES, AND MEDICAL SHARPS. SEE BACK PANELS FOR INFORMATION ON PROPER DISPOSAL OF THESE ITEMS.



GREEN WASTE & FOOD SCRAPS

GREEN WASTE, FOOD, & FOOD SOILED PAPER



NO PLASTICS!

NO PLASTIC/BIOPLASTIC BAGS, CONTAINERS OR UTENSILS ALLOWED. ONLY ASTM D6400 COMPOSTABLE BAGS ACCEPTED.



Free Slim Jim containers are available. Call 510-215-4350 to request one.



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

All accounts will get a 64 gallon organics cart.



GARBAGE/ LANDFILL



BELONGS IN THE GARBAGE/LANDFILL

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| Animal & human waste | Painted wood |
| Diapers | Plastic straws, utensils |
| Plastic bags and film packaging | Plastic items smaller than 2"x 2" |
| Chip bags (any mylar packaging) | Polystyrene (#6) food packaging |
| Candy Wrappers | #3, #4, and #7 plastics |
| Ceramics, dishware & glassware (best reused, e.g. art supplies) | Used tissues |
| Hoses, PVC pipe | Mirrors or Plate glass |
| | Receipt paper |



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

Garbage / landfill carts will change from blue to black starting Spring 2023.



SERVICES & REQUIREMENTS

Collection Details

East Bay Sanitary collects green waste, food scraps, and garbage and the City of El Cerrito collects recyclables from 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 subscribe to recycling and organics (green waste and food scraps) collection services. Legislation includes:

- Assembly Bill (AB) 827 (effective 2020): Requires accounts subject to mandatory recycling and organics requirements to provide indoor recycling and organics receptacles for customers.
- Senate Bill (SB) 1383 (effective 2022): Requires mandatory recycling and organics collection services for all commercial and residential properties and requires edible food recovery for businesses (e.g. grocery stores) meeting specific thresholds. Proper sorting is essential and failure to comply could result in non-collection and additional costs. Certain businesses may qualify for a limited-term organics waiver. To request a waiver review visit Recycl.ist/CrdwW1.

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

- El Cerrito SB 1383 Ordinance (Municipal Code (MC): 2015-05): Mandatory organic waste reduction programs for all businesses.
- El Cerrito Plastic Bag Ordinance (MC 2013-03): Bans El Cerrito retail and other applicable businesses from providing single-use plastic bags.
- El Cerrito Expanded Foodware Ordinance (MC 2022-02): requires foodware to be compostable or reusable, and additionally requires foodware accessories to only be provided upon request.
- Visit El-Cerrito.org/SourceReduction for more information.

Need help?

Both the City of El Cerrito and East Bay Sanitary provide free assessments 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:

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East Bay Sanitary: info@esban.com; 510-237-4321