

# The Recology® RESOURCE

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INFORMACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL EN EL INTERIOR



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## Trash Talk with Your City Leaders



We sat down with Cotati City Council Member, Susan Harvey, and asked her how she does her part to WASTE ZERO.

**Q:** What lifestyle choices help you get closer to WASTE ZERO?

**A:** "I try to recycle as much as I possibly can. I try to frequent restaurants that have things that are recyclable and/or compostable and shy away from those that don't use those things. And I really try to not have food waste." She expresses her frustration about unrecoverable materials "It's just too much packaging!", so she makes every effort to buy products without packaging and brings her own grocery bags.

**Q:** Why is this important to you?

**A:** "We all have to live here on this planet, and we have to be good guardians of it." She continues with a more daunting thought, "Being on the Waste Management Agency's board, I am aware there is only so much room for a landfill. And quite frankly, in the State of California, it's extremely difficult to get another landfill. So, what we have is a very limited resource...We have to take care of what we have."

**Q:** What WASTE ZERO tips do you have for your fellow Cotatians?

**A:** "I think people really have to step back and think about what they have in their hands and ask, 'Is there a way I can recycle, compost, or reuse this?'. Rather than immediately saying 'I am going to just throw this in the garbage,' I think people need to look at everything they are tossing and then ask, 'How can I do this differently?'"



# COMPOSTING: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

## COMPOSTAJE: LO QUE USTED NECESITA SABER

SB1383

1. Residents will be required by Jan. 1, 2022 to either compost their food scraps at home or place them in their compost cart instead of their garbage cart.
2. Nearly all businesses will be required to have compost collection by Jan. 1, 2022.
3. If your business generates a significant amount of edible food, you will be required to donate food to a pantry or similar organization.

**Let our Waste Zero Team help** your business or multi-family dwelling recycle and compost more while saving money on your monthly bill! We provide technical assistance, free signage/tools, and staff trainings. Contact our Waste Zero team by calling 800.243.0291.

California Senate Bill (SB 1383) "Short-lived Climate Pollutants" goes into effect on January 1, 2022. This California state law requires a 75% reduction of organic material disposed of in landfills and a 20% increase in edible food recovery by 2025. Studies show that 33% or more of waste sent to landfills is made up of food, yard debris, and other organic matter. Landfilled organic matter creates methane, a powerful greenhouse gas, that causes climate change. We must all do our part at home and at work to slow climate change by recovering edible food for hungry people and composting our food scraps instead of placing them in the landfill.



*El Proyecto de Ley del Senado de California (SB 1383) "Contaminantes Climáticos de Corta Duración" tomara efecto el 1 de enero de 2022. Esta ley estatal de California requiere una reducción del 75% del material orgánico que se tira en los vertederos de basura y un aumento del 20% en la recuperación de alimentos comestibles para el año 2025. Los estudios muestran que el 33% o más de los desechos enviados a los vertederos de basura están compuestos de alimentos, desechos de jardín y otra materia orgánica. La materia orgánica que termina en los vertederos de basura crea metano, un poderoso gas de efecto invernadero, el cual causa el cambio climático. Todos debemos hacer nuestra parte, en la casa y en el trabajo, para frenar el cambio climático recuperando alimentos comestibles para las personas que padecen hambre y compostando los restos de comida en lugar de tirarlos al vertedero de basura.*

## The CARE Di\$count

### El De\$uento CARE

Households in Cotati may be eligible for a **20% discount on their Recology bill, through the Recology Cares program.** Participation in the Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) CARE program qualifies you for the Recology Cares program.

To apply, simply email us ([recologysonomamarin@recology.com](mailto:recologysonomamarin@recology.com)) a copy of your most current PG&E bill showing participation in their CARE program. A 20% discount will then be applied to the billing cycle in which the documentation is received. The name and address on your PG&E account must match the name and address on your Recology account. Please note that you may be asked to verify annually.



Los hogares de Cotati pueden ser elegibles para un descuento del 20% en su factura de Recology, a través del programa Recology Cares. Al participar en el programa CARE de Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E, por sus siglas en inglés), lo hace elegible para participar en el programa Recology Cares.

Para pedir que lo inscriban en el programa Recology Cares, simplemente envíe por correo electrónico (a [recologysonomamarin@recology.com](mailto:recologysonomamarin@recology.com)), una copia de su factura más reciente de PG&E y la cual muestre que usted participa en el programa CARE. Seguidamente, se aplicará un descuento del 20% al ciclo de facturación en el que se reciba la documentación requerida. El nombre y la dirección que aparecen en su cuenta de PG&E deben coincidir con el nombre y la dirección que aparecen en su cuenta de Recology. Tenga en cuenta que es posible que se le solicite una verificación anualmente.

# GET THE FACTS! ¡INFÓRMESE BIEN!



**Cartons are recyclable:** Your beverage cartons and aseptic containers are in fact recyclable!

**Los envases de cartón son reciclables:** los envases de cartón para bebidas, y envases asépticos, en realidad si son reciclables.



**PPE disposal:** Your used mask, gloves, and other personal protective equipment should be placed in the garbage. They are not recyclable.

