



ecology center

## BUILDING A GREENER COMMUNITY

The Ecology Center has been serving the community for five decades. We continue to help Berkeley residents reduce their environmental impact and to help our city reach its Zero Waste, Climate Action, and Food Policy Goals.



Through practical hands-on services, free and low-cost classes and events, pilot projects, and policy advocacy, the Ecology Center is providing green leadership to Berkeley and beyond.



Check out the Ecology Center's Store and Resource Center at 2530 San Pablo Avenue to discover durable reusable products and smart Zero Waste strategies. Visit our three weekly farmers' markets in Berkeley: delicious destinations that are also Zero Waste Zones! Learn more about us at [ecologycenter.org](http://ecologycenter.org).



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## USE YOUR CARTS.



Use the **BROWN-TOP CART** for:

- Newspaper and magazines
- Office paper and mail
- Small cardboard and paperboard
- Phone books and catalogs

Ecology Center Recycling  
1231 2nd Street  
Berkeley, CA 94710

**YOUR  
NONPROFIT  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
RECYCLER**



**INSIDE:** The quick and easy way to sort  
and put out your recyclables in Berkeley

## YOUR BERKELEY RECYCLING GUIDE

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EN BERKELEY**

Help our community  
reach our Zero Waste and  
Climate Action Goals



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## DO YOUR PART.



Use the **BLUE-TOP CART** for:

- Glass bottles and jars
- Plastic containers
- Tin and aerosol cans
- Aluminum cans and foil

# GOOD FOR BERKELEY. GOOD FOR OUR PLANET.

## HOW RECYCLING WORKS:

- Use your carts to sort recyclables through the week. Once full, roll your carts to the curb in front of your building by 7 AM the day your trash is collected.
- Remember to make sure your carts are in plain view. And to help discourage theft and litter problems, put carts out in the morning rather than at night.

## WHY RECYCLING MATTERS:

- Recycling is not only vital to the health of our planet; it helps the Berkeley community in very practical ways, too.
- By using your recycling carts, you help provide good, green-collar jobs.
- By recycling paper, plastic, glass, and metal, you play an important part in protecting our climate, preserving our resources, and reducing our dependence on fossil fuels.

**Recycling Hotline: (510) 527-5555**  
Monday - Friday, 8:30AM - 4:30PM  
[ecologycenter.org/recycling](http://ecologycenter.org/recycling)  
[recycling@ecologycenter.org](mailto:recycling@ecologycenter.org)

Ecology Center Recycling Services are provided under contract with and funded by the City of Berkeley.



## YOUR CARTS MAKE RECYCLING AS EASY AS 1-2-3. SUS CONTENEDORES HACEN EL RECICLAJE TAN FÁCIL COMO 1-2-3.

### 1. USE THE BLUE-TOP CART FOR:

USE EL CONTENEDOR DE TAPA AZUL PARA:



**Glass bottles and jars**  
Botellas de vidrio y frascos



**Plastic containers, especially #1, #2, and #5 dairy tubs**  
Recipientes de plástico, particularmente, #1, #2, y #5 (envases de lácteo)



**Steel, tin, aerosol, and aluminum cans**  
Latas o botes de acero, hojalata, aerosol y aluminio



**Aluminum foil and pie plates**  
Papel de aluminio y moldes para tartas

**PLEASE NO POR FAVOR, NO TIRE**

- × **Batteries of any kind** Baterías o pilas de todo tipo
- × **Window glass** Vidrio de ventanas
- × **Ceramics, Pyrex, crystal** Cerámica, Pyrex, cristal
- × **Plastic bags** Bolsas de plástico
- × **Styrofoam** Poliestireno expandido

*Remember to remove food, flatten all plastic bottles, and reattach plastic lids before recycling. Antes de reciclar, acuérdesese de quitar la comida y aplastar todas las botellas de plástico. Debe aplanar todas las botellas de plástico y volver a colocar las tapas antes de reciclar*

### 2. USE THE BROWN-TOP CART FOR:

USE EL CONTENEDOR DE TAPA MARRÓN PARA:



**Newspapers and inserts**  
Periódicos y suplementos



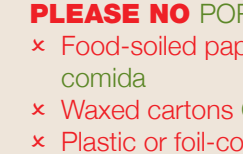
**Magazines and catalogs**  
Revistas y catálogos



