



# Wise About Waste

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## Start the New Year Sustainably

Taking the time to rethink the products and services we purchase and use is an easy, everyday habit we all can do to help conserve resources, fight climate change, and create a sustainable community.

- **Choose reusables.** Carry reusable shopping bags, coffee mugs, and water bottles.
- **Avoid single-use items.** Refuse disposable food-ware and utensils when possible.
- **Love food, hate waste.** When you eat out, bring a reusable container to take home leftovers. Get creative with leftovers and “ugly” fruit and veggies.
- **Rethink purchases.** Choose products with little or no packaging. Before purchasing, consider if the product can be reused, repaired, or recycled once you're done with it.
- **Buy secondhand products** when possible.
- **Buy recycled.** Look for products that contain recycled content to help support recycling markets.



## New Online Portal Provides 24/7 Access

PSSI's new online portal provides easy access to your account information 24/7.

After creating an account, you will be able to **request services, make secure payments, sign up for paperless billing, and more.** All information is secure and confidential.

Click below to create a online account or visit [pssirecycling.com](https://pssirecycling.com) and click the red “Account Login” button in the top right corner.

[Account Login](#)

## Collection Day Reminders

- Place carts out for collection by **6:00 am** on your service day and **remove the same day.**
- Make sure the **wheels of your cart face your home.**
- Leave three feet (*or as much space as possible*) between each cart and **avoid placing carts near obstacles.**
- Place materials **loosely** in carts so they will empty properly.
- Make sure **cart lids are fully closed.** Overloaded carts can cause litter and attract critters.
- **Report damaged carts** to PSSI so that we can schedule a repair or replacement on your next service day.

*Thank you for helping us provide safe & efficient services.*

## Proper Sorting Makes a Difference

Sorting your waste correctly helps reduce the amount of material going to the landfill and reduces greenhouse gas emissions.



BLUE = RECYCLE    GREEN = COMPOST    BLACK = LANDFILL

## Compost to Fight Climate Change

**Landfills are the third largest source of methane in California.\***

Organics like food scraps, yard trimmings, paper, and cardboard make up half of what Californians dump in landfills. Reducing organic waste in our landfills by recycling and composting properly can have a huge impact on the climate crisis.



\*Source: [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/)

**Compost all fresh, frozen, cooked & moldy food scraps, & food-soiled paper.**

Use your kitchen pail to collect and store food scraps and food-soiled paper. Then use the pail to transport the material to your green compost cart for collection. Do not leave the pail at the curb for collection.



Find more info about the Faculty/Staff housing composting collection program at: [www.pssirecycling.com/faculty-staff/compost/](http://www.pssirecycling.com/faculty-staff/compost/)

Looking for more information about what goes where?



When in doubt, find out!

Scan the code for a searchable tool to help with proper waste sorting.

## Holiday Service Schedule



Collection days will **NOT** change during the weeks of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Presidents' Day.

Please be sure to put your carts out for collection by **6:00 am** on your regular service day.

## Questions? Contact PSSI.

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