

Business Recycling Services

The **City of Milpitas** and **Allied Waste Services Commercial Recycling Program** is **free** and available to all businesses in the City of Milpitas. Call **Allied Waste Services** at **(408) 432-1234** today to schedule a walk-through waste audit, sign up or increase your recycling service and learn how you can encourage your colleagues to recycle.

As part of this free Business Recycling Program you receive:

- A dedicated Recycling Coordinator to answer all your questions
- Recycling collection that best fits your needs (1-8 cubic yard container sizes. Collection service available up to 6 days per week)
- Deskside recycling boxes
- Training for your office staff
- Educational posters, fliers and decals

Recycle Right

The Business Recycling Program makes recycling a breeze. Just place accepted recyclable items in your deskside recycle box or a central container in your workplace (just be sure to empty deskside boxes or containers into your outside white bin when they are full). No separating needed! It's an easy, safe and environmentally-friendly process.

Follow the guidelines on the right to make your program a success.

Accepted Recyclables

- Cardboard (flattened)
- Mixed Paper (newspaper/magazines, phone books/directories, junk mail, brochures)
- Aluminum & metal cans, glass bottles & jars
- Plastic containers
- Shredded Paper (place large amounts in a paper bag & staple closed)
- Beverage Containers labeled CA CRV (glass & plastic bottles, aluminum cans)
- Spiral-bound or glue-bound books & manuals
- Plastic grocery bags

Not Accepted

- Food & food containers
- Styrofoam
- "Peanuts" packaging material & loose bubble wrap
- Wood
- Black Plastic
- Restroom & kitchen waste paper
- Glass panels & fluorescent light bulbs
- Photographs & film
- CD & jewel cases

There are two ways to handle recycling:

1. Janitors may empty deskside recycling boxes onto a cart, then empty recycling into the outside white bin, or;
2. Your business purchases inside recycling containers. Employees empty contents of deskside recycling boxes into these centrally-located containers. Janitors then empty recycling from here into the outside white recycling bin.



Recycling Options

Food Waste Recycling



Reducing waste maintains sustainable business practices. If your business generates food waste, consider composting. Food scrap takes up precious (and expensive) space in your garbage bins and the landfill. Compost! It may save a little “green” in your wallet as well!

The City of Milpitas and Allied Waste

Services offer a voluntary Food Waste Compost Pilot Program to qualifying businesses within Milpitas. There is a cost associated with the program. Your Allied Waste Recycling Coordinator will review this with you and provide the free walk-through waste audit to determine potential composting opportunities.

The Food Waste Composting program not only frees up space in your trash container, it's easy to use. Designate a container to place food scraps and, when full, empty the container in your food waste recycling bin (sizes 1-3 cubic yards available, collection up to 6 days per week). While the program allows biodegradable plastic bags, loose scraps work best for composting.

Accepted

Fruits & Vegetables
Dairy Products
Breads & Pastas
Meat & Seafood (including bones & shells)
Waxed Cardboard
Coffee Grounds (no filters)
Yard Trimmings & Clean Wood

Not Accepted

Plastic Bags & Containers
Food Soiled Paper
Paper Cups, Tea Bags & Napkins
Loose or Shredded Paper
Metal & Glass
Styrofoam & Latex Gloves
Painted or Treated Wood
Garbage, Coffee Filters, Flour Bags



Yard Trims Composting

Manicured lawns, carefully cultivated flower beds and hedges with not a weed in sight! Immaculate landscaping sets an important first impression with customers. Don't trash yard trims, recycle them!

Accepted

Grass Clippings
Brush & Weeds
Prunings & Tree Trimmings
Leaves
Tree Trunks of less than 6" in diameter & 3' in length
Vegetables & fruit on the vine or limb

Not Accepted

Rocks
Concrete
Sod
Dirt
Plastic Bags
Loose fruit or vegetables
Pet Waste

Commercial Hazardous Waste Disposal

The County of Santa Clara offers small business owners in Santa Clara County a cost effective and environmentally sound option to meet hazardous waste recycling and disposal needs.

If your business qualifies as a Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG), then you have the opportunity to participate in the program. Contact the **County of Santa Clara Hazardous Waste Program** at **(408) 299-7300** to find out if your business qualifies as a CESQG.

