

WELCOME TO EL CERRITO'S NEW RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING PROGRAM

Curbside recycling is easy—
All recyclables go in the gray cart.

HOW DO I USE MY NEW CART?

- ☀ See the top of your cart for photos and descriptions of recyclable items.
- ☀ Empty and place all recyclables loosely inside the cart. Bundle plastic bags and cut/break-down cardboard into pieces small enough to fit loosely in the cart.
- ☀ Carts will be emptied between 6:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please set carts out before 6:00 a.m. on your collection day (or put them out the night before).
- ☀ Do not overfill carts! Lids must be closed for pickup.



- ☀ Place all carts on the street so the wheels are against the curb with the numbers on the front of the cart facing the street.
- ☀ Please leave at least 1 foot between carts and 3 feet from other objects such as cars, shrubs, telephone poles, and other obstructions.



- ☀ In areas where there is not enough room on the street please make sure that carts are placed in the right-of-way and **NOT ON THE SIDEWALK.**
- ☀ **Carts placed on the on the sidewalk are a hazard to pedestrians and disabled persons.** Please help us reduce risk and keep costs low by placing carts where they are easily and safely accessible.



For more information please email or call the Environmental Services Division at green@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or 510-215-4350, or join us on Saturday, February 28th between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Recycling Center (7501 Schmidt Lane) for a live demonstration about how to use your new recycling carts.

RECYCLING QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What if my cart isn't full every week?

That's OK! You can put out your cart when it gets full on your regularly scheduled pickup day. **It is more efficient to collect full bins:** it saves time and fuel and is better for the environment.

What should I do with recyclables that won't fit in the cart?

All recyclables must be in the cart (with the lid closed) to be collected. Extra recyclables can be taken to the Recycling Center at 7501 Schmidt Lane. If you are unable to arrange for drop-off of extra recyclables because you are elderly, disabled, or have other hardships, please call 510-215-4350 to arrange for a special pickup from your home.

What do I do with my old recycling bins?

Keep them and use them for storage of extra recyclables, drop them off at the Recycling Center, or put them out on your curb for pickup on Saturday, February 28th by 7 a.m.

I'm elderly/disabled and can't move my cart, what do I do?

Call 510-215-4350 to request yard service for your recycling bins. This service is provided free of charge to elderly and/or disabled residents who can provide proof of needing the service.

NOT EVERYTHING CAN BE RECYCLED IN YOUR GRAY CART!

Though a lot can be recycled in your recycling cart, **certain items must not be put in your recycling containers.** Please refer to the list below for information about how to properly recycle or dispose of many of these items. Visit www.e recycling.org, email green@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us, or call 510-215-4350 for more detailed information.

☀ **Waxed Paper • Food and Food Soiled Paper and Cardboard**

Compost these items in your backyard. (Compost Hotline: 510-215-3021) or put them in your blue trash cart (East Bay Sanitary: 510-237-4321).

☀ **Yard Waste • Uncooked Fruit and Vegetables • Small Lengths of Unpainted Wood**

Compost these items in your back-yard or put these items in your green yard waste cart (East Bay Sanitary).

☀ **Broken Ceramics/Pots • Animal or Restroom Waste • Incandescent/Conventional Light Bulbs (Energy Efficient Bulbs – See Below) • Small Lengths of Painted/Treated Wood • Non-Hazardous/Toxic Chemical or Bodily Fluid Soiled Paper • Plastics • Other Non-Hazardous/Toxic Substances**

Put these items in your blue trash cart (East Bay Sanitary).

☀ **Home and Car Batteries • Cell Phones • Small Reusable Household Items and Clothes for Goodwill • Scrap Metal including Water Heaters, Stoves, Ovens, Washers, and Dryers • Reusable Books • Oil Filters • Large Pieces of Cardboard or Extra Recyclables that won't fit in your gray cart**

Free drop-off at El Cerrito Recycling Center and Goodwill Station (510-534-6666) located at 7501 Schmidt Lane, El Cerrito (510-215-4350).

☀ **Energy Efficient Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs) or Tubes • Microwaves • Cooking Oil • Electronics • Computers and TV's • Chemicals, Fuels, Paints and Other Toxins • Medical Waste and Used Needles/Sharps • Used Motor Oil and Filters • Other Potentially Hazardous or Toxic Materials**

Free drop-off at West County Household Hazardous Waste Facility and free home pickup for elderly and/or disabled persons. Call 888-412-9277 for details, hours, location, or to schedule a pickup.

☀ **Refrigerators • Freezers • Air Conditioners, Mattresses and Box Springs • Construction and Demolition Debris • Concrete • Large Amounts of Trash, Compost, Dirt, and Yard Waste**

Drop-off at Richmond (510-236-8451) or Berkeley (510-981-7270) Transfer Stations (fees apply).