



# “One Person’s Trash...”

*Your guide to reducing, reusing and recycling*

A Newsletter of  
El Dorado Disposal Service

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## Have a happy, healthy, and low-waste holiday at home

The holidays are a bit different this year! El Dorado Disposal wishes every member of our community the happiest of holidays at home. Also, we want to thank you for your support throughout what has been a tough year.

Each year, El Dorado Disposal supports El Dorado County children and families with our Annual Christmas Promise Bike Build. We love supporting the community with this annual event, which we found even more meaningful and humbling during 2020.

Typically, we see a spike in both trash and recycling during the holiday season. Since a lot of things will probably look and feel different this year, now would be a great time to implement some new holiday waste-reduction traditions. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Fabrics are a great way to wrap and re-wrap presents each year. Pick up some fabric at your favorite thrift store or an estate sale, wrap your gifts, and then save the fabric for next year, and you'll be on your way to ditching wrapping paper for good. Fabric scraps, tea towels, and pillow cases also work well as gift wrap.
- Skip plastic bows and ribbon and choose natural decorations like small twigs and pinecones to top your gift. Use fabric ribbons or twine and then save them to be used again.
- Use cloth napkins and washable plates and silverware during your at-home holiday meal.
- Plan your meals so you have the right amount of food and avoid food waste.
- Remember to recycle and dispose of holiday waste correctly!
  - Recycle only paper wrapping paper (non-metallic), paper bags, and cardboard.
  - Wrapping paper with glitter, foil, or plastic is trash. Tissue paper, ribbons, bows, and plastic bags are also trash.



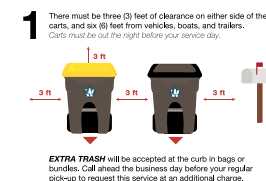
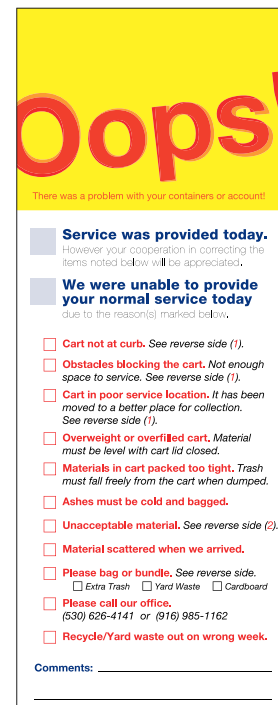
**El Dorado Disposal Education and Outreach Coordinator Kristina Noble made this upcycled Christmas tree from salvaged roofing material and PVC pipe.**

## Marking one year of the Oops! recycling program

You may have noticed one of these bright yellow tags left on your recycling bin when you roll it in after service. Last year, El Dorado Disposal started the “Oops! Let’s Recycle Right” cart tagging program to provide direct and individualized feedback to customers. We’re excited to celebrate one year of this program that helps you know what to recycle.

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 recycle items to help educate 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.



# El Dorado COVID-19 Updates

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we make changes and adjustments to our services and centers during this time.

With El Dorado Disposal's main office closed to the public, we ask that residents continue to set up online bill pay at [eldoradodisposal.com](http://eldoradodisposal.com), call 530-626-4141 to make payments over the phone, or leave payments in the drop box outside of our office at 580 Truck Street, Placerville.

Please see below for the current status of our offices, centers, facilities, and services. All closures posted will remain closed until local and health authorities deem them safe to operate again:

- Bulky-item pickup has resumed. Bulky items should be no more than 100 pounds and no longer than 8 feet in any dimension. Call 530-626-4141 for more information.
- Our recycling centers have new hours. The three facilities are open Tuesday – Saturday, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., with a 30-minute lunch between noon and 12:30 p.m. All materials need to be presorted with caps removed. See pages 7 and 8 for accepted materials and additional information. *Please note: The Placerville center at 580 Truck Street is for CRV collection only.*
- All Buy-Back Centers limit the number of customers being served at the same time and use a plexiglass shield during payment and receipt transactions. We ask customers to follow social distancing guidelines when forming lines and interacting with El Dorado Disposal employees.
- Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection reopened in early May but has new processes in place. Customers are required to remove HHW from their vehicle and place on a designated table. New stalls were installed at the collection site to ensure everyone maintains a 6-foot distance from others.
- The HHW collection at El Dorado Hills Fire Station 86 is closed until further notice.
- The HHW event previously held at the Bass Lake Fire Station is now held by Environmental Management at Camerado Springs Middle School on the third Saturday of every month by appointment only. Call 530-621-5300 to make an appointment and the HHW Hotline at 530-295-4100 for updates.

