

# 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"x40"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, films, 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](http://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](http://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

### Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

Drop off HHW at the West County Resource Recovery facility at 101 Pittsburgh Ave, Richmond Wed - Sat. 9am-4pm. On **Tuesdays ONLY, 9am - 4pm**, HHW is accepted at the El Cerrito Recycling Center by HHW staff. RecycleMore service area residents only. Proof of residency is required. Call 1-888-412-9277 or visit [RecycleMore.com](http://RecycleMore.com) for more information.

### 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.

### Extra Pickups and Large Item Collection from EBS

Residents get two extra pickups per year of Garbage, Green Waste, or select Large items (e.g., furniture, mattresses, etc.) at no additional cost. **Note: offerings differ for residents in apartments and must be arranged through the property manager.** Additional Large/Bulky Items can be collected for a fee. 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](http://Craigslist.org), [NextDoor.com](http://NextDoor.com), [FreeCycle.org](http://FreeCycle.org), or Buy Nothing groups on Facebook.

### Plastic Bag and Film Recycling

Visit [bagandfilmrecycling.org](http://bagandfilmrecycling.org) for drop off options.

### RE:Source

Search for recycling and disposal options for hard-to-recycle items. Visit [resource.stopwaste.org](http://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](mailto:green@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us)  
[El-Cerrito.org/green](http://El-Cerrito.org/green)

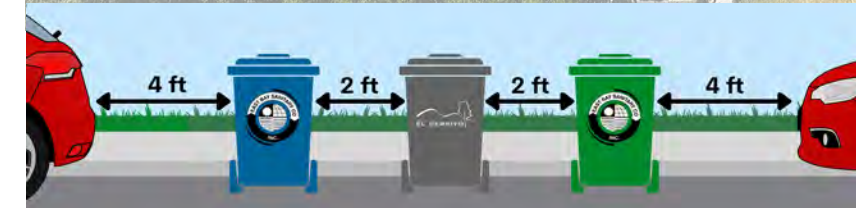
EAST BAY SANITARY: 510-237-4321; [info@ebsan.com](mailto:info@ebsan.com)

HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY: 1-888-412-9277

RECYCLEMORE: 510-609-1215; [RecycleMore.com](http://RecycleMore.com)



## CITY OF EL CERRITO RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE, RECYCLING, & ORGANIC RECYCLING SERVICES



## Cart Set Out & Curbside Information

- Garbage, recycling, and organic waste are collected every week. See [El-Cerrito.org/rates](http://El-Cerrito.org/rates) and [Ebsan.com](http://Ebsan.com) for rates.
- Carts should be placed on the street with the wheels against the curb by 6am on your collection day.
- Carts must be removed from curb by midnight on collection day.
- Leave 2 feet between carts and place them 4 feet from cars, power poles, mail boxes, trees or other objects.
- Bungee cords must be removed by 6am on collection day.
- 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 organic 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 off glass containers

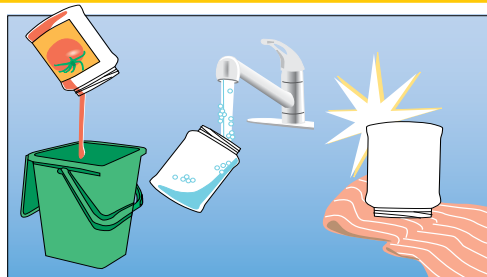
Lids on plastic containers

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](http://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 pails are available for collecting your food scraps in the kitchen. Call 510-215-4350 to request one. Limit of one pail per household.



Green waste is collected weekly by East Bay Sanitary. More information: 510-237-4321 • [EBSan.com](http://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   | Used tissues                      |
| (best reused, e.g. art supplies) | Mirrors or Plate glass            |
| Hoses, PVC pipe                  | Receipt paper                     |



Garbage is collected weekly by East Bay Sanitary. More information: 510-237-4321 • [EBSan.com](http://EBSan.com)

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



# SERVICES



## Senate Bill (SB) 1383 & Municipal Code 8.12

Requires that all residents must subscribe to the City's 3 cart system and properly sort recycling, organics, and garbage correctly. Ongoing failure to separate materials correctly may result in contamination charges. Visit [Ebsan.com/recycling-laws/](http://Ebsan.com/recycling-laws/) for additional information.

## Container Size:

To accommodate more recyclable material, and maximize diversion potential EBS and El Cerrito encourage the standard service of 20-gallon trash carts and 64-gallon recycling and organics carts. If more space is needed 35 and 64-gallon size trash carts are available, and carts for organics are available in both 35 and 64-gallon carts.

## FREE Electronic and Universal Waste Pick-up

Curbside pickup of batteries, fluorescent lamps and electronics up to three times per year. Call East Bay Sanitary at 510-237-4321 for details and **to schedule an appointment.**

## FREE Annual Bulk Recycling Pick-up

Residents get one bulky recycling pick-up per year. Call El Cerrito Recycling at 510-215-4350 for details.

## FREE Used Motor Oil & Filter Recycling Pick-up

Call 510-215-4350 to schedule a pick up or request a free oil recycling kit.

## FREE Christmas Tree Pick-up

Non-flocked, clean, natural Christmas trees are collected on your first two collection days in January. Place next to cart or cut up and place in green cart for collection day. Call East Bay Sanitary at 510-237-4321 for details.

## Special Services

- **Backyard collection service for residents with mobility limitations—available at no extra cost. Call 510-237-4321 for eligibility details.**
- **Door-to-Door Household Hazardous Waste Collection for those 65 or older or disabled. By appointment only. Call 1-888-412-9277 for eligibility details.**