



# ZERO WASTE NEWS

*Introducing Oakland's Zero Waste News!*

*We're here to bring you detailed information about the status of Oakland's Zero Waste goals, the latest developments and services available to Oakland Residents and more...*

We want to hear from you! We'd like to know what you want to read in this newsletter, articles you'd be interested in and opinions and suggestions about the service you're getting.

Get in touch with us at [OaklandRecycles.com](http://OaklandRecycles.com), on [Facebook@OakRecycles](https://www.facebook.com/OakRecycles), email: [Recycling@oaklandca.gov](mailto:Recycling@oaklandca.gov) or call (510) 238-SAVE (7283).

## Keep Recyclables Empty, Clean & Dry!

China, the largest importer of recyclables, recently implemented the National Sword policy which drastically reduced imports of contaminated recyclable material.

It is more important now than ever to properly sort your recyclables and keep them empty, clean and dry! China and all buyers of recyclables are accepting only the cleanest plastics and paper!

The most common contaminants in Oakland grey recycling carts are polystyrene foam, diapers, plastic bags, pizza boxes, electronics and clothing.

- Place foam, diapers, and plastic bags in the burgundy trash cart.



- Place pizza boxes and other food soiled paper in the green compost cart.
- If you aren't sure what goes where check [oaklandrecycles.com](http://oaklandrecycles.com).

- Donate gently used clothing and other household items. If the item cannot be re-purposed or donated, then place it in the burgundy trash cart.

- Drop off electronics for free at the Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste facility. Contact: [Stopwaste.org/recycling/residents/household-hazardous-waste](http://Stopwaste.org/recycling/residents/household-hazardous-waste) or (800) 606-6606. If you aren't sure what to do with other reusable items, check [Recyclewhere.org](http://Recyclewhere.org).

Rest assured your truly recyclable materials are being recycled in Oakland!

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## Sort Recycling Properly!

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### RECYCLING

- Empty liquids and food from all containers and if possible, rinse and dry before placing in the grey recycling cart.

*\*Wet paper and cardboard lose quality and may be rendered unrecyclable!*

- Do not bag recyclables. Place them loosely in the grey recycling cart.

*\*Recyclables are hand sorted and it is difficult for workers to open bagged recyclables.*

- Include only recyclable material in the grey recycling cart.

*\*If you are not sure which materials are recyclable, call: (510) 238-SAVE(7283) or go to: oaklandrecycles.com.*

### COMPOSTING

- Never put any glass, metal or plastic that is not BPI certified compostable in the green compost cart.

*\*The most common contaminants in the compost cart are plastic & glass!*

- Put food-soiled paper in the compost, not grey recycling cart.

### REDUCING

- Avoid purchasing products with excessive packaging.

- Go paperless with bills and bank statements.

- Stop junk mail, catalogs and phone book from arriving at your home. Learn how at Ecocycle.org/junkmail.

- Think twice before printing and print double-sided when you can.

### REMEMBER REUSE IS BEST!

Bring your own bag, lunchbox, cup, utensils, straw, etc. Buy reusable gifts/gift wrap this holiday season!

## Zero Waste Progress Report

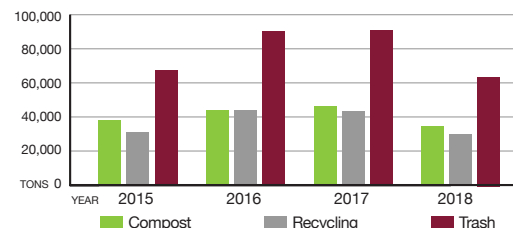
Residents in Oakland's 1-4 unit properties are diverting well over 50% of the materials they dispose of from the landfill by using their weekly recycling and compost collection services. Diversion from 5+ unit properties is far lower.

State and local laws require multi-family property owners and managers to subscribe to recycling and composting services and to provide residents with access to these services.

If your 5+ unit building does not have recycling/composting collection services or if you require assistance training your residents to recycle right call (510) 613-2102 to schedule your appointment – it's FREE!

\*State laws AB 341 & AB 1826 and the ACWMA Ordinance 2012-1

### RESIDENTIAL DIVERSION



## A NEW PUBLIC SERVICE!

**Oakland City  
Maintenance  
Starts Here**



Need to report urgent issue like flooding or non-emergency situation like a clogged sewer or illegal dumping? Introducing Oakland's 1-stop call center to report city maintenance issues.

Call: **311** or (510) 615-5566 (o/s Oakland)  
Web: 311.oaklandca.gov  
Email: OAK311@oaklandca.gov  
Mobil App: OAK 311

## After the Holidays, Compost Your Tree!

Set clean trees at the curb for collection on your regular compost collection day – During the first 2 weeks after the holidays.

- **No "Snow" Flocking** • **No Stands** • **No Decorations**  
(Flocked trees cannot be composted; they go to the landfill.)

All tree(s) must be cut to be under 4' and placed curbside. If you missed the Holiday Tree Pickup, cut trees to fit inside your Compost cart for regular collection.

Never miss your holiday tree collection again! Get a collection reminder at [OaklandRecycles.com](http://OaklandRecycles.com). Enter home address and select "My Schedule."

Clean holiday trees will be composted and returned to the soil as an amendment!

