

# The Recology<sup>®</sup> **RESOURCE**

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ROHNERT PARK | SPRING 2018 EDITION





Volunteer event at Howarth Park  
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## HELLO ROHNERT PARK!

We are genuinely excited to join the Rohnert Park community as your new recycling, compost, and garbage collection service provider! The Recology mission represents a fundamental shift from traditional waste management to resource recovery. Our vision at Recology is to create a world without waste by finding the best & highest use for all materials we collect.

We've been recycling long before there was even an industry for it. Our founders immigrated to San Francisco in the mid 1800's looking for opportunity and they eventually found work doing what no one else wanted to do - picking up other people's garbage.

They called themselves scavengers - in fact, the Recology Sunset Scavenger company name is a nod to these same founders. The original scavengers sorted through refuse materials to find what was salvageable. They would then wash, package, and sell materials of value. Little did they know that they were creating a foundation for our current business model today.

We have over 100 years of experience and 45 operating companies that provide service to over four million customers from California to Washington. We are excited to bring our vision, history, and knowledge to Rohnert Park.

Get ready for new energy, an experienced vision for waste reduction, and improved service. We also have many educational materials and tools to help our commercial and multi-family dwelling customers recycle and compost more.

In this guide you'll learn more about our commitment to the community, customer service, and the environment.

### GET IN TOUCH

Mon-Fri 7a-6p, Sat 7a-3p

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800.243.0291



Look for us on Facebook & NextDoor!



# THE RECOLOGY LIFECYCLES

## RECYCLE



## COMPOST



# WHAT CAN I RECYCLE?

You can recycle **glass, metal, plastic containers, as well as paper and cardboard.**  
Please make sure food and liquids are removed.

Puede reciclar *vidrio, metal, recipientes de plástico, papel y cartón.*  
Por favor, asegúrese de eliminar los alimentos y líquidos.



**PLEASE DO NOT  
PLACE RECYCLABLE  
MATERIALS  
IN PLASTIC BAGS.**

## METAL

Metal



- ✓ **Aluminum cans & steel**  
Latas de aluminio y acero
- ✓ **Aluminum foil & trays**  
Papel de aluminio y charolas

## PLASTIC CONTAINERS

Contenedores de plástico



- ✓ **Bottles (leave caps on)**  
Botellas (dejar tapones)
- ✓ **Containers**  
Contenedores
- ✓ **Clamshells containers**  
Cajas para comida para llevar
- ✓ **Cups**  
Tazas

## GLASS

Vaso



- ✓ **Glass bottles & jars**  
(metal caps & lids too)  
Botellas y frascos de vidrio  
(tapas de metal)

## PAPER & CARDBOARD

Papel y cartón



- ✓ **Bags (paper only, no plastic)**  
Bolsas (papel solamente, no plástico)
- ✓ **Cardboard (non-waxed)**  
Cartón (sin cera)
- ✓ **Cereal boxes**  
Cajas de cereal
- ✓ **Office paper**  
Papel de oficina
- ✓ **Egg cartons (paper)**  
Cartones de huevos  
(de papel)
- ✓ **Envelopes**  
Sobres
- ✓ **Juice or soy milk boxes with foil liner**  
Cajas de leche de zumo o soja con papel de aluminio
- ✓ **Junk mail & magazines**  
Correo basura y revistas
- ✓ **Newspapers**  
Periódico
- ✓ **Packing paper**  
Papel de embalaje
- ✓ **Phonebooks**  
Guías telefónicas
- ✓ **Sticky notes**  
Notas adhesivas
- ✓ **Waxy paper milk or juice cartons**  
Cartones de leche con cera
- ✓ **Wrapping paper (non-metallic)**  
Papel de regalo  
(no metálico)