For the most current updates, visit our website, [eldoradodisposal.com](http://eldoradodisposal.com), and our Facebook page.

**As a reminder:  
All single-use,  
disposable COVID-19  
safety items, such as  
gloves, masks, wipes,  
etc., cannot go in  
the recycling. These  
must be bagged and  
put in the trash.**



## Only you can prevent battery fires

Did you know that batteries can start fires inside your carts? Or that they contain hazardous chemicals that can leak into our waterways? For the health and safety of our community, make sure to recycle your batteries properly instead of putting them in your waste, recycling, or green waste carts.

El Dorado Disposal offers several options for recycling batteries safely:

- 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.
- All batteries must be taped with clear tape, like packing tape.
- 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 (4100 Throwita Way) accepts batteries Friday – Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

No matter which option you choose, both ends of the batteries need to be covered with clear tape. By keeping batteries out of your carts, you're doing your part to prevent fires and keep El Dorado safe.



**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.**



# Answering your FAQs



## Why wasn't my recycling serviced this week?

We service recycling carts every other week, so if your recycling cart isn't serviced, it's likely not a collection week. If it is your collection week and your container was at the curb before 4 a.m. the day of collection, call us at 530-626-4141. Trash is collected every week and both recycling and yard waste are collected every other week.

## Can I recycle masks, gloves, or disposable wipes?

These items need to be bagged and put into your trash, not the recycling. To reduce waste, you can also choose washable, reusable cloth face masks, gloves, and cleaning cloths when it is safe to do so.

## Why does my recycling have to be loose in the cart?

We collect paper, plastic, glass, and metal together in one cart. Eventually these items need to be sorted into their material types to be processed into new materials. They cannot be sorted if they are bundled together inside a bag. Please do not bag your recycling!

## Can I put decorative bark in my yard waste?

Our yard waste carts are for natural vegetation only, which is compostable, such as plant material, grass, leaves, weeds, and trimmings. Any chemically treated material, such as decorative bark, is not accepted. For a full list of accepted and unaccepted materials, visit [eldoradodisposal.com/residential-yard-waste](http://eldoradodisposal.com/residential-yard-waste).

## Is Styrofoam recyclable?

No, this item must be bagged and placed into your curbside trash. Polystyrene foam (often referred to as Styrofoam) is 98% air and is very difficult to collect, sort, and decompress for such a small amount of recyclable plastic. Please try to reduce your use of polystyrene foam.

## Welcome, Kristina!



We're excited to welcome Kristina Noble, our new Education and Outreach Coordinator! Kristina is available to help our commercial businesses recycle right and set up food waste collection programs. Kristina also is available for online recycling workshops. Please reach out to her at [Kristinan@wasteconnections.com](mailto:Kristinan@wasteconnections.com) to schedule a workshop or for recycling assistance for your business.

## SPOOKTACULAR AND SAFE HALLOWEEN FUN



*This fall, El Dorado Disposal took part in "Trunk or Treat" Halloween events in Cameron Park and El Dorado Hills. Our employees dressed up as Oscar the Grouch, Big Foot, and Recycle Rocky from "Paw Patrol."*



# Commercial business organic waste changes



California Assembly Bill 1826 was signed into law in 2014 and includes phased-in commercial organics recycling goals for businesses and multi-family properties. As a part of the next phase, the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) recently announced that more businesses must compost their organic waste. By December 31, 2020, all businesses in El Dorado County that produce more than 2 cubic yards of solid waste (trash, recyclables, and organics) per week must implement an organic waste recycling program.

El Dorado Disposal, in partnership with El Dorado County and the City of Placerville, is making follow-up phone calls and site visits to support businesses recycling their food waste with the recent change in the threshold. Previously, the threshold was 4 cubic yards of solid waste. Multi-family properties with five units or more are still required to recycle their yard waste.

Not sure if your business needs to comply? Need to set up an organics collection program for your business? Interested in free posters, collection buckets, training, and technical assistance? Please email El Dorado Disposal's Education and Outreach Coordinator Kristina Noble at [Kristinan@wasteconnections.com](mailto:Kristinan@wasteconnections.com). For up-to-date information and requirements about organics recycling, visit [calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/Organics](http://calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/Organics).

