



Acceptable Black Cart Items:

If you have extra waste that does not fit in your cart, set it out in a sealed bag on top of your cart. Your collector will pick it up and charge your account for the extra service.

- Ceramic dishware or glassware
- Clothing and linens
- Coat hangers
- Cooking grease (solid only)
- Corks
- Diapers
- Foil-backed or plastic-backed paper
- Glass mirrors and windows
- Incandescent light bulbs (no fluorescents or HIDs)
- Juice or soy milk type boxes with foil liner
- Kitty litter and animal feces (bagged)
- Pens and pencils
- Plastic bags, wrappers and film (not labeled "Compostable")
- Plastic items mixed with metal, fabric or rubber
- Plastic labeled "Biodegradable" only
- Rubber bands
- Small pieces of plywood, pressboard, and painted or stained wood
- Styrofoam

These items are **NOT** accepted in the black cart:

- Appliances
- Asbestos
- Batteries
- Construction debris
- Cooking oil
- Dirt, rocks or stone
- Electronics
- Fluorescent or HID light bulbs
- Food scraps, soiled paper or yard trimmings
- Household hazardous waste or chemicals
- Large items (furniture, metal, plastic, wood, etc.)
- Liquids or ice
- Motor oil
- Needles or syringes
- Paint
- Plastic labeled "Compostable"
- Recyclable cardboard, glass, metal, paper or plastic
- Toys with electronics or batteries
- Waxed cardboard and paper
- Waxy milk or juice cartons

For more information on all of our residential programs visit SFRecycling.com.

Visit SFEvironment.org/Ecofinder for alternative reuse, recycling, and donation information.



Acceptable **Blue** Cart Items:

If you have extra recycling, place it next to your blue cart in a paper bag or cardboard box.

Metal – (no liquids or food)

- Aluminum cans
- Aluminum foil and trays (ball foil up to softball size)
- Caps and lids from bottles, jars and steel (tin) cans
- Paint cans (must be empty or dry)
- Spray cans (must be empty)
- Steel (tin) cans

Plastic – (except those labeled "compostable", no liquids or food)

- Bottles (leave caps on)
- Buckets (metal handle ok)
- Coffee cup lids
- Containers and clamshells
- Cups and plates (plastic only, no styrofoam)
- Flower pots and trays
- Toys (no electronics, metal or batteries)
- Tubs and lids

Paper - (clean, dry and unsoiled)

- Bags (paper only, no plastic)
- Cardboard (non-waxed)
- Cereal boxes (remove plastic liner)
- Computer and office paper
- Egg cartons
- Envelopes (windows okay)
- Junk mail and magazines
- Newspapers
- Packing or craft paper
- Phonebooks
- Sticky notes
- Shredded paper (place in sealed paper bag and label "Shredded Paper")
- Wrapping paper (non-metallic)

Glass – (no liquids or food)

- Glass bottles and jars only (metal caps and lids too)

These items are **NOT** accepted in the blue cart:

- Batteries
- Ceramic dishware or glassware
- Clothing and linens
- Coat hangers
- Electronics
- Foil-backed or plastic-backed paper
- Food
- Glass mirrors and windows
- Juice or soy milk type boxes with foil liner
- Large items (furniture, metal, plastic, wood, etc.)
- Light bulbs: Incandescent, Fluorescents, and HIDs
- Plastic bags, wrappers or film
- Plastic items mixed with metal, fabric or rubber
- Plastic labeled "Compostable" or "Biodegradable"
- Soiled paper (paper cups, plates, napkins, tissues, towels, take-out boxes and greasy pizza boxes)
- Styrofoam
- Waxed cardboard and paper
- Wood
- Yard Trimmings



Please note you can be fined for not properly using the green bin or not composting sufficiently

Acceptable **Green** Cart Items:

Unlike home composting, we accept all food scraps, soiled paper, and yard trimmings in the green cart. Compostable material in plastic bags not labeled "compostable" will not be collected for composting.

Food Scraps (anything that used to be alive)

- Bread, grains and pasta
- Coffee grounds
- Dairy
- Eggshells
- Fruit (pits and nuts too)
- Leftovers and spoiled food
- Meat (including bones)
- Seafood (including shellfish)
- Vegetables

Yard Trimmings

- Branches and brush
- Flowers and floral trimmings
- Grasses and weeds
- Leaves
- Tree Trimmings (less than 6 inches in diameter and 4 feet long)

Extra yard trimmings must be boxed, bundled or placed in brown paper bags less than 40 lbs per item and placed next to the green cart for collection.

Soiled Paper

- Coffee filters
- Greasy pizza boxes
- Paper cups and plates
- Paper ice cream containers (metal rim is okay)
- Paper bags, napkins, tissues and towels
- Paper take-out boxes and containers
- Paper tea bags
- Waxy paper milk and juice cartons (no foil liner)

Other

- Cutlery clearly labeled "Compostable"
- Plastic clearly labeled "Compostable" (green stripe or sticker to allow for easy identification)
- Small pieces of lumber or sawdust from clean wood only (no plywood, pressboard, painted, stained or treated wood)
- Vegetable wood crates (metal wire is okay)
- Waxed cardboard and paper

These items are **NOT** accepted in the green cart:

- Aluminum foil or trays
- "Biodegradable" plastic (not labeled "Compostable")
- Ceramic dishware or glassware
- Clothing and linens
- Cooking oil
- Corks
- Diapers
- Dirt, rocks or stone
- Flower pots or trays
- Foil-backed or plastic-backed paper
- Glass, metal or plastic not labeled "Compostable"
- Juice or soy milk type boxes with foil liner
- Kitty litter or animal feces
- Liquids or ice
- Plastic bags, wrappers or film (not labeled "Compostable")
- Plywood, pressboard, painted or stained wood
- Recyclable/clean cardboard or paper
- Styrofoam