ACCEPTED ITEMS:
• Batteries – household & auto
• Bicycles and parts
• Books and magazines
• Cardboard
• CDs and DVDs
• Clothing and hangers
• CFLs and tubes
• Plastic bottles (narrow-neck, #1 & #2)
• Polystryrene (“Styrofoam,” white #6 blocks)**
• Reusable household items
• School & office supplies
• Sporting goods
• Textiles (any condition)
• Tools & hardware

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, rigid containers
• 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.

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.
RECYCLING
GLASS, METAL, PAPER & PLASTIC

3 EASY STEPS TO PREPARE RECYCLABLES

1) EMPTY
2) CLEAN
3) DRY

Green waste 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 & food soiled paper

GREEN WASTE & FOOD SCRAP

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 2012): 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 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; 510-215-4350
El-Cerrito.org/CurbsideProgram

East Bay Sanitary: 510-237-4321