## Waste disposal during the pandemic

The pandemic has changed much of our lives. We are still spending more time at home than we used to. Plus, when we are out, we see people wearing face masks and sometimes gloves in offices, stores, schools, and almost everywhere. Soap, hand sanitizer, paper towels, disinfecting wipes, and plastic bags are being used more than ever. Many families are choosing grocery delivery and takeout food instead of going to supermarkets or dining inside restaurants. Boxes and shipping envelopes are piling up in homes due to increased online shopping. And, while we are keeping ourselves and our neighbors healthier by doing all of these things, we are also creating a lot of waste in the process.

With all of this waste, it is very important to know what to do with it. Here are some tips to recycle right and dispose properly during the pandemic:

- Don't litter. Make sure all sanitation-related items are securely bagged and placed into the trash.
- Choose *washable, reusable* cloth face masks, gloves, and cleaning cloths when it is safe to do so.
- Refill soap and hand-sanitizer bottles instead of replacing them. This keeps more handpumps, which aren't recyclable and must be removed and discarded, out of landfills.
- Place all disposable gloves, face masks, and wipes into the trash, **not** the recycling.
- Flatten empty cardboard boxes before recycling them.
- Recycle all paper bags, mail and household papers, plastic bottles and jugs, food and beverage cans, and glass bottles and jars. Remember that items should be empty, clean, and dry.
- Throw disposable utensils into the trash, **not** the recycling.
- Collect empty, clean plastic bags and drop them off in the special bins for recycling located at the front of many grocery and home improvement stores. These can only be recycled at special drop-offs. Plastic bags never belong in your curbside bin.
- When ordering takeout food to eat at home, ask the restaurant to leave out the free plastic forks, spoons, and straws. Just use what you have at home and create less waste!
- When possible, refuse plastic bags at the grocery store. Choose reusable bags instead.
- If someone in your home is sick, place all waste — including recyclables — into a plastic bag and place that into the trash. This will keep the workers at recycling sorting facilities safe and healthy.

Not sure if something is recyclable? Visit [eldoradodisposal.com/residential-recycling](http://eldoradodisposal.com/residential-recycling) or call us at 530-626-4141. We are happy to answer all of your questions.



# Recycling is not keeping up with growth in global e-waste

It’s that time of year when we buy new laptops, smartphones, tablets, appliances, and other electronics as gifts, leaving many old electronics needing a new home or use.

The United Nations released a report, “The Global E-Waste Monitor 2020,” highlighting how much electronic waste (e-waste) the world creates and where it goes. This report found that 53.6 million metric tons (Mt) of e-waste was generated in 2019, a growth of 9.2 Mt since 2014.

In addition to last year’s high number, the report found e-waste is projected to grow to 74.7 Mt per year by 2030. While growth in electronic use continues, recycling has so far not kept up with the creation of e-waste. The world needs to recover more electronics to reuse their precious materials, such as gold, silver, copper, and platinum, as well as rare-earth elements. In fact, the 53.6 Mt of e-waste is equal to about \$57 billion of high-value materials that were dumped or disappeared instead of being recycled and reused.

According to the report, by improving e-waste collection and recycling practices worldwide, a considerable amount of secondary raw materials — precious, critical, and non-critical — could be made readily available to re-enter the manufacturing process while reducing the continuous extraction of new materials.

Of the 53.6 Mt created, only 17.4% was officially collected and recycled. That leaves 82.6% (44.3 Mt) unaccounted for — that’s a lot of trashed or improperly disposed electronics. Even broken or unusable e-waste can be recycled for materials or disposed of in a way that does not leak hazardous chemicals into our soil or waterways.

Even though many countries, such as the United States, have e-waste collection systems and regulations in place, the report reveals that we can do more to implement recycling efforts and ensure more of our electronics are properly collected and reused to keep harmful chemicals out of our environment and communities.

You can do your part by repairing, donating, reusing, or recycling your e-waste instead of throwing it away. To read the full report, visit [ewastemonitor.info](http://ewastemonitor.info).



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## Don’t forget repair

If you have an electronic device that isn’t working, or isn’t working quite right, maybe you could repair it and avoid buying a replacement or needing to recycle your existing device. You’ve made big investments in your electronics, so try to fix them and get more years of use and enjoyment from them. You’ll find great resources on repair of many types of electronic devices, as well as the tools and parts you may need, at iFixit. Visit [ifixit.com/Device/Electronics](http://ifixit.com/Device/Electronics) to learn more.



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## Recycle your e-waste with El Dorado Disposal!