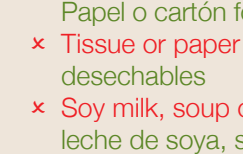
**Phone books**  
Guías telefónicas



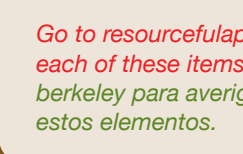
**Paperback books**  
Libros de bolsillo



**Office paper**  
Papel de la oficina



**Small cardboard pieces**  
Pequeñas piezas de cartón



**Paperboard (like cereal boxes)** Cartón (como las cajas de cereal)

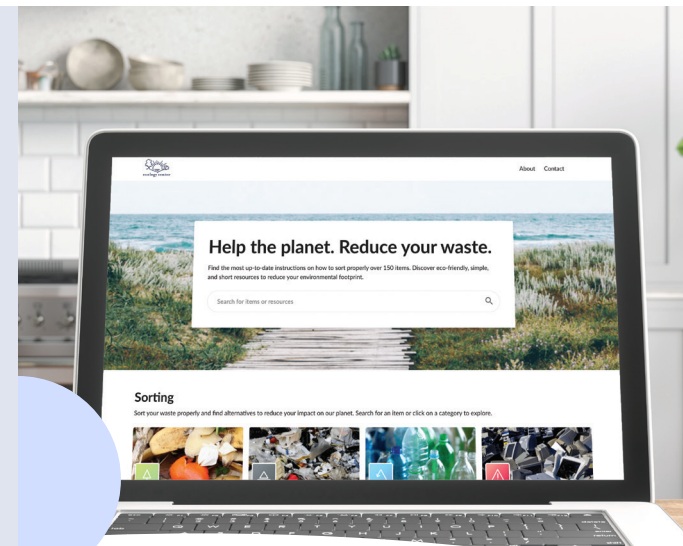
**Mail** Correo

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- × **Food-soiled paper** Papel manchado con comida
- × **Waxed cartons** Cartón encerado
- × **Plastic or foil-coated paper or cardboard** Papel o cartón forrado con plástico o aluminio
- × **Tissue or paper towels** Pañuelos o toallas desechables
- × **Soy milk, soup or juice boxes** Cartones de leche de soya, sopas o jugos

*Go to [resourcefulapp.com/berkeley](http://resourcefulapp.com/berkeley) to find where each of these items go. Visite [resourcefulapp.com/berkeley](http://resourcefulapp.com/berkeley) para averiguar a dónde va cada uno de estos elementos.*

### 3. AT CURBSIDE EN LA ACERA: Once full, roll your cart to the curb by 7 AM on your collection day. Cuando sus contenedores estén llenos, trásládelos a la acera, antes de 7 AM, su día de recolección.



## Reduce waste at Resourcefulapp.com/ Berkeley

Resourcefulapp.com gives you the specific, local information you need to recycle and dispose of over 150 items. The Ecology Center and Resourceful are excited to launch this new online service that takes the guesswork out of recycling and reducing waste.

Scan this QR code or visit [ecologycenter.org/recycling/](http://ecologycenter.org/recycling/)



## California's New Compost Law

Effective January 1, 2022 California's SB 1383 has a new ambitious goal of diverting 75% of compostable materials away from our landfills by 2025. This will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, create valuable compost, and clean up our recycling.

*What does this mean for residents?*

As a requirement of SB 1383, recycling staff will make periodic site visits to your neighborhood to analyze your waste and determine educational needs to maximize recycling and composting opportunities.

We need your help to keep food waste and other compostable items out of landfills and recycling! Put your compostable food and food soiled paper in the green cart only.

## Keep it Separated

Please keep paper and cardboard separate from cans and bottles, the materials stay much cleaner and are more marketable.



## Keep it Safe

Please no: Household hazardous waste, batteries, paints, solvents, cleaning agents, needles, flammables, and other toxics. Even small batteries can cause fires. [www.cityofberkeley.info/Toxics\\_HHW.aspx](http://www.cityofberkeley.info/Toxics_HHW.aspx)



## Keep it Real

Don't "WishCycle." Just because a package says "recyclable" does not mean it is really recyclable in Berkeley. If you have to guess, don't put it in your cart. For more info check:



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