



# “One Person’s Trash...”

*Your guide to reducing, reusing and recycling*

**A Newsletter of  
El Dorado Disposal Service**

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**Winter 2022**



## Doing our part

The Caldor Fire greatly impacted our community this fall. Many lost their homes to the fire, including those in the El Dorado Disposal family. When the first responders with Cal Fire were putting their lives on the line to contain the blaze, El Dorado Disposal did what we could to assist them. We disposed of the various wastes from their base camps, making sure that all their efforts could go towards containing the fire and preventing as much damage as possible.

We also had the opportunity to assist Saureel Vineyards, which graciously housed over 500 farm animals that had to be evacuated due to the fire. We donated supplies to ensure that the people and animals affected by the Caldor Fire were taken care of during and after the evacuation.

## What's on the horizon

We are proud to announce that in 2022 we will be starting a home composting program! Composting is a fun activity that can get the whole family to practice science, learn more about your backyard's critters, and create nutrient-rich compost for your plants. El Dorado Disposal offers composting classes upon request. Email Education and Outreach Coordinator Kristina Noble at [KristinaN@WasteConnections.com](mailto:KristinaN@WasteConnections.com) for more information. You can also visit [calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/homecompost](http://calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/homecompost) to learn more about composting.

If composting at home isn't quite your speed, no worries! El Dorado Disposal has three food waste collection and recycling pilot projects underway. Watch for details during the summer of 2022 about food waste collections in your area. In 2016, the state of California set a goal to reduce organic waste disposal by 75% by the year 2025. This latest initiative is just one of the ways we are working to help reach that goal.

Composting is one of the most effective ways we can reduce greenhouse gas emissions. California's landfills are composed of roughly half organic waste — waste that can be composted. These landfills release methane as organic waste decomposes. Methane is considered a super pollutant because as a greenhouse gas it is 84 times more powerful than carbon dioxide. Composting organic waste rather than landfilling it is an easy way that we can all contribute to cleaning up our atmosphere and tackling climate change.

Whether by composting at home or separating your organic waste for us, we hope that you will help in meeting our state's goals and keeping the air above California as beautiful as the rest of this great state.



## We appreciate your business

You might have noticed your bill was a little higher than usual last year. Unfortunately, the cost of disposal rose substantially over the past year. This led to an across-the-board increase in the rates we charge. We want to thank you for sticking with us, whether you're a residential customer, a commercial customer, or a self-hauling customer using our Material Recovery Facility. We appreciate you, and we strive to continue to make our services well worth the prices you pay.





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Of the 118 fatalities in the solid waste industry during 2020, 76 involved a customer or member of the public. When you visit the El Dorado Disposal Material Recovery Facility, be aware of the risks related to heavy equipment, other vehicles, and traffic flow. To avoid collisions, do not speed around other vehicles or move into their blind spot. When in your vehicle, be cautious of pedestrians on the site. When outside of your vehicle, be aware of other vehicles moving around the facility.

Never scavenge in the waste for reusable items. In addition to sharp and heavy objects, solid waste can include rotting organic material that can spread bacterial infections. While medical waste and household hazardous waste should not be included with trash or recyclables, mistakes are sometimes made. There may be medical sharps or toxic, caustic, or flammable liquids mixed in with any pile at the site.

A variety of people use these facilities: collection haulers, community members like you in a personal vehicle, or contractors with construction and demolition debris. If you are entering the facility for the first time, a little preparation can make the process go smoothly and safely for you and everyone else on site.

Before you go, check our website or Facebook business page for hours of operation and accepted materials. While you are on the website, look for construction updates and any safety guidance that might be provided. For your safety, please do not scavenge, smoke, or speed.

As you enter the site, look for signs that communicate directional and safety guidance. Ask gatehouse staff or other workers on site about customer safety policies as you enter the property. While you are at the facility, avoid distractions like texting, talking on the phone, adjusting your entertainment system, or programming your navigation app.