Looking to recycle your e-waste? Free e-waste recycling is available at El Dorado Disposal’s Material Recovery Facility (MRF), as well as at the Cameron Park and El Dorado Hills Buy-Back Centers. You’ll find more details about these facilities on pages 7 and 8.

### Did you know?

- The U.S. generated about 7.6 million tons of e-waste in 2019.
- In 2017, only about 1.1 million tons of U.S. e-waste were recycled.
- On average, each American created 46 pounds of e-waste in 2019.

Source: The Global E-Waste Monitor 2020

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# Resolutions for a new and improved year

Whatever resolutions you made for 2020 were probably revised by the COVID-19 pandemic, which rewrote much of life over the past year. As you face 2021 with hope and caution, consider some of these resolutions that will reduce waste, save money, and help you cope with the year ahead.

- **Focus on family fun:** Last year offered many of us a lot of time with our families. This year, plan ahead for family time by swapping board games, jigsaw puzzles, magazines, and books with friends and neighbors. This way, everyone can refresh their game night. You might also look for items to borrow from the local library or purchase used items at a secondhand store.
- **Extend the life of your electronics:** We rely on electronic devices to keep us connected and help us work and learn from home. Take care of them to keep them working smoothly by properly charging the batteries, deleting unnecessary files and apps, uploading photos to the cloud or a hard drive, and using a screen protector and case. Frequently clearing the cache and removing temporary files can improve performance.
- **Invest in rechargeables:** Many electronic devices have a built-in battery that you recharge again and again. Why not do the same with all of those household batteries powering remote controls, toys, and games? Invest in rechargeable batteries and a charging unit to replace single-use alkaline batteries. You'll spend a little more upfront but have less waste and fewer trips to the store or online shop for replacements. Remember that rechargeable batteries that are spent (can't be recharged) must be recycled. For local recycling options, refer to page 2.
- **Make meal prep more exciting:** Are you tired of making and eating the same meals? Shop your own pantry, fridge, and freezer for items that have been forgotten and then search for new recipes to match what you have on hand.
- **Cook with scraps:** Using up all of the food you have stretches your grocery shopping dollars and reduces your food waste. Search online for "cooking with scraps" for creative recipes that use up all of the food you buy.
- **Compost at home:** Backyard composting is an activity that could get your family outdoors in the fresh air, yet socially distanced from others. It is also a fun family activity that will allow you and your kids to practice some science and learn about the critters, like worms, bugs, and beetles, that live in your backyard. Plus, you'll be rolling less waste to the curb in your carts and turning yard waste and fruit and vegetable scraps into nutrient-rich compost. To learn more about composting in your backyard, visit [calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/homecompost](http://calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/homecompost) or [epa.gov/recycle/composting-home](http://epa.gov/recycle/composting-home).
- **Shop smartly online:** Online shopping now reaches into every corner of our lives. It's very easy to make impulse purchases with just a couple of clicks. Instead, shop online as you would at a physical store by setting a shopping time and using a list. Whenever possible, choose the option to "ship items together" to reduce traffic, packaging waste, and vehicle emissions. Plus, shipping is often cheaper this way.
- **Remember to recycle:** Your empty cardboard shipping and cereal boxes need to be broken down and recycled. Manufacturers need more of this material to make new boxes, as well as tissue products like toilet paper. Don't forget to recycle your plastic bottles and jugs, glass bottles and jars, and metal cans too.
- **Donate with care:** Many of us cleared out clutter last year, often overwhelming charitable organizations with our gently used but unwanted treasures. As you prepare to get rid of old items, be sure to ask yourself whether anyone else might truly want and use them. Donate the good stuff — items that are working and aren't broken, damaged, or torn. Give away "treasures," and put the "trash" into the garbage bin.
- **Shop secondhand:** Don't stop with donating! Shop at secondhand stores for items that you need. This supports the work of local charitable organizations and keeps items in use for as long as possible.



## Holiday tree-cycling

Between January 2 and January 15, you can drop off your natural Christmas tree for free recycling at the Material Recovery Facility (MRF), located at 4100 Throwita Way, Placerville. The tree must be free of tinsel, lights, and ornaments. Flocked trees are not recyclable; they will be charged as trash. The MRF is open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If you have curbside service, natural Christmas trees will be picked up from the curb between January 4 and January 31 during your yard waste collection week. If you do not have yard waste collection in your area, we will pick up the Christmas trees on your trash only collection weeks. Please cut the tree into pieces and bundle the pieces with twine or rope. Bundles cannot be more than 3 feet long and 18 inches in diameter. Place bundles on the ground next to your cart or inside with the lid closed.