## UNACCEPTED MATERIALS

Materiales no aceptados



- ✗ **Batteries**  
Baterías
- ✗ **Ceramic dishware or glassware**  
Vajilla de cerámica
- ✗ **Clothing, linens & rags**  
Ropa, sábanas y trapos
- ✗ **Coat hangers**  
Ganchos de ropa
- ✗ **Cork (natural & plastic)**  
Corcho (natural y plástico)
- ✗ **Electronics**  
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- ✗ **Food scraps**  
Restos de comida
- ✗ **Glass mirrors & windows**  
Espejos de vidrio y ventanas
- ✗ **Light bulbs**  
Bombillas de luz
- ✗ **Plastic bags, wrappers or film**  
Bolsas de plástico, envoltorios o películas
- ✗ **Plastic items mixed with metal, fabric or rubber**  
Artículos plásticos mezclados con metal, tela o goma
- ✗ **Plastics labeled "compostable"**  
Plástico etiquetado como "compostable"
- ✗ **Shredded paper**  
Papel en trizas
- ✗ **Soiled paper**  
Papel sucio
- ✗ **Styrofoam**  
Espuma de poliestireno
- ✗ **Waxed cardboard & paper**  
Cartón y papel encerado
- ✗ **Wood**  
Madera
- ✗ **Yard trimmings**  
Recortes de jardín

# WHAT CAN I COMPOST?

You can place **food scraps, soiled paper, and plant trimmings** in your compost bin.

*Puede colocar restos de comida, papel sucio y recortes de plantas en su contenedor de compost*



**PLEASE DO NOT  
PLACE COMPOSTABLE  
MATERIALS  
IN PLASTIC BAGS.**

## FOOD SCRAPS

Restos de comida



- ✓ **Bread, grains, & pasta**  
*Pan, cereales, y pasta*
- ✓ **Coffee grounds & tea bags**  
*Café molido y bolsitas de té*
- ✓ **Dairy & eggs**  
*Lácteos y huevos*
- ✓ **Fruits & vegetables**  
*Frutas y vegetales*
- ✓ **Leftovers & spoiled food**  
*Sobras y comida estropeada*
- ✓ **Meat (including bones)**  
*Carne (incluidos los huesos)*

## SOILED PAPER

Papel sucio



- ✓ **Coffee filters**  
*Filtros de café*
- ✓ **Greasy pizza boxes**  
*Cajas de pizza grasosas*
- ✓ **Paper plates without film plastic liners**  
*Platos de papel (sin recubrimiento de cera o plástico)*
- ✓ **Paper to-go containers without film plastic liners**  
*Cajas y contenedores de papel para llevar (sin recubrimiento de cera o plástico)*
- ✓ **Paper towels & napkins**  
*Toallas, servilletas y bolsas de papel*
- ✓ **Shredded paper**  
*Papel en trizas*

## PLANTS

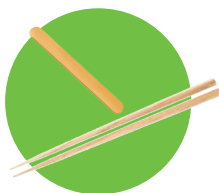
Plantas



- ✓ **Branches & brush**  
*Ramas y plantas*
- ✓ **Flowers & floral trimmings**  
*Flores y adornos florales*
- ✓ **Grasses & weeds**  
*Pastos y malas hierbas*
- ✓ **Leaves**  
*Hojas*
- ✓ **Tree trimmings (less than 4" diameter & 4' long)**  
*Recortes de árboles (menos de 4" de diámetro y 4' de largo)*

## OTHER

Otro



- ✓ **Hair, fur, & feathers (non-synthetic)**  
*Pello, piel y plumas (no sintético)*
- ✓ **Wood – small pieces of lumber or sawdust from untreated wood only**  
*Madera - pequeños trozos de madera o aserrín de madera limpia solamente*
- ✓ **Wooden chop sticks & coffee stir sticks**  
*Palitos de madera y palitos de café*

