

What goes where?



CITY OF CLAREMONT
Refuse & Recycling Program

Why Recycle...

Recycling helps reduce the amount of trash that goes into the landfills, protects our limited natural resources, and saves energy. It can also help lower your monthly refuse fee. The variable rate structure bases rates on the size of the **trash** container you use; the smaller the black container, the lower the fee.

Recycling is easy with the convenient and easy-to-use recycling programs that Claremont offers. Claremont citizens recycled approximately 8,000 tons of materials and 9,200 tons of green waste in 2007.

How It Works...

In order to provide automated refuse and recycling services to the community, residential customers are furnished with three separate containers: the 90-gallon **BLUE** container for **commingled recycling**, the 90-gallon **GREEN** container for **green waste**, and a 40-gallon, 64-gallon, or 90-gallon **BLACK** container for **trash**. All three containers must be placed at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on your designated collection day.

Did you know?

Recycling one glass saves enough electricity to light a 100-watt bulb for four hours.



Blue container
RECYCLABLES

YES

Newspapers, Magazines & Mixed Paper
junk mail, telephone books, catalogs, computer paper, envelopes, wrapping paper, brochures, crayon drawings, office paper, copy paper

Cardboard, Chipboard

cereal boxes, tissue boxes, food boxes, milk cartons, juice boxes, soda/beer cartons, egg cartons (paper fiber), paper bags, cardboard boxes, gift boxes

Glass Bottles & Jars

juice bottles, beer bottles, wine bottles, liquor bottles, salad dressing bottles, baby food jars, condiment jars, jam jars, assorted food jars

Plastic Bottles, Jugs & Jars

water bottles, soda bottles, milk jugs, laundry jugs, shampoo bottles, lotion bottles, food containers, condiment bottles, vegetable oil bottles

Aluminum & Metal Cans

soda cans, beer cans, fruit cans, vegetable cans, pet food cans, juice cans, soup cans, sauce cans, assorted food cans

NO

waxed or carbon paper, food or liquid waste, trash or yard waste, or hazardous waste*



Green container
GREEN WASTE

YES

grass & leaves (*loose, not bagged*), prunings & weeds, chipped wood, twigs & small branches (*four inches or less in diameter and two feet or less in length*)

NO

trash, recyclable materials, plastic bags, palm fronds, Ice plants, cactus, yucca and all other succulents, fruit or vegetables, ivy or bamboo, dirt or rocks, metal, wood, hazardous waste*



Black container
TRASH

YES

animal & food waste (*please bag*), cigarette butts, disposable diapers, old clothes & shoes, rags & sponges, toys

NO

concrete, construction debris, dirt & rocks, furniture, large appliances, tires, yard waste, hazardous waste*, e-waste**

Green Waste Tips

Cut up trimmings to increase the amount of green waste that will fit in your container.

Do NOT put your green waste in plastic trash bags.

*Household Hazardous Waste Includes:

antifreeze, full or partially-full aerosol cans, household cleaners, motor oil, paint thinner, paints (latex & oil based), pharmaceuticals. See the back panel for more information.

**E-Waste Includes:

computer monitors, hard-drives, televisions, laptop computers, portable DVD players with LCD screens, mobile phones, fluorescent lights, bulbs, batteries, etc.

Household Hazardous Waste

It is illegal to dispose of household hazardous waste in the trash or to pour it down garbage disposals or storm drains. Doing so presents a very real threat to harm the environment as well as to workers who may come in contact with the material while collecting your trash. Claremont residents have several ways to dispose of household hazardous waste safely.

To schedule a free curbside collection for used motor oil and filters, residents can call the Community Services Department at (909) 399-5431.

For disposal of all other HHW, residents can visit one of the many regional HHW collection events sponsored by the County of Los Angeles. For dates and locations, please call the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works toll free at (888) CLEAN LA (253-2652) or (800) 552-5218 or find the location on their website at www.888cleanla.com.



Claremont's Curbside Collection Program for used oil and filters is funded by the

California Integrated Waste Management Board

Home-Generated Sharps

Residents of Claremont may dispose of their home-generated sharp material, which includes needles, syringes, and lancets, **free of charge**. Residents may pick up a free, 1-quart sharps container and exchange for another when full. For more information, call Community Services (909) 399-5431, for the nearest collection center.

Frequently asked questions

Q. Where, when, and how should I place my containers on collection day?

A. Place your containers in the street at curbside by 6:00 a.m. on your designated collection day. The containers must be at least five feet away from any obstruction with the handles facing away from the street. Allow a minimum distance of two feet between all automated containers. Lids should be closed.

Q. How are the contents of my containers collected?

A. Your three containers are emptied separately on your collection day. Containers are not emptied in any specific order. Please have them all out by 6:00 a.m. so as not to miss your collection.

Q. What happens to my recyclable materials?

A. The recyclables are collected and taken to a materials recovery facility (MRF), where the items are processed for recycling and eventual reuse.

Q. What happens if I put trash in my recycling or green waste container?

A. That particular container load is considered contaminated, which means *all* the materials in that container must go to the landfill. Further, one contaminated container can contaminate an entire truckload of recyclable materials, which results in sending all of those valuable items to the landfill.

Q. What do I do with large or bulky items?

A. To dispose of items that do not fit in your automated container, please call the Community Services Department at (909) 399-5431 to schedule an appointment for a bulk item pick up. The City offers 3 **FREE** pickups per single-family household, per calendar year.

Q. When does the City pick up my trash and recyclables during a holiday week?

A. With the exception of Veteran's Day, your collection day will be delayed one day following a holiday for that week.

*Recycling...
It works better
because of you!*

Claremont



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*A Recycling
Program for
our Community*

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