

DROP-OFF RECYCLING CENTER

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

- Appliances (no CFCs)
- Art, school & office supplies
- Batteries—household and auto
- Bicycles and parts
- Books & magazines **
- Cardboard
- CDs & DVDs
- Clothing & textiles
- Electronic waste
- Eyeglasses
- Fluorescent bulbs & tubes**
- Food donations
- Garden pots for reuse
- Glass bottles
- HHW (Tuesdays only)
- Medicines & Sharps
- Metal
- Microwaves
- Newspaper
- Pallets (good condition)
- Paper, mixed
- Paper, office

- Plastic bottles
- Polystyrene (white blocks)**
- Oil—Motor oil & filters
- Oil—Cooking oil
- Reusable household items
- Sporting goods
- Textiles (any condition)
- Tools & hardware

**** Fees may apply**

NOT ACCEPTED!

- Ammunition & explosives
- Ballasts
- Building materials
- Construction debris
- Garbage
- Green waste, dirt
- Large furniture
- Plastic – bags, film, rigid
- Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners
- Tires

LOCATION

**7501 Schmidt Lane
El Cerrito, CA
510-215-4350
www.el-cerrito.org**

HOURS

**Monday—Friday
8:00 AM to 5:45 PM ***

*Closed 1 hour earlier Nov. 1 through Feb. 1

**Saturday—Sunday
9:00 AM to 4:45 PM**

Closed on all major holidays

SPECIAL EVENTS & TOURS

The Center holds monthly tours on the first Wednesday of each month from 3 to 4 PM and other special events, such as compost giveaways. Call 510-215-4350, come to the Center for details, or sign up for email alerts at www.el-cerrito.org/393/Monthly-Email-Updates.

MORE SERVICES

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

Drop-off all HHW at the West County Resource Recovery facility at 101 Pittsburg Avenue, Richmond. On **Tuesdays Only**, HHW is accepted at the Recycling Center by HHW staff. Proof of residency is required. Call 888-412-9277 or visit recyclemore.com for more information.

Bulk Solid Waste Loads: Transfer Stations

For drop-off of bulk loads of garbage, green waste or construction debris. **Fees apply.**

- **Richmond:** The **Golden Bear Transfer Station** is located at 1 Parr Blvd. in Richmond, just west of the Richmond Parkway, 510-970-7260.
- **Berkeley:** The **Berkeley Transfer Station** is located at 1201 2nd St. in Berkeley, just off of Gilman St. freeway exit, 510-981-7270.

Other Bulky Pick-Up Services

See Pick-Up Services on reverse panel for more information.

Reusable Items

Please donate reusable household items to a local charity or at the Donation Station located at the Recycling Center. Or list them on freecycle.org, craigslist.org, or nextdoor.com.

Recycle Where?

Search for recycling and disposal options for hard to recycle items. Visit recyclewhere.org.

El Cerrito Solid Waste Rates

Visit www.el-cerrito.org for current rates.

CONTACT INFORMATION

City of El Cerrito Environmental Services
510-215-4350; www.el-cerrito.org

East Bay Sanitary: 510-237-4321

Hazardous Waste Facility: 888-412-9277

RecycleMore: 510-215-3125; www.recyclemore.com



EVERYTHING

YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT

RECYCLING GREEN WASTE & GARBAGE SERVICES

IN EL CERRITO

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RECYCLING



Glass, Metal, Paper & Plastic

- **Glass**—bottles & jars (lids off; rinsed & dry)
- **Cans**—aluminum, steel and tin (rinsed & dry)
- **Cartons**—milk, juice & aseptic (rinsed & dry)
- **Metal**—pots & pans, trays, loose jar lids, scrap
- **Paper**—box board, cardboard, envelopes, junk mail, magazines, office paper, paper bags, soft-cover books
- **Plastic bottles & jugs** (caps on; rinsed & dry)
- **Plastic containers**—yogurt tubs, # 1 PET clam-shell trays (rinsed & dry)
- **Rigid plastics**—buckets, pails, laundry baskets

Recycling collected weekly by City of El Cerrito.
More information: 510-215-4350

GREEN WASTE & FOOD SCRAPS



Free kitchen food scrap pails are available through the Recycling Center. Call 510-215-4350.

Yard, Food & Food-Soiled Paper

- **Food scraps**—breads, cheese, eggs shells, fruits, meat & bones, vegetables, etc.
- **Food soiled papers**— coffee grounds and filters, egg cartons, used paper cups, plates, napkins & food wrappers, paper-molded take-out containers, tea bags (but nothing that looks like plastic, such as PLA cups or utensils)
- **Yard waste**—grass clippings, leaves, small branches, plants, etc. (no sod or dirt)

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

GARBAGE/ LANDFILL



Not Recyclable or Compostable

- **Animal & human waste**
- **Diapers** (used or clean)
- **Chip bags** (all mylar packaging)
- **Ceramics, dishware & glassware**
- **Hoses, PVC Pipe, #3 Plastics**
- **Painted wood**
- **Plastic bags & films**
- **Plastic straws, utensils**
- **Plastic items** smaller than 2"x 2"
- **Polystyrene (#6)** food packaging
- **Used Tissues**

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PICK-UP SERVICES



Curbside Cart Set-Out Instructions

Place carts on the street with lids closed and wheels against the curb by 6 AM or the night before your collection day. Remove any bungee cords. Leave 1.5 feet between carts and place them 3 feet from parked cars.

Free Annual Bulk Recycling Pick-Up

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

Free Annual Bulk Garbage & Green Waste Pick-Up

Residents get one extra pick-up per year of both garbage and green waste. Call East Bay Sanitary at 510-237-4321 for details.

Free Christmas Tree Collection

Christmas trees are collected on the first two collection days in January. Call East Bay Sanitary at 510-237-4321 for details.

Holiday Schedule

Curbside collection occurs on all holidays except Christmas Day and New Year's Day. If those holidays all on a regular collection day, the collection for that day and all following days in that week will occur one day later, including Saturday pick-up for the regular Friday collection day.

Elderly/Disabled Services

- **Backyard collection services** available at no extra charge for qualified residents. Call 510-237-4321 for eligibility details.
- **Door-to-Door HHW Collection** by appointment. Call 888-412-9277 for eligibility details.