## UNACCEPTED MATERIALS

Materiales no aceptados



- ✗ **Aluminum foil or trays**  
*Papel de aluminio o bandejas*
- ✗ **Cat litter or animal feces**  
*Arena para gatos o heces de animales*
- ✗ **Clothing, linens, & rags**  
*Ropa, sábanas y trapos*
- ✗ **"Compostable" labeled plastics (bags, utensils, cups)**  
*Plásticos etiquetados como "compostables" (bolsas, utensilios, tazas)*
- ✗ **Corks – natural & plastic**  
*Corchos - natural y plástico*
- ✗ **Diapers**  
*Pañales*
- ✗ **Dirt, rocks, or stone**  
*Tierra, rocas o piedra*
- ✗ **Flower pots or trays**  
*Macetas o bandejas*
- ✗ **Foil-backed or plastic-backed paper**  
*Papel con respaldo de aluminio o plástico*
- ✗ **Juice or soy milk boxes with foil liner**  
*Cajas de leche de zumo o soja con papel de aluminio*
- ✗ **Liquids or ice**  
*Líquidos o hielo*
- ✗ **Milk & juice cartons**  
*Cartones de leche y jugo*
- ✗ **Palm fronds, cactus, or bamboo**  
*Hojas de palma, cactus o bambú*
- ✗ **Plastic bags, wrappers, or film**  
*Bolsas de plástico, envoltorios o películas*
- ✗ **Styrofoam**  
*Espuma de poliestireno*
- ✗ **Treated wood – plywood, press board, painted or stained wood**  
*Madera - madera contrachapada, tablero de presión, triplay madera pintada o teñida*

# CURBSIDE CLEANUP

**May 21- May 25, 2018**

Do you have an old sofa, loveseat, or even a pile of broken toys taking up space?

Rohnert Park residential customers in good standing may place clean-up materials from their homes (contained in bags or boxes) at the curb for collection by 6am on the regular service day during the week of May 21-25.

Appointments are required for bulky items (such as large appliances). Please contact us by phone at 800.243.0291 or email us at [RecologySonomaMarin@Recology.com](mailto:RecologySonomaMarin@Recology.com) by 2pm on Friday May 18th. Up to 14 bags or boxes of material (approximately 2 cubic yards) can be placed at the curb with no appointment necessary. Hazardous waste cannot be accepted as part of this cleanup.

It is important to note that this cleanup is for residential customers only. Commercial customers are not eligible to participate.



## THE BASICS

- ✓ **Each Residence is allowed:**  
*14 bags, boxes, or cans of refuse OR,  
 7 bags, boxes, or cans of refuse AND 1 bulky item OR,  
 2 bulky items (all bulky items require an appointment)  
 Excess materials will not be collected*
- ✓ **All non-bulky items must weigh less than 60 pounds**  
*No construction and demolition debris  
 No liquids, cement, dirt, or asphalt  
 \$20 charge for mattresses*
- ✓ **Loose items will not be collected**  
*All material must be contained  
 Yard trimmings must be less than 3" in diameter & 3' long  
 & must be bundled*
- ✓ **No liquid waste or hazardous materials**  
*No propane tanks, batteries, cleaners, medications, etc.  
 No pressure treated wood, or items banned from disposal  
 Visit [www.recyclenow.org](http://www.recyclenow.org) for hazardous waste information*





# HAZARDOUS WASTE

## SONOMA COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT AGENCY TOXICS COLLECTIONS

**Community Toxics Collection** is by appointment only. To make an appointment, call (707) 795-2025 or email [toxicsdisposal@cleanharbors.com](mailto:toxicsdisposal@cleanharbors.com). For more information, on how to safely dispose of toxics please go to: [www.recyclenow.org/toxics](http://www.recyclenow.org/toxics)

**Tóxicos Comunitarios Colección** de es solo por cita. Para hacer una cita, llame al (707) 795-2025 o envíe un correo electrónico [toxicsdisposal@cleanharbors.com](mailto:toxicsdisposal@cleanharbors.com). Para obtener más información sobre cómo desechar los tóxicos de forma segura, visite: [www.recyclenow.org/toxics](http://www.recyclenow.org/toxics)



California law prohibits the disposal of hazardous waste in landfills. Please do not place hazardous waste in any bins or carts, as it may harm human health and the environment.

*La ley de California prohíbe la eliminación de desechos peligrosos en vertederos. No coloque residuos peligrosos en contenedores o carros, ya que pueden dañar la salud humana y el medio ambiente.*

Hosted by The Sonoma County Waste Management Agency. Specific collection locations will be provided when you schedule your appointment.