The safety protocols we have in place were put there for a reason. To protect yourself, your vehicle, other customers, and our workers, please follow all safety rules and share responsibility for everyone’s safety.

# Marking two years of the Oops! recycling program

El Dorado County residents are great at recycling, but we still see some contaminants in recycling carts. Did you know contamination can ruin an entire truckload of recyclables? When items that don’t belong in our recycling bins end up inside collection trucks, they can ruin otherwise recyclable items and damage equipment at the Material Recovery Facility. Whether collecting recycling as a part of a business or from your own home, we all need to do our part to reduce contamination and keep recycling clean.

We established our “Oops, Let’s Recycle Right!” program two years ago to help educate our community in an individualized way on what can and can’t be included in your recycling. We have big plans for this program, and we’ll be expanding it beyond just our residential customers. We’re excited to say that soon, the “Oops, Let’s Recycle Right!” program will be available for our commercial customers as well.

Here’s a refresher on how the program works. When one of our drivers spots contamination in a customer’s cart, they leave an Oops! tag with recycling do’s and don’ts and direct feedback.

We also give you a call and send a recycling information packet about acceptable and non-acceptable recyclable items to help inform you about proper recycling. If a second tag is placed on your cart, it will not be serviced. Once contaminants are removed, the recycling will be collected on the next day of service. After the third incident, you will be charged a contamination fee.

We need your help to recycle the right way! Common contaminants include plastic bags, Styrofoam, textiles (such as clothes and towels), and wood. Make sure these items go into your trash and not your recycling or green waste carts. If you aren’t sure what goes in your bin, visit [eldoradodisposal.com/residential-recycling](http://eldoradodisposal.com/residential-recycling) or call us at 530-626-4141 to speak to one of our recycling experts.

## Oops!

There was a problem with your containers or account!

**Service was provided today.**

However your cooperation in correcting the items noted below will be appreciated.

**We were unable to provide your normal service today**

due to the reason(s) marked below.

☐ Cart not at curb. See reverse side (1).

☐ Obstacles blocking the cart. Not enough space to service. See reverse side (1).

☐ Cart in poor service location. It has been moved to a better place for collection. See reverse side (1).

☐ Overweight or overfilled cart. Material must be level with cart lid closed.

☐ Materials in cart packed too tight. Trash must fall freely from the cart when dumped.

☐ Ashes must be cold and bagged.

☐ Unacceptable material. See reverse side (2).

☐ Material scattered when we arrived.

☐ Please bag or bundle. See reverse side.  
☐ Extra Trash    ☐ Yard Waste    ☐ Cardboard

☐ Please call our office.  
(530) 626-4141 or (916) 985-1162

☐ Recycle/Yard waste out on wrong week.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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**1**

There must be three (3) feet of clearance on either side of the carts, and six (6) feet from vehicles, boats, and trailers. Carts must be out the night before your service day.

**EXTRA TRASH** will be accepted at the curb in bags or bundles. Call ahead the business day before your regular pick-up to request this service at an additional charge.

**2 UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

Dirt, Sod, Rocks, Concrete, Liquids, Hazardous Waste, and Batteries. These items are not allowed in any cart.

**RECYCLING**

Empty and clean all recyclables. Place loose material into your yellow-lid recycle cart. Do not bag your recyclables.

PAPER & CARDBOARD

PLASTIC BOTTLES, TUBS & JUGS

ALUMINUM & TIN

GLASS BOTTLES & JARS

Break down and bundle boxes (3ft x 3ft x 18")

**YARDWASTE**

Please place loads or use a compostable paper bag. Extras should be bundled (3ft x 3ft x 18")

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# There's nothing like live music



This past summer, we had the opportunity to participate in the El Dorado Hills Concert in the Park series. This four-part concert series took place over the summer and capped off with the “End of Summer 2021 Bash” on September 18. Or at least, it was supposed to. Unfortunately, one of the concerts had to be delayed until October due to the Caldor Fire. Sadly, the smoke in the air made it impossible to host an event while guaranteeing everyone had a safe, fun time. Even though it ended up having an encore with the rescheduled show in October, the End of Summer 2021 Bash was still a great celebration. Attendees enjoyed themselves at a petting zoo, carnival, and a beer and wine garden (for those above the legal drinking age, of course). Performances from bands Invincible, The Cripple Creek Band, and Rock Monster kept the atmosphere vibrant throughout the day and into the night. We saw an incredible turnout for all the shows, but especially at the End of Summer 2021 Bash. After a year of quarantining, it was great to be able to get out, enjoy live music, and reconnect with each other.