Christmas Tree Drop-Off in Cameron Park: Between December 31 and January 31, natural Christmas trees can be dropped off at the Cameron Park Lake, 2989 Cambridge Road. Please remove all decorations, lights, and tinsel. Flocked trees will not be accepted.

El Dorado Hills Christmas Tree Event: On January 9, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Christmas trees can be dropped off at the Rolling Hills Church, 800 White Rock Road. Please remove all decorations, lights, and tinsel. Flocked trees will not be accepted.

# Walking the walk

A “lifestyle of greater intentionality and simplicity has led to personal growth and fulfilment in my everyday actions,” writes Christine Liu in her book, *Sustainable Home: Practical Projects, Tips and Advice for Maintaining a More Eco-Friendly Household* (White Lion Publishing, 160 pages). A cohesive presentation of concepts originating from her blog, the book leads the reader through their own living room, kitchen, bedroom, and bathroom, providing the rationale, general advice, and specific projects that guide the author’s efforts at sustainable living. Liu invites the reader to join her on her rewarding yet “complex journey of continuous learning, investigation, and problem solving.”

*Sustainable Home* is an excellent place for someone to begin their understanding of how everyday individual choices measurably impact the environment. We asked California-based author and creator Liu to tell us more about what motivates and energizes her on this journey.

***How old were you when you first became interested in environmental issues? Why?***

I never thought I would work in environmental sustainability, but I have had a deep respect for nature since I was a kid. I think going out camping every summer, biking with my family, and enjoying the outdoors made me realize what a valuable gift it was. But it wasn’t until I was in college, studying packaging, that I saw the opportunity to be smarter about waste, as it was affecting our environment and our health in negative ways. My eyes were opened to see and understand all the movement behind the packaging industry. While others don’t often think about trash, it was the very thing I was getting a four-year degree in, and I knew it was all destined for landfill.

***Which of the sidebar “Make Your Own” projects in the book did or do you find most satisfying?***

I love creating DIY body products as gifts for friends, and often find myself conjuring up new plant-based recipes or researching new recipes to try out.

***Are there any environmentally friendly practices that you have tried in the past and subsequently decided not to continue?***

There are some DIY products I don’t make anymore, as there have been quite a few new sustainable brands and products that have launched since I started living zero waste five years ago. I love being able to support these small businesses and find that their products can be better than the DIY versions.

***What do you find most gratifying, personally, about your lifestyle?***

I appreciate that I’m able to be more conscious of my every action. It gives me motivation to know that though I am just an individual, I am making an impact on the planet and, collectively, we can all make a large impact to heal the planet for future generations.

You can also follow Christine Liu on social media. For links, visit her website, [simplybychristine.com](http://simplybychristine.com).



## El Dorado Disposal Material Recovery Facility

**Transfer Station and 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 (buy-back for CRV)
- Cardboard, office paper, newspaper, and magazines
- Glass food and beverage bottles and jars
- Steel, tin, and aluminum cans
- Plastic food and beverage bottles, jugs, and containers
- Plastic containers, such as laundry jugs and 5-gallon buckets
- 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
- 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 530-295-2808.



# Off-Site Recycling and Redemption Centers

## Residential Only

### Placerville

580 Truck Street

Open: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday\*

#### Materials Accepted:

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

**NOTE:** Cardboard, e-waste, and batteries are no longer accepted at this facility. Please take these items to the MRF.

### Cameron Park

3510 Palmer Drive (behind CVS)

Open: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday\*

#### 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 (No car, motorcycle, or other large batteries accepted; positive and negative ends of batteries must be taped with clear tape.)
- 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\*

#### 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 (No car, motorcycle, or other large batteries accepted; positive and negative ends of batteries must be taped with clear tape.)
- Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes accepted for free (up to 4 feet long, 4-tube limit per month)
- Smoke alarms/detectors

*\*Closed for a half hour during attendant's lunch break, which may vary, but is usually between 12 and 1 p.m.*

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



## A goodbye to our faithful, furry friend

*El Dorado Disposal employees' beloved companion passed away peacefully on November 11, 2020. Murphy, named after the acronym 'MRF' (Material Recovery Facility), made the facility her home for over 14 years. In her youth, she earned her scars among the equipment, but her street-smart and agile ways kept her safe for many years. As an older cat, she took up residence in our office and was a welcome addition to conference calls and meetings. Murphy will be missed by many here at El Dorado Disposal.*



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

## 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.

**We want your suggestions, questions and comments!**

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