

# RECYCLING



EMPTY



CLEAN



DRY

## Weekly Service for Brown Container

### OK FOR RECYCLING



Corrugated cardboard



Chipboard, paper products, paper



Corrugated cardboard

Chipboard

Paper products

Paper

Metal cans  
(EMPTY, CLEAN, DRY)

Metal items

Glass  
(EMPTY, CLEAN, DRY)

Plastics  
(EMPTY, CLEAN, DRY)



Empty cans, small metal items



Empty glass containers



Empty plastic containers, small items, bags (bagged)



Now plastic bags can go in your recycling container! Bag them in one bag. No loose bags, please.

### REMINDERS

- Collections are WEEKLY on the same day as your garbage service.
- For missed service, please call within 24 hours.
- Put recyclables in brown container.
- An extra recycle cart is FREE.
- Be sure all materials fit inside the container(s) with the LID(S) CLOSED.
- Extra cardboard can be recycled 4 times a year at no additional charge with on-call recycling service. See On-Call Recycling on On-Call Page.
- Before discarding, consider reusing or donating.
- For recycling and reuse options for other materials call the Recycling Hotline at 1-800-750-4096 or visit the website at: [www.ccrcycle.org](http://www.ccrcycle.org).



Leave container out by 5:30 a.m., & keep containers 4 feet apart.

### NOT FOR BROWN CONTAINER

- ❌ Electronics
- ❌ Food Scraps
- ❌ Green Waste
- ❌ Garbage
- ❌ Hazardous Waste
- ❌ Styrofoam

# ORGANICS

## Weekly Service for Green Container

Food Waste

OK FOR RECYCLING

Green Waste



Pizza boxes, food-soiled paper napkins and plates



Cheese & dairy scraps



Bread, rice, grains, & pasta



Prunings, branches, garden and lawn trimmings



Coffee grounds, filters & tea bags



Egg shells & paper egg cartons



Cacti, brush, plants



Table scraps



Bones and shells



Leaves



Fruits & vegetables



Meat, poultry, fish



For a free kitchen food waste pail call customer service at (925) 685-4711. Use the pail for storage before placing food waste in green container.

### NOT FOR GREEN CONTAINER

- ❌ Plastic bags
- ❌ Rocks and concrete
- ❌ Sod and dirt
- ❌ Tree trunks and stumps more than 3 inches in diameter and 3 feet in length
- ❌ Palm fronds
- ❌ Pet waste
- ❌ Hazardous waste
- ❌ Garbage and inorganic materials including recyclables like glass, plastics and metal.

### ORGANICS RECYCLING

The City of Martinez has implemented an Organics Recycling Program to divert more recyclable materials from landfills and to reduce greenhouse emissions.

Martinez residents can place food scraps and other "organic" materials in their green yard waste container. Green containers are serviced weekly on the same day as garbage and recycling collections.



Leave container out by 5:30 a.m., & keep containers 4 feet apart.

### REMINDERS

- Tree twigs and branches must be 3 inches or less in diameter and 3 feet or less in length
- For missed service, please call within 24 hours.
- Extra green container is FREE.
- All materials must fit inside the container(s) with lid(s) closed.
- Keep containers 4 feet away from each other and objects including cars and mailboxes.
- Free Compost Giveaway March 23 and Aug. 17, 2019. Look for bill insert about event. Email: MKnutson@RepublicServices.com to get a reminder email.

# ON-CALL

## Recycling and Yard Waste Cleanups

Recycle extra yard waste (YW), extra corrugated cardboard or both with up to four (4) free on-call recycling cleanups per year.

Household batteries and compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) can be recycled with your on-call recycling cleanups.

To schedule a recycling cleanup, call (925) 685-4711 or visit us at: [site.RepublicServices.com/site/pacheco-ca](http://site.RepublicServices.com/site/pacheco-ca).

Recycling cleanups are in addition to regular yard waste and recycling service and are scheduled on the same day as your regular service. A fee will apply if you request collection on a day other than your regular service day.

Up to four (4)  
on-call cleanups a year  
for yard waste and  
recycling.

### Extra Yard Waste

- Fill green container, then place extra material in cardboard boxes, paper bags or containers 32 gallons or less in volume. Maximum 50 lbs. per container. (No plastic bags.)
- Containers will not be taken away.
- Branches, prunings must be 3 ft. or less in length, 3 inches or less in diameter. Please bundle.
- Place containers at the curb by 5:30 a.m. of your pickup day or the night before.