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Photo courtesy of Erin Rhoads

## A page a day to keep waste away

Are you looking for some daily inspiration for 2022? Do you like ideas that improve your family life and our community and environment? If you answered “yes,” check out *Waste Not Everyday: 365 Ways to Reduce, Reuse and Reconnect* by Erin Rhoads. You’ll find daily inspiration for your low-waste journey. Her tips are short, usually just a sentence or two, and easy to implement. Plus, Rhoads focuses on kindness and community-building, both of which will make for a better new year. For longer articles and more ideas, follow Rhoads’s blog, [therogueginger.com](https://therogueginger.com).

## Fresh faces

We are excited to be adding a new member to the Sustainability team. Cadie Bandy joined us recently as an Education and Outreach Coordinator. We are so excited to have Cadie on board. We know she will tackle her job with energy and enthusiasm to provide our community with the best services possible.



# Overwhelmed with online packaging?

You’ve taken advantage of the convenience of online ordering. The gifts were a hit, but now the holidays are over, and you are left with a huge stack of boxes and packing materials. Before tossing boxes in the recycling cart, please consider first how you might reuse them instead. Free online marketplaces like Freecycle, Craigslist, or Nextdoor often allow you to connect with neighbors who are moving or shipping items and need boxes and packing materials. When efforts at reuse are exhausted, here is what to do with what remains.

- Cardboard shipping boxes should be recycled. Please remove packaging materials, such as air pillows, Styrofoam blocks, and packing peanuts, and then break down and flatten all boxes before recycling.
- Receipts you don’t wish to save can only be recycled if they are printed on regular paper. If the paper is coated or shiny, it is thermal paper and not recyclable. A vast majority of credit card and other store receipts are printed on thermal paper, which contains chemicals that reduce the quality of recycled paper. Receipts printed on large stickers are also not accepted. **When it comes to receipts, when in doubt, throw it out!** Shred any receipts containing credit card numbers or personal information. Want to avoid having to toss or shred receipts? Ask for receipts to be emailed or texted to you instead of printed when this option is available.
- Deflated plastic packing pillows or bubble wrap can be recycled in the same way you would recycle plastic bags and other plastic films. This means that they should not go in your recycling cart. Instead, they can be gathered together in a bag and then dropped off for recycling along with your plastic bags at most grocery and hardware stores. Visit [plasticfilmrecycling.org/recycling-bags-and-wraps](http://plasticfilmrecycling.org/recycling-bags-and-wraps) to find drop-off locations near you. Explore this same website to learn more about what other types of plastic bags and films are accepted for recycling.
- Packing peanuts are often made of polystyrene foam (often called “Styrofoam”) and are not accepted for recycling. These may be accepted at your local UPS or package shipping store for reuse. Call ahead to ask whether they are currently accepting the items you have.



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## Paper power



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We all know that paper is recyclable, but responsible recycling isn’t as simple as just gathering any and all paper-based products you see and throwing them in with the rest of the recycling. Some paper products are not recyclable and can do more harm than good if included with your other recyclable waste.

Paper products to look out for are paper covered in wax. Waxy paper is what makes up milk cartons, wax-coated cardboard boxes that hold bulk fruits and veggies, juice and soup boxes, or any other paper or cardboard goods that feel a little too slick or shiny to be natural. Another clue is that these items don’t tear as easily as other papers. These goods should be disposed of in the trash rather than the recycling.

