

# RECYCLING

## Weekly Service for Brown Cart

### OK FOR RECYCLING



Cardboard

Cardboard

Chipboard

Glass Containers

Paper products

Paper

Metal cans

Metal items

Plastic Containers



Empty cans,  
small metal items



Empty glass containers



Empty plastic containers  
(#1-#7)



Chipboard,  
paper products,  
paper



### REMINDERS

- Collections are WEEKLY on the same day as your garbage service.
- For missed service, please call within 24 hours.
- If you have recyclables that do not fit inside the cart, flatten, bag or bundle them and place beside the recycle cart.
- Before discarding, consider reusing or donating.
- Extra cardboard can be recycled four times a year at no additional charge with on-call recycling service. See On Call Recycling in Yard Waste section.
- Additional recycle carts available at no charge.



### NOT FOR BROWN CART

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

### Recycle Batteries, Fluorescent Bulbs

Batteries and compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) are hazardous waste but can be recycled curbside. Place batteries in quart-size Ziploc bag, seal and leave next to brown cart. No rechargeables. Do same in separate Ziploc bag for CFLs. See *Household Hazardous Waste* page for safe disposal options for cell phones and other hazardous waste.



# YARD WASTE

## Biweekly Service for Green Cart

### OK FOR RECYCLING



Cacti

Prunings

Straw

Yard Trimmings

Vegetables, Fruits  
(Uncooked, unprocessed)

### ON-CALL YARD WASTE & RECYCLING CLEANUPS

Recycle extra yard waste (YW), extra corrugated cardboard or both with up to four (4) free on call recycling cleanups per year. To schedule a recycling cleanup, call (707) 747-0608 or visit [www.republicservices.com/site/pacheco-ca](http://www.republicservices.com/site/pacheco-ca) to request the service online.

Recycling cleanups are in addition to biweekly yard waste and weekly recycling service and are scheduled for collection on the same day as your regular recycling and yard waste service.

#### Extra Yard Waste

- After filling yard waste cart, place extra leaves and yard clippings in cardboard boxes, paper bags or containers that are 32 gallons or less in volume. Maximum 50lbs. per container. (No plastic bags.)
- Containers will not be taken away.
- Tree branches and prunings must be 3 inches or less in diameter and three feet or less in length. Bundle with string or cord.
- Place extra yard waste containers at the curb by 5 a.m. of your pickup day or the night before.
- Keep extra material at least 4 feet away from carts.

#### Corrugated Cardboard

- Flatten corrugated cardboard and trim to 4 feet or less on each side. Bundle with cord or string. No maximum on bundle's thickness if less than 50 lbs.
- Place bundled cardboard at the curb by 5 a.m. of pickup day or the night before.
- Keep extra material at least 4 feet away from carts.



Place cart out by  
5 a.m. Leave at least  
4 feet between carts  
and any other  
object.

### NOT FOR GREEN CART OR ON-CALL CLEANUP

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

### REMINDERS

- Collection is BIWEEKLY on the same day as garbage service. For missed service, please call within 24 hours.
- Be sure all materials fit inside the cart with lid closed.
- Keep cart 4 feet away from other carts and any objects including cars and mailbox
- Additional green waste carts available at no charge

# GARBAGE

## Weekly Service for Blue Cart



### WHAT NOT TO PUT IN YOUR GARBAGE CART

Batteries  
Fluorescent bulbs  
Hazardous Waste  
Medical sharps  
Yard waste  
Recyclables

### REMINDERS

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

### FREE ON CALL CLEANUPS

Residents in Benicia may schedule three (3) free cleanups per year at any time. Use a cleanup to discard up to four (4) cubic yards (approx. eighteen 32-gallon bags) of extra trash and items too large for garbage carts. To schedule a cleanup, visit us at [www.republicservices.com/site/pacheco-ca](http://www.republicservices.com/site/pacheco-ca) and request the service online or call (707) 747-0608.

#### Guidelines for Cleanups

- ✓ Place items at the curb by 5 a.m. or, 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 cart.
- ✓ No loose piles.

#### Unacceptable Materials

- ⊘ **No single item** may weigh more than 150 lbs. or be longer than 4 feet. Bags cannot weigh more than 50 pounds.
- ⊘ **No large car parts** (tires, transmission blocks, engines, etc.), furniture or mattresses. For large items, call our Customer Service department.
- ⊘ **No rocks, dirt or concrete** and no tree stumps or large tree trunks.
- ⊘ **No hazardous waste** including paint, car batteries, antifreeze, solvents, pesticides and cleaners. Hazardous waste must be disposed of separately. Please see back cover for details.

