

## What is and isn't recyclable?

*Please follow the tips below for easy recycling and ensure that all recyclables are placed securely in the correct recycling bin*

### Examples of non-recyclable items:

- **Used motor oil.** You can drop off your used motor oil at a certified collection center. Please call the Recycling Hotline at 1-800-533-8414 for a collection center near you.
- **Hazardous waste.** Anything that is labeled toxic, poisonous, corrosive or flammable is considered hazardous waste and must be properly disposed. Used auto parts are often covered in hazardous materials and these should be disposed of carefully. The County of Santa Clara's Household Hazardous Waste Program will accept materials such as automotive fluids, paint, pesticides and batteries, free-of-charge. Please call the Household Hazardous Waste Program at (408) 299-7300 for an appointment. Numerous hazardous waste disposal links can be found at <http://www.hhw.org/>.
- **Plastic toys.** Most toys are made of different types of plastic mixed together. Plastics cannot be mixed together during the recycling process.
- **Paper cups and plates** (even clean ones). The recyclers must always assume that food residues exist, even if they don't, because food waste is a contaminant for recycled paper.
- **Any paper that has touched food:** Frozen food boxes. These have a wax coating which cannot be removed during recycling. Beverage cups, coffee cups, bags, donut boxes, burger wrappers, ice cream cartons, pizza boxes, paper plates, anything that has ever touched food directly.
- **Binder Clips may not be recycled:** Staples and small paper clips may be recycled.
- **Polystyrene (Styrofoam™):** Styrofoam containers and foam packaging blocks and peanuts are not recyclable
- **Small Appliances.** Unless they are at least 80% metal, they are not recyclable.
- **Metal:** aerosol can (empty or full), construction debris, nails, metal pipes or car parts, pots and pans
- **Computers, printers, fax machines, etc.** – call Weird Stuff in Sunnyvale to see if they'll take it 408-743-5650 or you can recycle them at sMaRT Station at 301 Carl Road in Sunnyvale, 408-752-8530.

### Examples of recyclable items:

For a **comprehensive** list of what **IS** recyclable, see <http://www.recycleplus.org/>

- **Cans:** empty and rinse aluminum, cat food, steel and tin cans,
- **Cartons:** empty, rinse and flatten cartons (no frozen foods packaging).
- **Glass:** empty and rinse bottles and jars. Lead wrapping and corks from wine bottles are garbage.
- **Plastic Bags:** bundle plastic bags inside a plastic bag and knot the top.
- **Plastics:** empty and rinse plastic containers and items numbered 1-7.
- **Paper:** flatten all boxes and cartons. Tie shredded paper in a plastic bag. Staples, tape and plastic windows in envelopes can be recycled. Staples and small paper clips may be recycled.
- **Scrap Metals:** clean and dry small household appliances or pans. Call (408) 277-2700 for information about recycling car parts and other metals.
- **Textiles:** If possible, donate textiles to charity. To recycle, tie fabrics in a clear plastic bag. Buttons and zippers can stay on clothing. No rags or textiles soiled with chemicals, oil, or paint.
- **Cardboard:** Please breakdown and flatten all boxes and place them in one of the two recycling bins on the property. One is near the carwash area on Central Ave. and the other is near Cypress Point Drive near units 45-48.
- **Paper Products:** catalogs, magazines, telephone books (no plastic wrappers), cereal and cake mix boxes (remove all liners), computer and plain fax paper, construction or art paper (less than 50% painted), egg cartons, junk mail and envelopes, paperwork books, post-it notes, shredded paper (no plastic bag)
- **Plastic Bottles and Tubs #1 through 7 (all should be rinsed thoroughly):** baby wipe tubs, bakery deli and salad tubs (no clamshells), cottage cheese tubs, detergent bottles, milk jugs (no lids or caps) peanut butter jars, prescription bottles, shampoo bottles, syrup bottles, water, soda and juice bottles, yogurt tubs

If you have a question regarding recycling call Foothill Disposal at 935 Terra Bella in Mountain View 650-967-3034.

<http://www.foothilldisposal.com/services.htm>