Clean and dry paper, such as newspaper, magazines, printer paper, note paper, and junk mail, can be recycled. You can also recycle paperboard (empty cereal and shoe boxes) and cardboard boxes. We accept mixed paper at our Material Recovery Facility and in our curbside recycling carts.

It can sometimes be hard to tell the difference between recyclable and non-recyclable goods, especially when they are made from the same material. If you have questions, visit [eldoradodisposal.com/residential-recycling](http://eldoradodisposal.com/residential-recycling) or call us at 530-626-4141. We hope that this reminder helps in working towards a more sustainable world.

## Simplifying plastic recycling

With so many types of plastics available, do you know which ones you can recycle? From bottles to jugs to containers to bags, it can be hard to determine whether an item belongs in your recycling bin or not.

All of El Dorado Disposal’s programs keep it easy — we accept plastic tubs, cups, bottles, and jugs. El Dorado Disposal does not separate plastic items by the number located in the center of the chasing-arrows symbol found on most products, meaning you don’t have to worry about what number is printed on an item. El Dorado Disposal accepts plastic bottles, jugs, cups, and tubs as recyclable products. We ask that all recyclable items be placed in carts or bins free and loose, without bags. Plastic bags are considered contamination and can get stuck in recycle sorting machinery — do not put them into your recycling carts. Please bring these bags to a retail drop-off location, such as the Target and Safeway in Placerville.

Have a question about a plastic item? Use our Waste Wizard to determine where it belongs at [eldoradodisposal.com/schedules](http://eldoradodisposal.com/schedules).

*Yes, recycle these!*

A collection of various plastic items that are accepted for recycling. These include several plastic bottles of different sizes and colors (blue, white, orange, green), a large white jug, a white tub of sour cream, a clear plastic cup, and a purple jug. Each item has a green checkmark icon next to it, indicating it is acceptable for recycling.

*No, don't recycle these!*

A collection of plastic items that are not accepted for recycling. These include a clear plastic container with a lid, a black plastic container, a green plastic crate, and a clear plastic bag. Each item has a red X icon next to it, indicating it is not acceptable for recycling.

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# Save money with New Year's Reduce-olutions!

As the new year arrives, people think about possible New Year's Resolutions. For many people, the priority is to spend less money. (Wouldn't that be nice?) The easiest way to do this is to reduce what we are consuming. This year, make a Reduce-olution! Here are some tips to help you reduce your consumption and save money at the same time:

- **Buy less:** This may seem obvious, but maybe you can put a little more thought into it. We have kitchens full of single-use gadgets and appliances. Before buying something, ask yourself two questions: "Do I really need this?" and "Do I already have something that would serve the same purpose?"
- **Don't buy — borrow:** Before you buy something that you won't use often, look for somewhere you can borrow it. Get books, movies, and magazines from friends and family or the library. Share yard tools with a neighbor. Need a dress for a special occasion? Ask to look through a friend's closet, or consider renting it, as men have rented tuxes for decades.
- **Use your reusable bags, bottles, and mugs:** We all do it — we keep reusable bags in our cars and then walk into the store without them. Put them somewhere you won't forget them, such as next to your child's car seat or on top of your purse. Don't just use them at the grocery store; take them along for any shopping you do. Always carry a water bottle or coffee mug with you; most places will fill your bottle or mug instead of giving you a disposable cup. If you often find yourself throwing away straws or disposable cutlery, consider keeping reusable versions of these items with you to avoid the waste.
- **Give up or cut down on disposables:** Just say no to plastic single-use straws. Avoid buying bottled water. Use cloth napkins, towels, and cleaning cloths in your home. Eat meals on dishes, not paper, plastic, or foam plates or bowls. Keep reusable containers in your car for when you have leftovers at restaurants. When picking up carryout food to take home, skip the condiment packets, disposable cutlery, napkins, and straws.
- **Keep electronics operating efficiently:** Regularly upload pictures and videos to the cloud or a home hard drive and delete them from your mobile device to free up storage space. Don't let the battery go dead before charging it fully. Instead, charge the battery a little at a time, as often as possible. Disconnect chargers and devices with rechargeable batteries after the battery reaches full charge to prevent overcharging. Leave your laptop plugged in while you use it and unplugged when it's turned off. Don't expose your device to either very high or low temperatures. Use both a case and a screen protector for cell phones, e-readers, and tablets. Frequently update, clear the cache, and remove temporary files to keep your device running smoothly. When a rechargeable battery in a device reaches the end of its life and fails to recharge, consider having the battery replaced and recycled instead of buying a new device.