### Corrugated Cardboard

- Flatten cardboard and trim to 4 feet or less on each side. Bundle with cord or string.
- Place bundled cardboard at curb by 5:30 a.m. of pickup day or the night before.
- Keep extra material at least 4 feet away from containers.



### Household Batteries and Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs)

- Place only single-use AA, AAA, C, D and 9V batteries in a clear, sealed, quart-size plastic bag, i.e., Ziploc. No rechargeables.
- Place compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) in a sealed plastic bag.
- Place bagged batteries and CFLs **BESIDE** your container or **NEXT** to your bundles or boxes (**NOT** inside containers).



### Key 2019 Dates and Events in the City of Martinez

- March 23: Compost Giveaway and Swap Meet at Martinez Marina plus Styrofoam Collection
- April 22: Earth Day
- June 17-21: Citywide Cleanup
- Aug. 17: Compost Giveaway and Swap Meet at Martinez Marina plus Styrofoam Collection
- Sept. 21: Coastal Cleanup Day
- Oct. 19: Reuse Roundup

# GARBAGE

## Weekly Service for Blue Container



### WHAT **NOT** TO PUT IN TRASH CONTAINER

Batteries  
Fluorescent bulbs  
Hazardous Waste  
Medical sharps  
Recyclables  
Yard waste

### REMINDERS

- Be sure all materials fit inside the container with lid closed.
- For missed service, please call within 24 hours.
- Before discarding items, consider reusing or donating.
- Place only trash in blue container.
- Leave the container out the night before or by 5:30 a.m. of your collection day.
- Leave at least four (4) feet of space between garbage container and other objects, including your green and brown containers and any obstacles such as mailboxes, cars or portable basketball hoops.
- Don't put recyclables, organic materials or hazardous waste in garbage containers.

### ON-CALL WASTE CLEANUPS

Residents in Martinez may schedule two free waste cleanups per year at any time. Use cleanups to discard up to three cubic yards (approximately twenty-one 32-gallon bags) of extra trash and items too large for garbage containers. To schedule a cleanup, call (925) 685-4711 or visit us at: [site.RepublicServices.com/site/pacheco-ca](http://site.RepublicServices.com/site/pacheco-ca) to request the service online.

#### Guidelines for Waste Cleanups

- Place items at the curb before 5:30 a.m., preferably the night before your cleanup day.
- All items must be stacked in one place.
- Cut and tie branches, prunings or wood so bundles are 4 feet or less in length and less than 24 inches in diameter. Tree stumps cannot be collected.
- Bag or tie items with rope, cord or string strong enough to keep bundles intact or place in containers, including metal and plastic trash cans. All containers will be taken away unless indicated otherwise with a note on the container.
- Place cleanup items in a single pile at a distance of 5 feet or more from your garbage container.
- No loose piles.

**CITYWIDE CLEANUP:**  
June 17-21 on Same Day  
as Your Service Day.  
Use Same Guidelines as  
On-Call Waste Cleanups.

#### Unacceptable Materials\*

- No item may weigh more than 50 lbs. or be longer than 4 feet. Bags cannot weigh more than 50 lbs.
- No large car parts (tires, transmission blocks, engines, etc.), large furniture or mattresses. For large items, call customer service.
- No refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners or any appliance with Freon.\*
- No TVs, computer monitors, keyboards, printers, fax machines, DVD players or other e-waste. These can be picked up or taken to a local e-waste facility free of charge.\*
- No microwaves, clothes dryers, space heaters, ovens or other appliances with mercury switches.\*
- No rocks, dirt or concrete and no tree stumps or large tree trunks.
- No hazardous waste. For disposal of hazardous waste, including paint, oil filters, motor oil, car batteries, antifreeze, solvents, pesticides, or cleaners, see Toxic Waste page.

\* Some items may qualify for a free bulky item pickup. See Bulky Items page.

# BULKY ITEMS

## Free Pickup: Two Items

Martinez residents may have any item listed here, such as mattresses, furniture, appliances and other large pieces, picked up at no charge. Each household is allowed **one (1) bulky item per free pickup, total of two (2) free pickups per year.**

The bulky item service is separate from Republic Services' on-call cleanups.

Just call the office at (925) 685-4711 to schedule.

- Air conditioner (pickup & Freon removal)
- Computer monitors
- Couch/sofa
- Dishwasher
- Dryer
- Electronics
- Freezer (pickup & Freon removal)
- Hot water heater
- Hide-a-bed
- Double mattress
- Double box spring
- Microwave ovens
- Twin mattress
- Twin box spring
- Queen mattress
- Queen box spring
- King mattress
- King box spring
- Refrigerator (pickup & Freon removal)
- Stove
- Washer
- Swamp cooler
- Tires
- Tires with rim
- TVs



If you need more than two pickups within a year, items after the second FREE bulky item can be collected for a fee. You can call customer service at (925) 685-4711 for information.

