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# Ukiah Recycling News



## 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 "tanglers" (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 [UkiahRecycles.com](http://UkiahRecycles.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 [UkiahRecycles.com](http://UkiahRecycles.com) to learn how to dispose of these items safely.





# Friendly Reminders

## COMPOST & MULCH

Conserve water by incorporating compost and mulch into your yard and garden. Recycled landscape materials are available in bulk and by the bag at the Ukiah Transfer Station, located at 3151 Taylor Drive, or call us at (707) 234-6400 to arrange for large order delivery.

## SPRING CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION

**April 13 - April 17, 2020**

City of Ukiah customers may place up to seven (7) additional bags or 32-gallon cans of leaves at the curb on your normal collection day this week. Emptied bags and cans will be left on the curb.

## AVOID CONTAMINATION & EXCESS TRASH FEES

Do your part to keep your recycling free of contamination. Place only clean recyclables in the blue cart and trash in your gray cart. If you have more trash than will fit in your container, please call us ahead of time at (707) 234-6400 to arrange for extra trash collection. There is a charge for additional material. Thank you.

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

For a complete description of the holiday schedule, visit us at [www.candswaste.com](http://www.candswaste.com).

## UKIAH TRANSFER STATION HOLIDAYS

**CLOSED:** Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day & New Year's Day

## HAZARDOUS WASTE?

Call (707) 468-9704



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**UKIAH WASTE SOLUTIONS**

## 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.



# RECYCLING



**ALL ITEMS EMPTY & CLEAN • TODO VACÍO Y LIMPIO**



**Plastic**  
Plásticos



**Glass**  
Vidrio



**Cartons**  
Cartones de Jugo y Leche



**Aluminum & Household Metal**  
Latas y Aluminio



**Shredded Paper**  
Papel Molido



**Paper & Cardboard**  
Papel y Carton

**YES**

Place these items in your **Blue Cart**

Recyclables should be loose in cart, not in plastic bags, except for shredded paper, and must fit inside cart with lid closed. Place cart at curb with front of cart facing the street. Cart must be within 3 feet of the street to be serviced.

**NO DO NOT** place these items in your **Blue Cart**

- Garbage
- Batteries
- Ceramics
- Clothing
- Syringes
- Light Bulbs

- Hazardous Waste
- CDs/DVDs/Videos
- Tarps & Hoses
- Styrofoam



- Basura
- Baterías
- Cerámica
- Ropa
- Jeringas
- Bombillas

- Residuos Peligrosos
- CDs / DVDs / Videos
- Lonas y Mangueras
- Espuma de Poliestireno



# MIXED ORGANIC WASTE



**Lid Must Be Closed • Tapadera Cerada**



**Food Scraps**  
Desperdicios de comida



**Small lumber unpainted & untreated**  
Madera no Tratada



**Garden & house plants**  
Plantas de Exterior y Interior



**Leaves**  
Hojas



**Brush & prunings**  
Ramas de Poda



**Food soiled paper**  
Papel manchado de comida



**Meat, poultry, fish & bones**  
Carne de vaca, carne de ave, espinas de pescado y huesos



**Branches less than 4" in diameter & cut to fit loosely in container**  
Ramas del Árbol Pequeñas



**Grass clippings & weeds**  
Hierba



**Pizza boxes**  
Cajas de pizza, cartón y papel encerado



**Coffee grounds & filters**  
Granos de café y filtros



**Food soiled paper plates, cups, napkins & paper towels**  
Platos de papel sucios, servilletas sucias, tazas y toallas de papel sucias

**YES**

Place these items in your **Green Cart**

Mixed organic waste should be loose in cart, not in plastic bags and must fit inside cart with lid closed. Place cart at curb with front of cart facing the street. Cart must be within 3 feet of the street to be serviced.

**NO DO NOT** place these items in your **Green Cart**

- Grease or Oil
- Nails or Metal
- Hot Ashes
- Hazardous Waste
- Palm Fronds
- Poison Oak
- Tree Stumps
- Biodegradable bags
- Compostable utensils
- Soiled tissue (Kleenex)

- Toilet Paper
- Styrofoam
- Diapers
- Soil
- Garbage/Recyclables
- Brick/Concrete/Rock
- Painted/Treated Wood
- Pet Waste/Litter
- Plastic Bags or Pots



- Grasa o Aceite
- Clavos o Metal
- Cenizas Calientes
- Material Peligroso
- Hojas de Palma
- Hiedra
- Troncos de Árboles
- Plásticos Biodegradables
- Utensilios de compostaje
- El tejido sucio (Kleenex)

- Papel Higiénico
- Empaque y envases de espuma de poliestireno
- Pañales
- Tierra
- Basura/Reciclables
- Ladrillo/Concreto/Piedra
- Madera Pintado/Tratada
- Desechos de Animales
- Bolsas o Macetas de Plástico