**Eliminación del EPP:** La mascarilla, los guantes y otros equipos de protección personal, ya usados, deben tirarse a la basura. No son reciclables.



**Don't bag your recyclables:** Make sure your recyclables are loose so that we can sort them properly.

**No ponga sus materiales reciclables en bolsas:** Asegúrese de que sus materiales reciclables estén sueltos para que nosotros podamos clasificarlos correctamente.



**"Compostable" plastics:** These are not accepted by local compost facilities, as they don't break down in a timely manner. They need to go in the garbage only.

**Plásticos "Compostables":** Estos no son aceptados por las instalaciones de compostaje locales, ya que no se descomponen de manera oportuna. Puedes tirarlos a la basura solamente.

## The CCNB can help!

Check out the drop-off recycling programs for **mattresses, carpet, and e-waste** provided by the Conservation Corps North Bay at their Novato and Cotati locations: [CCNorthBay.org/zero-waste](http://CCNorthBay.org/zero-waste)



**Batteries:** Batteries need to be disposed of as hazardous waste. If thrown in the garbage or recycling they could start fires at our facilities. Please help protect our workers and dispose of them properly.

**Baterías/Pilas:** Las baterías/pilas deben desecharse como residuos peligrosos. Si se tiran al bote de basura o en el contenedor de reciclaje, estas podrían provocar incendios en nuestras instalaciones. Por lo tanto, ayude a proteger a nuestros trabajadores y elimínelas correctamente.



**Clean your recyclables:** When recycling your different items make sure to clean and dry them before putting them in your bin! Water-wise tip - use dirty dishwater and/or a used napkin. For example, this peanut butter jar would be ok.

**Limpie sus envases:** ¡Al reciclar los diferentes envases, asegúrese de vaciarlos, enjuagarlos y secarlos antes de ponerlos en su contenedor de reciclaje! Para economizar agua: utilice agua del fregadero o utilice una servilleta. Por ejemplo, este frasco de mantequilla de maní estaría bien.

## CURBSIDE CLEAN-UP RECOLECCIÓN POR LA ACERA

### Get ready: May 10th-14th

Follow these outlines below and get your items to the curb for some spring cleaning!

- ✓ **14 bags, boxes, or cans of refuse, OR**  
*14 bolsas, cajas o botes de basura, O*
- ✓ **7 bags, boxes, or cans of refuse & 1 bulky item, OR**  
*7 bolsas, cajas o botes de basura & 1 artículo voluminoso, O*
- ✓ **2 bulky items**  
*2 artículos voluminosos*
- ⊘ **No hazardous waste or appliances**  
*No residuos peligrosos o electrodomésticos*

An appointment must be made for all large furniture / *Haga una cita para la recolección de muebles grandess: 800.243.0291 or [RecologySonomaMarin@Recology.com](mailto:RecologySonomaMarin@Recology.com) by 2pm, May 7, 2021.*



# HAZARDOUS WASTE

## RESIDUOS PELIGROSOS



**DO NOT** dispose of household hazardous waste in the garbage, recycle, or compost bins. It is extremely dangerous to sanitation workers and must be disposed of properly. **Zero Waste Sonoma** has several options for the proper disposal of household hazardous waste. Visit their website at [ZeroWasteSonoma.gov](http://ZeroWasteSonoma.gov) or call 707.565.3375 for more information.

**NO ponga los residuos domésticos peligrosos en el bote de basura o en los contenedores de reciclaje o compostaje.** Es extremadamente peligroso para los trabajadores de saneamiento, y deben ser eliminados adecuadamente. **Zero Waste Sonoma** tiene varias opciones para la eliminación adecuada de los residuos domésticos peligrosos. Visite el sitio web [ZeroWasteSonoma.gov](http://ZeroWasteSonoma.gov) o llame al 707.565.3375 para obtener más información.

## COMPOST

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**Food scraps**  
*Restos de comida*



**Plant trimmings**  
*Recortes de plantas*



**Food soiled or wet paper**  
*Papel sucio o mojado*



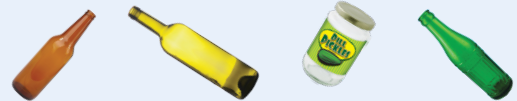
**Wooden utensils, chopsticks, & stir sticks**  
*Utensilios de madera, palillos y palillos mezcladores*

## RECYCLING

### RECICLAJE



**Plastic containers: bottles, jugs, & tubs**  
*Envases de plástico: botellas, jarras y cubos/baldes*



**Glass bottles & jars (metal caps & lids on)**  
*Botellas y frascos de vidrio (con las tapas de metal puestas)*



**Paper, cardboard, & cartons**  
*Papel y cartón*



**Aluminum, steel, tin: cans, foil, & trays**  
*Aluminio, acero, hojalata: latas, papel y bandejas de aluminio*



Don't know where something goes?  
¿No sabes a dónde van las cosas?  
Use our What Bin tool / Vaya a: [Recology.com/RSMWhatbin](http://Recology.com/RSMWhatbin)