# SERVICES

## Just Give Us a Call

### Drop-off Closed —

#### Extra Recycling Container FREE

The recycling drop-off at 444 N. Buchanan Circle, Pacheco, is closed.

An extra recycling container is FREE for residential customers in Martinez.

To request an extra recycling container, call customer service at (925) 685-4711 or order online at: [site.RepublicServices.com/site/pacheco-ca](http://site.RepublicServices.com/site/pacheco-ca).

### How to Reach Us

For questions about your service or bill:

- Write to 441 N. Buchanan Circle, Pacheco, CA 94553, attn: Customer Service Manager.
- Call (925) 685-4711.
- Visit us online at: [site.RepublicServices.com/site/pacheco-ca](http://site.RepublicServices.com/site/pacheco-ca) where you can order a container repair, schedule a cleanup, report a missed collection and request other services online.

### Holiday Treecycling

Republic Services will notify you in your December solid waste bill of the holiday tree recycling program.

No flocked trees will be taken, and please remove all decorations.



### Going on Vacation?

Please call (925) 685-4711 and schedule vacation holds in advance:

- Minimum 2 weeks per hold.
- Maximum 4 holds per year.

### Complaint Reviews

Customers may ask the City of Martinez to review a complaint if they are not satisfied with our response. To have a review:

- Ask the City for one within 30 days of receiving a response to a complaint.
- Ask for a review within 45 days of submitting a complaint if there is no response.
- If there is good cause, the City may extend the review request time.

### Payment Options

Customers have four convenient ways to pay their garbage bills:

- Online. Make one-time payments or sign up for auto bill-pay with your credit card or bank account by visiting us at: [site.RepublicServices.com/site/pacheco-ca/en/pages/bill-pay.aspx](http://site.RepublicServices.com/site/pacheco-ca/en/pages/bill-pay.aspx) or call us at (925) 685-4711 to set up your auto bill-pay account by phone.
- By mail, using the envelope provided with bill.
- By phone, with American Express, Discover, MasterCard or Visa. We do not accept checks over the phone.
- In person at Republic Services' office, 441 N. Buchanan Circle, Pacheco, or by cash or check only at Char's Flowers, 635 Main St., Martinez.



### Senior Citizen Rates

A senior discount is available for residents 62 years of age or older.

The discount does not apply to residents with a 96-gallon garbage container.

An application can be downloaded online at: [site.RepublicServices.com/site/pacheco-ca](http://site.RepublicServices.com/site/pacheco-ca) or call customer service at (925) 685-4711 to get a form by mail.

### Missed Collection?

Please call within 24 hours to report that your garbage, recycling or organics container has not been serviced.

### Holidays Observed

Only two holidays, Christmas and New Year's Day, affect collections. If your collection day falls on those holidays or on a day following them that week, service will be one day later, even if it falls on a Saturday.

### Moving?

If you are moving, please leave your recycling, yard waste and garbage containers in a secure location for the next resident and call us to discontinue service.

# CONSERVE

Recycle Where? Visit:  
[www.RecycleWhere.org](http://www.RecycleWhere.org)

## Doing More – Beyond Curbside!

### What Happens to Recyclables & Garbage

#### Q. What happens to my recyclables after I put them in my brown container?

A. After your recyclables are emptied into our truck, they are taken to a local recycling facility.

The recyclables travel down a conveyor belt, and employees separate them. Each type of material is then baled by type and sold.

Since markets are minimal for plastics #3 - #7, they often end up in a landfill. To reduce waste:

- Bring your own mug when buying coffee.
- Buy items in easily recycled containers and packaging like aluminum, glass, cardboard and plastics #1 and #2.
- Bring your own takeout containers when eating out and order drinks without the straw.
- Bring a reusable bag when shopping. In the U.S. billions of plastic bags become litter, hurting wildlife.

#### Q. What happens to my garbage after I put it in my blue container?

A. Anything put in the garbage becomes trash forever at Keller Canyon Landfill. Employees do NOT sort through garbage and pick out recyclables. Try to reduce waste generated at home and at work.

 Empty.  Clean.  Dry.