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## Enjoying a night out

There's something special about a beautiful summer night. On August 6, we got to experience the California summer in all its glory when the El Dorado Hills Community Services District partnered with the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office to host the National Night Out. El Dorado Hills Community Park was open to guests of all ages and held a myriad of fun activities for the whole family. Attendees could enjoy some delicious barbecue while being serenaded by local youth singers. Not to be forgotten, though, was the Sheriff's Office. They put on quite a show. Those in attendance were treated to a K-9 performance, the first look at the new mobile command unit, and even some exploding watermelons! Why settle for fireworks when you can blow up fruit instead? Community members also got to see inside and take a picture with the BearCat, an armored vehicle that keeps El Dorado's finest safe while they carry out dangerous missions. A picture with this veritable tank on wheels is great for a photo album or your social media feed. One thing is for sure, this was a night that no one will soon forget.





# The dangers of lithium-ion battery fires

Did you know batteries can start fires inside carts, collection trucks, and waste facilities? Lithium-ion batteries, found in many rechargeable devices like cell phones, laptops, and headphones, pose a fire risk when you toss them in your trash or recycling bins at home. This past summer, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released a report, “An Analysis of Lithium-Ion Battery Fires in Waste Management and Recycling,” analyzing the impact of these batteries when not properly recycled.

The EPA found more than 240 fires caused by lithium-ion batteries at 64 facilities between 2013 and 2020. This number is likely low since data is limited on lithium-ion battery fires not made public or covered in the news.

Lithium-ion batteries can easily ignite when damaged, and in the process of collecting and processing curbside trash, they are likely to be damaged. Mechanized trucks typically crush waste when picking it up. At material recovery facilities (MRFs), items travel across conveyors and tumble through a series of sorting machines. At landfills, waste is compacted by heavy equipment. The fires sparked by lithium-ion batteries not only caused damage at the facilities or to the vehicles where they occurred, but they also resulted in injured firefighters, monetary loss, and service disruptions in the community. In addition to posing fire hazards, when we trash our portable devices and their batteries, we cannot reuse the valuable materials they contain in new products.

As portable electronics continue to be a critical part of our everyday lives, our waste and recycling systems will only see more of these batteries. Take all batteries and electronics to a household hazardous waste collection facility. Better yet, use your portable electronics as long as you can, only upgrading to a replacement once your device is no longer working.

We can all do our part to ensure we properly dispose of these batteries to keep our community safe.



**A lithium-ion battery sparked this garbage truck fire that closed a city street and put surrounding properties at risk in Bellevue, Washington.** (Photo courtesy of Bellevue Police Department and U.S. EPA)

## Recycle your batteries right!

- Tape the terminal ends of your lithium-ion and all other household batteries.
- Bag lithium-ion batteries individually in sealable plastic bags.
- Do not place lithium-ion batteries inside your trash or recycling cart!
- Properly dispose of lithium-ion batteries or devices with these batteries, as well as other household batteries, using one of these options:
  - > Residential customers can request a battery container and, once it's full, ask for collection before your next service day. To set up this free service, please call Customer Service at 530-626-4141. Corroded, lead acid, wet cell, and automotive batteries are not accepted through this curbside program.
  - > El Dorado Hills (4421 Latrobe Road) and Cameron Park (3500 Palmer Drive) recycling centers accept batteries Tuesday – Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Please note, batteries are no longer accepted at the Placerville Recycling Center).
  - > The Material Recovery Facility, located at 4100 Throwita Way in Placerville, accepts batteries Friday – Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