**Use one of your Bulky Item Pick Ups for TVs, electronics, mattresses, furniture or appliances**

#### BULKY ITEMS Free Pickup 3 Items

Benicia residents may call to have any three of the items listed picked up annually at no charge. If you need more than three pickups within a year, items after the third FREE bulky item can be collected for a fee. Call customer service at (707) 747-0608 for information or to schedule a pickup.

- Appliances
- Electronics
- Televisions
- Tires
- Mattresses



# 2016

## Recycling Collection Schedule

### 2016

#### January

sun	mon	tues	wed	thur	fri	sat
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#### February

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#### October

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### 2017

#### January

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#### Legend



#### Biweekly Yard Waste Collections

Green boxes indicate yard waste collection week - same day as garbage service.



#### Brown Cart Recycling Is Weekly

Same day as garbage service.

FREE Pickups of Reusable Items and Hazardous Waste are twice a month. Call (707) 747-0608 to schedule an appointment.



#### Special Dates

Earth Day ..... April 22

Coastal Cleanup ..... September 17

America Recycles Day ..... November 15

Please tear off here and post calendar on refrigerator for easy reference

# SERVICES

## Just Give Us a Call

### Senior Citizen Discount

A senior citizen discount is available for residents of Benicia who are 60 years of age or older.

Please visit the City of Benicia Finance Department to complete an application form or call (707) 746-4225.

### Holiday Treecycling

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

No flocked trees will be taken.



### How to Reach Us

Questions about your service or bill can be answered by Customer Service. You can:

- Call (707) 747-0608 and speak to one of our representatives;
- Write us at:  
441 North Buchanan Circle  
Pacheco, CA 94553  
Attn: Customer Service Manager;
- Visit our website at:  
[www.republic-services.com/site/pacheco-ca](http://www.republic-services.com/site/pacheco-ca), where you can order a cart repair, schedule a cleanup, report a missed collection and request many other services online.

### Cart Sizes

Carts are available in the following sizes:

- Garbage: 20, 32, 64, 96 gallons.
- Recycling: 64 gallons.
- Yard Waste: 96 gallons.
- Cart dimensions:

Size	Height	Width	Depth	Footprint
20 gal.	32.6"	19.8"	18.0"	<2.0 sq. ft.
32 gal.	38.5"	19.0"	22.0"	2.0 sq. ft.
64 gal.	42.0"	25.5"	27.0"	2.5 sq. ft.
96 gal.	46.5"	26.5"	33.5"	3.0 sq. ft.

### Going on Vacation?

Please schedule vacation holds in advance:

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

Call customer service at (707) 747-0608 for additional information.

### 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 credit card or bank account at [www.awbillpay.inet-biller.com](http://www.awbillpay.inet-biller.com). You may also call Customer Service at (707) 747-0608 to set up your auto bill-pay account;
- By mail, using the envelope provided with your bill;
- In person at Republic Services' office at 441 N. Buchanan Circle, Pacheco, or by check or cash only at Westamerica Bank, 20 Solano Square. You must have your payment stub;
- By phone with American Express, Visa, MasterCard or Discover. We do not accept checks over the phone.

### Missed Collection?

Please call within 24 hours to report that your garbage, recycle or yard waste cart 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 carts in a secure location for the next resident and call us to discontinue service.

# CONSERVE

## Doing More – Beyond Curbside!

### What Happens to Recyclables & Garbage

**Q. What happens to my recyclables after I put them in my brown cart?**

**A.** After your recyclables are emptied into our truck, they are taken to Pacific Rim Recycling in Benicia.

The recyclables travel down a conveyor belt, and employees separate them into different commodities. The different material types are then baled together and sold.

**Q. What happens to my garbage after I put it in my blue cart?**

**A.** Anything put in the garbage becomes trash forever. What goes in your blue garbage cart (even recyclables like cardboard, cans, bottles) is taken to our Martinez Transfer Station to be compacted, then sent to Keller Canyon Landfill in Pittsburg.

Employees do NOT sort through garbage and pick out recyclable items. Please put all recyclable items in the brown recycling cart!