#### Q: Why is it important that my recycling is Empty, Clean, Dry?

A: Overseas companies, mainly in China, that buy recyclables no longer accept certain types that are not clean and contaminant free. If a shipping container of recyclable materials is found to have contamination of more than half of one percent, the entire load will be sent back to the United States. For this reason it is important that recycling remains Empty, Clean and Dry.

### Reuse Area at Central Sanitary District

Need some paint? Gardening products? Cleaning chemicals?

Stop by the Reuse Room at Central Contra Costa Sanitary District's HHW Collection Facility at 4797 Imhoff Place in Martinez.



The facility is open 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information call (800) 646-1431 or visit online at: [www.centrsan.org](http://www.centrsan.org).

### Rot – the 4th R!

Composting – or rotting – is nature's way of recycling. Food waste is the number one source of greenhouse gas emissions in landfills. Recycle your food at home by starting your own compost pile or worm composting bin.

The City of Martinez offers composting workshops and discounted bins to help you get started. For dates and information visit the city's website at: [www.cityofmartinez.org](http://www.cityofmartinez.org).

Food waste and food-soiled paper are allowed in your green yard waste/organics container. For a free kitchen pal call (925) 685-4711.

### Why You Cannot Recycle...

**Styrofoam:** There is no market for Styrofoam because it is low quality, cheaper to produce from virgin materials and usually contaminated with food. A useless commodity, it goes to the landfill. However, a large amount of Styrofoam products end up as litter and reach the ocean, where they break into smaller bits and are ingested by birds and sea animals. Avoid Styrofoam whenever you can and tell your favorite restaurants to switch to greener packaging. Watch for Styrofoam packaging collection events March 23 and August 17.



**Milk Cartons:** A waxy coating on paper or cardboard diminishes the value of the commodity and makes recycling difficult.



**Chipbags & Aseptic Packaging:** Both are not recyclable because they are a mix of multiple material types. Aluminum foil is bound to plastic or in the case of aseptic packaging aluminum is bound to waxy cardboard. These materials cannot be separated for recycling so unfortunately they have to go in the garbage.



### Freecycle, Craigslist

Recycling is the last of the 3 Rs — Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Include Reduce & Reuse in your life through free services at [Craigslist.org](http://Craigslist.org), [Freecycle.org](http://Freecycle.org) and [NextDoor.com](http://NextDoor.com). They help find homes for unwanted goods and are sources of free (or cheap) goods. USAgain boxes accept dry, mold-free textiles or clothes (stained, worn out OK).

# TOXICS

## Household Hazardous Waste

### Oil Filters, Motor Oil and Cooking Oil

Curbside recycling is available for oil filters and motor oil. For cooking oil, large amounts can be recycled at the Central Sanitary District HHW Facility.

#### Oil Filters, Motor Oil

- Put **motor** oil in clear plastic container like a milk jug.
- Tape lid to close it securely.
- Max 3 gal. of oil per pickup.
- Crush, open or puncture, then drain oil filter (with puncture at lowest point) to ensure the anti-drain-back valve is empty. More info at: [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov).
- Place filter in sealable plastic bag, i.e. Ziploc bag, seal.
- Place oil and filter **beside** your **recycling** container.

#### Cooking Oil

- Pour **cooking** oil into clear plastic container like a plastic milk jug.
- Tape lid to close it securely.
- Recycle at Central Sanitary District HHW Facility.



### Your Options for TVs, Monitors, Electronics

State law bans CRTs (computer monitors, TVs), computers, keyboards, fax machines, printers, cell phones, VCRs, DVD players, radios and other electronics in the garbage. Republic Services offers free



curbside pickup of electronics.

Some electronic waste may qualify for a free bulky item pickup.

For more information and to schedule a pickup of your electronic waste call us at (925) 685-4711.



### FIRE DANGER!

Cell phones with batteries can be flammable. Please take cell phones to an electronics recycling facility.



### Old Pills Piling Up?

Do not dump medicines and over-the-counter drugs down the drain or toilet. Flushed drugs enter local waterways and can harm humans, animals and the environment. Wastewater facilities cannot remove these chemicals.

Dispose of old medicines in drop-off bins at these locations:

- Police Station, 525 Henrietta St., Martinez, (9-5, M-F).
- Sheriff's Substation, County Hospital, 2500 Alhambra Ave., Martinez, (8-5, M-F).
- Sheriff's Field Ops Bldg., 1980 Muir Road, Martinez, (8-5, M-F).

Remove labels from containers and place in sealable plastic bag.



### Household Hazardous Waste

It is illegal to throw hazardous waste in your garbage or recycling container.