**Examples of properly taped batteries. Please use clear tape to tape both ends of alkaline batteries (middle). For lithium “button” batteries, please tape both sides.**

## El Dorado County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection events at Fire Station 86 have been canceled until further notice. Instead, the El Dorado County Environmental Management Department will be holding temporary, monthly HHW collection events at various locations in the county. You must schedule an appointment to participate in one of these HHW events. To make an appointment, email [hhw@edcgov.us](mailto:hhw@edcgov.us) or call 530-621-5300. All normal limits apply (no more than 15 gallons or 125 pounds per household, limit of 10 fluorescent bulbs per household). Please do not mix wastes together — keep all items in their original, labeled containers. No business waste and no out-of-county waste will be accepted. At the appointment, you must provide proof of county residency.

# What goes in your commercial bins?

## Recycle Bin – yellow lids

(Note: Recycling lids will be changed to blue in the foreseeable future per SB 1383.)

*Place items in bin free and loose (un-bagged).*

**Plastic:** All items need to be rinsed out and dry. Plastic bottles, tubs, jugs, and jars. Lids removed and put in the trash.

**Paper:** All items need to be dry and clean. Newspaper, magazines, junk mail, envelopes without plastic windows, catalogs, bags, office paper, phone books, paperback books, and flattened cardboard boxes.

**Glass:** All clean and dry bottles and jars, with or without labels. Lids removed and put into trash.

**Metal:** All clean and dry aluminum, tin, steel, & bi-metal food or beverage containers with or without labels. Lids removed and put into trash.

## Unacceptable Material for Recycling

Plastic bags, plastic wrap and film, bubble wrap/air pillows, Styrofoam peanuts and blocks, and shredded paper.

*Don't see something on the list? Download our smartphone app and search by material. Search 'El Dorado' in the app store or call customer service Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 530-626-4141.*

## Trash Bin – black lids

*All items need to be bagged and placed in the bin.*

Bubble wrap/Air pillows

Plastic wrap/Film

Plastic straws/Utensils

Styrofoam peanuts/Blocks

Clothes/Leather

Dry paint cans – lids removed

Napkins/Used paper products

Shredded paper

Pens/Pencils

Coffee cups/Lids/Keurig pods

Padded envelopes

Buckets

## Unacceptable in all commercial bins:

All construction material including but not limited to concrete, treated wood, scrap metal, dry wall, dirt, rocks. Never place hazardous waste, batteries, oil, electronic waste, or light bulbs or tubes into the bin.

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## Off-Site Recycling and Redemption Centers *Residential Only*

### Placerville

580 Truck Street

Open: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, with ½ hour break at noon

Note: For the safety of employees, this center closes when the temperature reaches 100°.

#### Materials Accepted:

- Buy-back for CRV beverage containers (aluminum, plastic, and glass)

### Cameron Park

3510 Palmer Drive (behind CVS)

Open: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, with ½ hour break at noon

Note: For the safety of employees, this center closes when the temperature reaches 100°.

#### Materials Accepted:

- Buy-back for CRV beverage containers (aluminum, plastic, and glass)
- Cardboard bin for all cardboard, newspaper, and magazines
- E-Waste accepted for free (Limit of 4 TVs)
- Drop-off box for household batteries only (with clear tape covering the +/- ends) – No car, motorcycle, or other large batteries accepted
- Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes accepted for free (up to 4 feet long, 4-tube limit per month)

**NOTE:** No green waste recycling available at this facility. All Cameron Park residents may drop off green waste at the El Dorado Hills facility. Please bring proof of residency.

### El Dorado Hills

4421 Latrobe Road

Open: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, with ½ hour break at noon

Note: For the safety of employees, this center closes when the temperature reaches 100°.