Some of the items accepted in the programs are:

- Solvents, Flammable Solids & Liquids, Detergents
- Propane Tanks, Helium Tanks, Aerosol Cans
- Automotive Fluids, such as Motor Oil, Lubricants, Oil Filters, Antifreeze
- Landscaping Chemicals, such as Pesticides, Herbicides, Fungicides, Fertilizers
- Latex & Oil Paint, Paint-related Materials, such as Stains, Varnishes, Roofing Tar, Adhesives, Joint Compounds, & other Petroleum-based Products
- Developer & Fixer
- Acids, Bases, Oxidizers, and Swimming Pool Chemicals
- Mercury-containing products such as Fluorescent Tubes, Thermometers, and Button Batteries
- Alkaline and Re-chargable Batteries

Know Your Recycling Business

Recyclers can either save or cost you money. Before entering into any recycling partnership, it pays to know about the types of recyclers, their services and what to ask.

1. Commercial recycling is a **NO COST** business in the City of Milpitas, meaning *no hauler shall charge to serve any type of recycling container.*
2. Mix it up! The City of Milpitas and Allied Waste Services Commercial Recycling Program allows you to place all accepted materials in one bin. *The City of Milpitas Solid Waste Ordinance V-200-5.20 allows you to receive service from another hauler. However, all recyclable materials must be separated into individual containers for collection.*
3. Make sure your recycler has a franchise agreement and registered business license with the City of Milpitas. The recycler must carry insurance. Call the **City of Milpitas** at **586-3353** for more information.
4. Some recyclers operate under contract and others have a casual working relationship. Without a contract, the recycler may stop service when the recycling market slows. This may result in safety hazards and unsightly, overflowing bins. The City's franchise agreement with Allied Waste Services ensures that collection services does not fluctuate. Be specific about your requirements before signing a contract.
5. Ask about a recycler's ability to provide adequate containers and consistent collection. Debris left for too long attracts vermin and becomes a fire hazard.
6. Always report scavenging to the **Milpitas Police Department** at **586-2400**. Scavengers recycle from your facility without permission. They may seem convenient, but most likely are not insured. Discourage scavengers by locking your bins at night (keyed locks available for a small fee from Allied Waste Services).



Recycling is part of your business – minimize the risks and maximize the rewards!

Business Medical Waste

Businesses that generate medical waste may contact the **Santa Clara County Medical Waste Program** at **408-918-3400**. Service options include:

Stericycle - www.stericycle.com **(866)783-7422**

Enserv - www.medserve.com **(866) 210-1280**

Illegal Dumping

Any waste stored on private property and within public view is the responsibility of the property owner or lessee even if materials have been illegally dumped at your business. You are responsible to clean up the mess, including placing materials in your trash bin. **Report illegal dumping immediately.** Call the **Milpitas Police Department** at **586-2400**.

Graffiti

Volunteers called “Graffiti Terminators” remove graffiti on private property **FREE of charge** as long as it is accessible and no more than 6 feet off the ground.

Volunteers use neutral colors that may not

match existing paint. If you already have matching paint, you may supply it for the volunteers on your property. To request volunteer services and obtain a waiver, please call **(408) 586-3078**. The City also welcomes new volunteers.

If you observe graffiti on your waste or recycling container, please contact **Allied Waste Services** at **432-1234** to clean or replace the containers.



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Garbage Services

First, find out what your business can reuse and recycle. Then, choose the best level of garbage service for your company. Commercial garbage collection is available in a variety of container sizes, ranging from 96-gallon carts up to 40-cubic yard debris boxes. Containers may be serviced up to 6 days per week. Contact **Allied Waste Services** at **(408) 432-1234** for pricing and assistance in setting up delivery today.

Service Frequency Maximums

You can save money if employees can keep “dry” and “wet” waste in separate collection containers. For certain container types, non-putrescible or dry waste have a longer collection time than putrescible or wet waste.

Container Type	Putrescible Solid Waste	Non-Putrescible Solid Waste	Recyclables
Front-end Loader Bins	Weekly	Weekly	1 time per 30 days
Debris Boxes (open top roll-off)	Weekly	Weekly	1 time per 30 days
Compactors	Weekly	1 time per 30 days	1 time per 60 days

Dry waste, known as non-putrescible waste, cannot be decomposed by micro-organisms rapid enough to cause odors, gases, attraction of vectors or other offensive conditions. Recyclables are a dry waste (except food scraps and landscape cuttings).

Wet waste, known as putrescible waste, is that which is likely to become putrid. It includes wastes that contain organic materials such as food and wastes from animal or vegetable origin.



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