



Union City Residential Recycling, Organics & Waste News



SPRING 2019 NEWSLETTER

UP TO TWO (2) FREE BAGS OF COMPOST. Bring this coupon as proof of Union City residency. Limit two bags per household. You may pick up for up to 5 of your neighbors with their coupons.



This coupon entitles:

This is a newsletter regarding your trash, recycling and organics services. Contact us at 510-657-3500 for more information on translation services. Este es un boletín informativo referente a los servicios de recolección de basura, reciclado y material orgánico. Comuníquese con nosotros al 510-657-3500 para obtener más información de los servicios de traducción.

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Annual Compost Giveaway & E-waste Drop-Off Event set for March 16

Join Republic Services, Tri-CED Community Recycling, and the City of Union City at the Annual Compost Giveaway & E-waste Drop-Off Event on Saturday, March 16, 2019! This is our way of thanking you for properly recycling your yard trimmings and food scraps each week in your organics cart.

We invite Union City residents to collect two (2) FREE bags of compost from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. (while supplies last).

Compost is the end product of grass, branches, leaves, food scraps and other organic material. When this mixture of material biodegrades, it becomes a useful soil conditioner and fertilizer that holds moisture, conserves water and nourishes plants. Compost is meant to be used as a soil amendment – think of it as a vitamin boost for your plants!

Simply bring the coupon on the address panel of this newsletter to collect your two free bags of compost.



Annual Compost Giveaway

Saturday, March 16, 2019
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (While supplies last)

The coupon on the reverse side of this newsletter is your ticket to two free bags of compost. Be sure to bring with you on March 16.

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Recycling the right way saves time, money and the environment!

Union City residents and businesses are trying to be good recyclers, but perhaps we're trying a bit too hard. While our community is recycling at record levels, the best intentions are wasted when the wrong materials are put in your recycling cart.

Contamination is the technical term for non-recyclable materials or garbage that winds up in the recycling cart. Liquids or food residue can ruin a load of clean recyclables and render the materials unsellable. When we do a better job of recycling, we help the environment by ensuring our recyclables are accepted and given a second chance for reuse.

Keep it simple.



Paper & Cardboard

boxes, mail, newspaper, magazines, paper bags & packaging



Plastic Bottles & Jugs

bottles, jars, jugs & tubs



Glass Bottles & Jars

beverage & food containers



Metal Cans

aluminum, steel & tin cans

Some Recycling Tips:

- 1 Don't be a "wishful recycler." Throwing an item you "hope" is recyclable into the recycling cart doesn't mean it will get recycled. Single-stream recycling is convenient, but trying focusing on the primary items shown above when you recycle at home, work and school.
- 2 Ensure your recyclables are free of liquid or solid food waste by wiping or lightly rinsing out plastic, glass and aluminum containers.
- 3 Polystyrene foam packing and peanuts need to stay out of the recycling cart. Put these items in your garbage cart, reuse them, or see if there's a nearby facility that will recycle them.
- 4 Not all plastics are recyclable. Items like plastic toys, plates, utensils and straws all go in the garbage cart.

Skip the Straw

In January, California passed Assembly Bill (AB) 1884, becoming the first state to prohibit full-service restaurants from offering single-use plastic straws unless requested by the customer.

The next time you visit your favorite Union City restaurant, remember that you have the option to choose a straw or not. Some folks need a straw to consume beverages, and that's OK. But if you receive a straw automatically, a gentle reminder of the new law to your waiter or waitress can make a difference in the habits of our business community.

Why are single-use plastic straws bad for the environment?

- Plastic straws are not recyclable or compostable.
- Instead, straws are landfilled or worse, littered straws and other single-use plastics litter our streets and end up in our waterways, potentially harming wildlife.
- Plastics take hundreds of years to biodegrade and remain persistent in our environment.



Plastic products, like straws, account for the TOP TEN items collected during the Ocean Conservancy's International Cleanup event.