#### Materials Accepted:

- Buy-back for CRV beverage containers (aluminum, plastic, and glass)
- Green waste bin (2 cubic yard maximum per day)
- Cardboard bin for all cardboard, newspaper, and magazines
- E-Waste accepted for free
- Drop-off box for household batteries only (with clear tape covering the +/- ends) – No car, motorcycle, or other large batteries accepted
- Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes accepted for free (up to 4 feet long, 4-tube limit per month)

Visit the CalRecycle website, [calrecycle.ca.gov](http://calrecycle.ca.gov), for current California Redemption Value (CRV) pricing.

# El Dorado Disposal Material Recovery Facility

## Material Recovery Facility (MRF)

4100 Throwita Way, Placerville  
Open: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., 7 days a week  
Closes at 2 p.m. on: Easter, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and New Year's Eve  
Closed: Christmas Day and New Year's Day

### Materials Accepted at the Transfer Station for a Fee:

- Commercial and household waste
- Construction and demolition waste
- White goods, such as refrigerators, freezers, washing machines, stoves, air conditioning units, microwaves, etc.
- Tires (mounted or unmounted on rims)
- Yard waste
- Carpet (no padding)

### Materials Accepted at the MRF for Free:

- Cans and bottles
- Cardboard, office paper, newspaper, and magazines
- Glass food and beverage bottles and jars (unbroken)
- Steel, tin, and aluminum cans
- Plastic food and beverage bottles, jugs, cups, and tubs

- Consumer electronics (e-waste), such as televisions, computers, monitors, stereos, VCRs, cell phones, etc.
- Automotive batteries
- Mattresses and box springs – Please keep clean and dry.

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility

4100 Throwita Way, Placerville  
Open to Residents: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays only

### Materials Accepted from Residents at No Charge:

- Medical sharps (such as needles and lancets) in an approved sharps container or a sealed plastic bottle or jug
- Unwanted over-the-counter and prescription medications (no “controlled substances” — Contact your pharmacist to ask whether an old prescription is considered a controlled substance.)
- Household chemicals, such as polishes, oven and drain cleaners, lighter fluid, mercury-containing items, cooking oil, etc.
- Personal care products, such as cosmetics, nail polish, and polish remover

- Garden and landscape products, such as fungicides, insecticides, and pool chemicals
- Garage or workshop chemicals, including paint, paint thinners, wood preservatives, antifreeze and other automotive fluids, used motor oil and filters, etc.
- Rechargeable and alkaline batteries (with clear tape covering the +/- ends)
- Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes (limit of 15)
- Propane tanks (limit of 4)

Limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds per visit

## Hazardous Waste Disposal for Businesses:

Businesses generating less than 220 pounds or 27 gallons of hazardous waste per month may dispose of hazardous waste at this facility by appointment and for a fee. Appointments are available only on Fridays, from 8 to 9 a.m. Businesses must obtain a Hazardous Waste Generator Permit. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 530-295-2818.



# Bear-proof your garbage with special carts

Bears with access to garbage pose increased public health and safety issues, as well as increased danger for the health and well-being of bears and other wildlife. It can also result in garbage being scattered on properties and roadways. If you live in an area where bears go through your trash, you can order a heavy, locking, bear-proof cart. We now offer these carts in 64-gallon sizes, as well as 96-gallon. Deterring bears and other wildlife from your cart requires proper cart care and trash disposal, but please note you should NO LONGER use chemical deterrents, such as ammonia. Instead, store your containers in a secure location and bring containers in immediately after service. You can also freeze food waste before placing it in the cart the night before service to reduce odors. Call us at 530-626-4141 for details on ordering a bear cart or to learn more about bear prevention.

*A bear-resistant cart that stayed closed, thwarting a bear's attempt to access the garbage.*

# Carpet recycling

We accept carpet for recycling. For a reduced rate, we take your carpet so it can be shipped off to become new carpet. Please have carpet segregated from the rest of your load when coming into the MRF. Call 530-626-4141 or visit [eldoradodisposal.com](http://eldoradodisposal.com) for more details.



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*We want your suggestions, questions and comments!*

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