**MAY 15**  
Cotati

**JUNE 26**  
Rohnert Park

**AUGUST 7**  
Petaluma

**OCTOBER 23**  
Cotati



# LEGISLATION INFO

We work closely with the city and state government to ensure that our shared sustainability goals are achieved.  
**We help our commercial customers to be in compliance with state laws AB 341 and AB 1826.**

## AB 341 Commercial Recycling

California Assembly Bill 341 (AB 341) mandates recycling for all businesses and schools that generate more than 4 cubic yards of solid waste per week, and multifamily dwellings of 5 units or more. AB 341 is designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the state by 5 million metric tons of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

Businesses and property owners are able to subscribe to recycling services to comply. Property owners of a business or multifamily dwelling may also require tenants to source separate their recyclable materials to aid in compliance.



## AB 1826 Commercial Organics

California Assembly Bill 1826 (AB 1826) became effective April of 2016, and mandates commercial establishments that generate a minimum of 4 cubic yards of organics per week must arrange for an organics recycling program. Organics include both food scraps and yard trimmings.

The goal of this legislation is to prevent organic materials from ending up in the landfill, when they have a higher use.



# WASTE ZERO SERVICES

Let our Waste Zero Team help your business, multi-family dwelling, or school divert as many materials as possible away from the landfill.

**Recycle more, save more!**

Our talented team of Waste Zero Specialists provides free technical assistance, including on-site waste analysis, staff trainings, and presentations. They will also provide you with a free starter kit of internal containers and signage.

To reach our Waste Zero Team, call **800.243.0291** or email **RSMWasteZero@Recology.com**.

Together we can make a difference!



## WE OFFER:

- ✓ Indoor green & blue containers
- ✓ Posters, labels, magnets, & window clings for free (*custom if needed*)
- ✓ Technical assistance from Waste Zero Specialists
- ✓ Employee trainings & school presentations
- ✓ Educational tables at events



# WE PUT THE 'G' IN 'GROW'

When we are recruiting for new Recologists, we invite people to "Grow With Us". In this case, the word "GROW" is actually an acronym. The "G" stands for Giving back to our communities and our environment by volunteering time and resources. We aren't just another utility

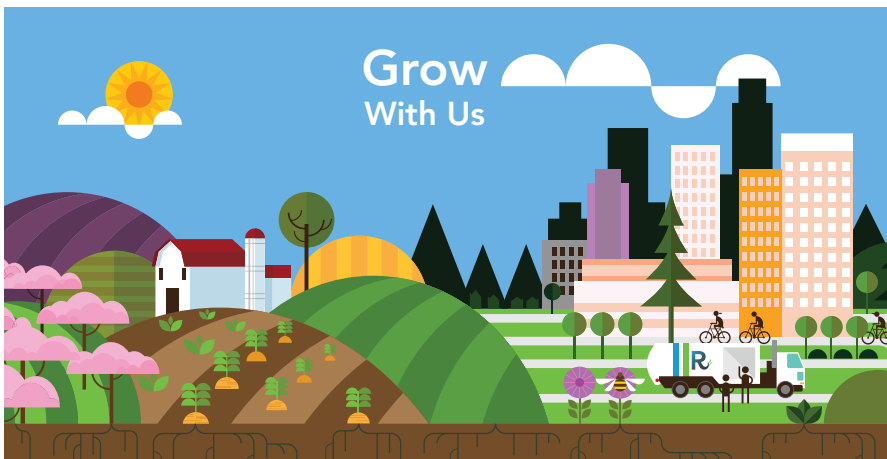
service. We are excited to be part of this community!

In the wake of the devastating North Bay Wildfires, employees from Recology locations all over the Bay Area wanted to do something to help. In December, 222 of us descended on Howarth

Park in Santa Rosa to restore and re-beautify the popular park. We planted 40 trees and 50 plants. We spread 160 cubic yards of Recology mulch and removed 20 cubic yards of weeds, leaves, and tree branches. It was an honor to get our hands dirty and help the community we would soon be servicing.

Now that we're in operation, we can't wait to do more. We will be donating our time and resources to local non-profits as well as community events all over Sonoma County. If there is an event you think we should be a part of, be sure to let us know.

Want to know what the "R-O-W" stand for? Check out Recology.com where you can find that and much more. We look forward to being a big part of what makes Sonoma County so special.



## EVENTS

Come see us at these fine local events!



April 8 & May 13, 2018