Recycle car and household batteries, latex paint, anti-freeze, motor oil, oil filters, fluorescent bulbs, mercury thermometers, pesticides, solvents and other household chemicals



**FREE OF CHARGE** at the **Central Contra Costa Sanitary District Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility, 4797 Imhoff Place, Martinez.**

For hours and information, call (800) 646-1431 or visit online at: [www.centralsan.org](http://www.centralsan.org).

### Sharps

It is illegal to throw lancets, syringes and needles in your garbage or recycling container.

Sharps must be placed in a medical sharps container and taken to an official drop-off location.

Sharps are accepted for drop-offs at:

- Martinez Police Station, 525 Henrietta St., Martinez
- Mt. View Sanitary District, 3800 Arthur Road, Martinez

For more information about sharps and the proper way to dispose of them, visit us online at: [site.RepublicServices.com/site/pacheco-ca](http://site.RepublicServices.com/site/pacheco-ca) or call us at (925) 685-4711.







441 N. Buchanan Circle  
Pacheco, CA 94553




(925) 685-4711  
site: [RepublicServices.com/site/pacheco-ca](http://RepublicServices.com/site/pacheco-ca)


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### Recycling Reminder

-  **Empty.** Remove any food or liquid contents from a recyclable item before placing it in a recycling container.
-  **Clean.** Lightly rinse or wipe recyclable item to remove any residue.
-  **Dry.** Shake out excess water or let the recyclable item dry before placing it in a recycling container.

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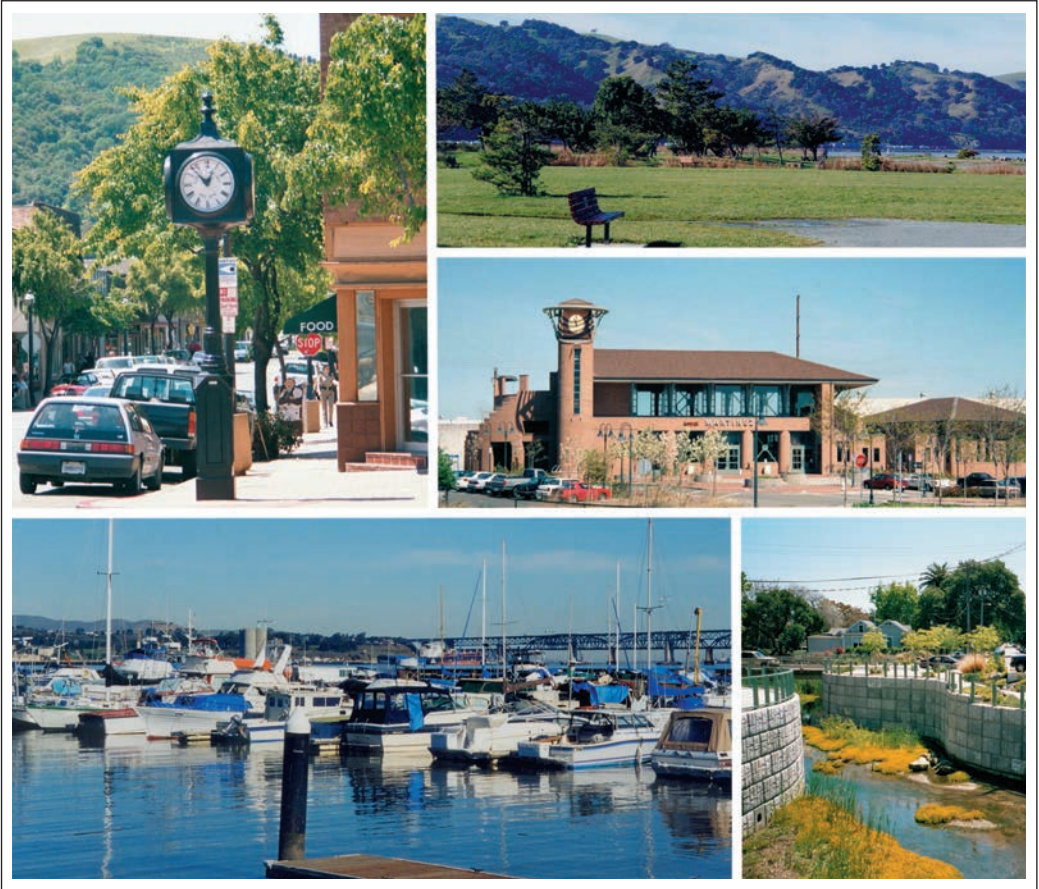
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