



# Lake County Recycling News

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## KEEP DANGEROUS & HAZARDOUS ITEMS OUT OF YOUR BLUE CART

To understand why certain items should not be put in your blue cart, it's important to know what happens to the material in your cart. When you put all different kinds of recyclable material in one blue cart, that is called *single-stream recycling*. When the material is collected at the curb, this mixed material is delivered to a Material Recovery Facility (MRF) located in Ukiah. The MRF is responsible for sorting this mixed recycling into separate groups (by material type) to be recycled.



When mixed material arrives at the MRF, it is loaded onto a conveyor belt to first go through what is known as the "pre-sort" line. Multiple recycling workers physically pull out items by hand that did not belong in the blue cart



like garbage, large ridged plastic, wood, metal, e-waste and "tangles" (e.g. clothing, plastic bags, hoses, cords, wires, etc.).



Remaining material continues along the belt, and next, the system automatically sorts cardboard, paper and glass from the belt off the line into separate piles. The end of the line uses magnets to pull tin cans, eddy currents to separate aluminum cans, and recycling workers to sort plastic bottles and containers by hand. Your single-stream cart has now been sorted into individual groups of materials through a combination of automation and manual labor.

Sorted materials that have a recycling market are baled and shipped to their final destination. Garbage collected from both the pre-sort and end of the line is known as residual and is disposed of at a landfill.



### HERE ARE SOME COMMONLY FOUND ITEMS THAT ARE HARMFUL TO BOTH THE MACHINERY AS WELL AS THE RECYCLING WORKERS.

#### **We Tangle Machines**

Tanglers are generally long stretchy items including plastic bags, clothing/textiles, bedding, bungee cords, garden hoses, electrical cords, and Christmas lights. When these items get caught in the MRF line, there is increased risk for fire, worker injury and permanent damage to equipment. Tanglers from blue carts will shut down the sort line, forcing workers to scale machinery and cut them out. This jeopardizes the equipment and endangers the health and safety of recycling workers. Keep these items out of your blue cart. See [LakeCountyRecycles.com](http://LakeCountyRecycles.com) to learn how to dispose of these items properly.



#### **We are Hazardous**

Real people sort through your recyclables. Keeping recycling workers safe is the top priority at material processing facilities. Batteries can cause fire, needles can pierce even the strongest cut-resistant gloves, and propane cylinders can explode. Keep these items out of your blue cart. See [LakeCountyRecycles.com](http://LakeCountyRecycles.com) to learn how to dispose of these items safely.



## 2020 HHW Drop-Off Events

Household hazardous waste drop-off events are planned for the following dates between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm.

- March 20/21 – Clearlake
- April 17/18 – Lakeport
- May 9th **ONLY** – Lucerne
- May 15/16 – Clearlake
- June 19/20 – Lakeport
- July 17/18 – Clearlake
- August 21/22 – Lakeport
- September 18/19 – Clearlake
- October 10th **ONLY** – Hidden Valley Lake
- October 16/17 – Lakeport
- November 20/21 – Clearlake
- December 19th **ONLY** – Lakeport

### Lakeport

Lake County Waste Solutions  
Transfer Station & Recycling Center  
230 Soda Bay Road

### Clearlake

Quackenbush Mountain Resource  
Recovery & Compost Facility  
16520 Davis Street (next to Eastlake  
Landfill)

### Hidden Valley Lake

Hidden Valley Lake Fire Station #63  
19287 Hartmann Rd. (by Post Office  
Boxes)

### Lucerne

Lucerne Harbor Park  
6217 - 6225 State Highway 20

**Toxic.Free.Home.**



## Holiday Collection Schedule

Collection is delayed by one day for customers whose service day falls on or after the following holidays when they occur on a weekday:

- Memorial Day
- July 4th
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day
- New Year's Day

The Lake County Transfer Station & Recycling Center will also be closed on these holidays. For a complete description of the holiday schedule, visit us at [www.candswaste.com](http://www.candswaste.com).

## COMMERCIAL CORNER

**Did you know?** If you are a commercial business or multifamily complex that produces 4 cubic yards or more of solid waste every week, you are required by the state to participate in a recycling program.

# BULKY ITEM COLLECTION



*Residential customers are entitled to have  
Two (2) Items Collected Curbside Each Year at no charge.\**

\*There will be a \$10 handling fee for each appliance to cover the cost of removing hazardous materials, such as freon.

Extra items and extra pickups can be scheduled for an additional fee.

**What exactly is a "bulky item?"**

*Bulky Items are items that are too large or too heavy to put into the curbside container or trash bag.*

**What is NOT accepted for bulky item collection?**

*Concrete, paint, piano, trash, tree stumps, yard debris, hazardous waste*

## 707-234-6400

Call to schedule a pick up.



## ONLINE Payment PORTAL

Pay your bill through our **ONLINE Payment PORTAL** and check out the following features:

### PAPERLESS BILLING

Reduce your carbon footprint: sign up to receive bills electronically.

### AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS

Forget the hassle of trying to remember when your bill is due; sign up for automatic payments.

Visit us at [www.CANDSWASTE.COM](http://www.CANDSWASTE.COM) and click on our **Pay My Bill** button for more details.

Announcing our new recycling websites:

**LakeCountyRecycles.com**  
**ClearlakeRecycles.com**

*Need to know if something can be recycled?*

Search for just about anything.

*Looking for reminders?*

Sign up for collection reminders and never miss a pick-up day again.



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