### Plastic vs. Reusable Bags

Americans use billions of plastic bags per year, many of which end up in the landfill or in the ocean. Consider using canvas or reusable bags at the grocery store. Some stores have reusable bags for purchase and often offer discounts for using reusables instead of plastic or paper bags.



We do not accept plastic bags (or any type of plastic film material) for recycling, but state law requires grocery stores to accept them for recycling. Visit [www.plasticbagrecycling.org](http://www.plasticbagrecycling.org) for information.

### Freecycle, Craigslist

Recycling is the last of the 3 Rs – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Make an effort to incorporate the first two (Reduce & Reuse) into your everyday life.

Check [Craigslist.org](http://Craigslist.org) and [Freecycle.org](http://Freecycle.org) to help you find new homes for unwanted goods, and they're great sources of free (or cheap) goods or reuse tips.

### Old Pills Piling Up?

Do not dump medicines and over-the-counter drugs down the drain or toilet.

Flushed drugs enter waterways, harming people, animals and the environment. Wastewater facilities cannot remove these chemicals.

Remove label and recycle container. Dispose of medicines safely by crushing and mixing them in a Ziploc bag with wet shredded paper or wet coffee grounds and place in trash. Watch for advertised "take-back" programs.



### Why You Cannot Recycle...

**Styrofoam:** There is no market for Styrofoam because it is low in quality, cheaper to produce from virgin materials and usually contaminated with food.



Since it is a useless commodity, it goes straight to the landfill.

However, a large amount of Styrofoam products end up as litter and reach the ocean, where they break down 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.

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



**Chipbags & Aseptic Packaging:** Both packaging materials are not recyclable because they are an amalgam 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.

# Household Hazardous Waste



Presorted  
Standard  
U.S. Postage Paid  
PLEASANT HILL, CA  
PERMIT NO. 122

## Antifreeze, Motor Oil and Oil Filters

Recycle oil filters and used motor oil curbside.

- Pour **motor** oil into a clear plastic container like a milk jug.
- Tape lid to close it securely.
- Place **beside** your **brown** recycling cart.



- Maximum 3 gallons of oil per pickup.
- Place filters in a sealable plastic bag, i.e., Ziploc.
- Place **beside** your **brown** recycling cart.



Take Antifreeze, Batteries, motor Oil (+ filters) and latex Paint and cell phones to the **A.B.O.P. facility at the Benicia City Corporation Yard, 2400 E. 2nd St., open Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon.** No appointment needed. Oil-based paint and other chemicals need a curbside pickup appointment. Call (707) 747-0608.

## Household Hazardous Waste Curbside Program

By appointment only. Dispose of oil-based paint, cleaning products, pool chemicals, car batteries, gasoline and more by calling customer service. Special packaging will be mailed to you and an appointment set for pickup.

### Cooking Oil

- Pour **cooking** oil into a clear plastic container like a plastic milk jug.
- Tape lid to close it securely.
- Label contents.
- Schedule a curbside pickup.

### Sharps

No syringes, needles and lancets in your garbage or recycling carts. Use a puncture proof container (like a detergent bottle) and tape lid to close securely. Drop off full container at the Firehouse, 150 Military West, free of charge.

**The Devilin Road Transfer Station, 889A Devilin Road, American Canyon, no longer accepts drop-offs from Benicia residents.**

## Electronic Waste

State law bans CRTs (TVs and monitors), computers, key-



boards, printers, fax machines, DVD players, VCRs, radios and other electronics in garbage.

Republic Services offers free curbside pickups of electronics. Some electronic waste may qualify for a free bulky item pickup.

For more information and to schedule a pickup call (707) 747-0608.

### Batteries, CFLs

Drop off fluorescent bulbs and batteries at Pedrotti Ace Hardware, 830 Southampton Road, Benicia, ph: (707) 745-6887.

### Old Medications

Don't flush your drugs. Dispose of old medicines safely. Remove label from container. Recycle container. Place crushed or liquid medication in an absorbent substance (like wet shredded paper or coffee grounds) in a Ziploc bag. Put in trash. Also watch for "take back" programs.

441 N. Buchanan Circle  
Pacheco, CA 94553  
(925) 685-4711  
www.republicservices.com/  
site/pacheco-ca



Leave carts out by 5 a.m. and keep at least 4 feet apart



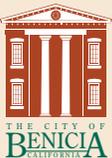
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