



COSTA MESA SANITARY DISTRICT

GREEN GUIDE FOR GREEN LIVING

*A Resource Guide for
Responsible Choices*

*Protecting public health and the environment
for current and future generations*

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Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Mention these words to most people and they may only think about recycling bottles and cans. But conservation is more than just getting money for your CRV. The Costa Mesa Sanitary District (CMSD) has put together this Green Guide for Green Living to help you make responsible choices when disposing of waste. In addition to taking advantage of the programs listed in the Green Guide, CMSD reminds you to:



- Use reusable bags when you shop (not just at the grocery store) to reduce the amount of plastic shopping bags;
- Purchase materials in bulk when possible to reduce packaging waste;
- Donate usable items to friends, family, or local charities (see pages 7-8) instead of throwing them away;
- Keep waste out of the street to maintain our community's beauty and protect our waterways. Trash that is left in the street can be swept into the storm drain system, which eventually flows into the Pacific Ocean.

For more information about CMSD's solid waste programs, visit cmsdca.gov.

What Your Service Includes



Mixed Waste Cart

Plastic, glass, aluminum, tin, paper, cardboard, Styrofoam, miscellaneous landfill waste



Organics Recycling Cart

Grass, leaves, weeds, prunings, food waste, compostable bags

CMSD provides solid waste collection services to over 23,000 single family residences and small multi-family residences. Standard solid waste collection service includes up to two 64-gallon Mixed Waste Carts and two 64-gallon Organics Recycling Carts per residential unit. Any additional carts cost \$9.00 per month, per cart. Along with your standard service, CMSD customers are also eligible for several FREE special collection programs (see pages 3-6).

How it works: On collection day, place your Mixed Waste Cart(s) and Organics Recycling Cart(s) curbside no later than 6:00 a.m. with the handles and wheels facing towards your home. Place the carts side-by-side, approximately 1 foot apart and at least 3 feet away from any obstructions (such as parked cars, trees, etc.). Carts will be emptied between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

After collection, mixed waste is taken to CR&R's Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in Stanton, CA, where it is manually and mechanically sorted to recover recyclables. Organic yard and food waste is taken to CR&R's Anaerobic Digestion (AD) facility in Perris, CA, where it is converted into compost and renewable natural gas (RNG) to fuel CR&R's collection fleet. These processes, along with your mindful purchasing and disposal practices, ensure that the maximum amount of recyclable material is recovered from our local waste stream and kept out of landfills.

If you have any questions, please contact CMSD at (949) 645-8400, email us at info@cmsdca.gov, or visit our website at cmsdca.gov.

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Large Item Collection Program

CMSD customers can request free and convenient curbside collection of large items three (3) times per calendar year per household, with up to ten (10) items per pickup. This includes items like broken or unwanted couches, mattresses, bed frames, washing machines, and refrigerators.

Before disposing of usable items, please consider donating to local charities or thrift stores (see pages 7-8). By doing this, you can receive tax credit, help the less fortunate, extend the useful life of your purchases, and divert waste from landfills.

To schedule a pickup, call CR&R at (949) 646-4617, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Residents must provide a detailed list of items they wish to have collected when scheduling the pickup. Please note that CR&R drivers will not collect any items that are not specified in advance.

Door-to-Door Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program

Household hazardous waste (HHW) is a term that describes leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients. This includes products like paint, cleaners, oils, batteries, and pesticides. Please DO NOT place HHW in your trash carts with regular waste.



CMSD 's Door-to-door Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program makes HHW disposal safe and easy! Customers receive up to three (3) free pickups per calendar year per household, and each pickup is limited to collection of 15 gallons or 125 pounds of HHW.

To schedule a pickup, simply call CR&R at (949) 646-4617, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. When scheduling the pickup, please be prepared to provide the quantity and types of HHW you would like to have collected. CR&R will then set up a collection date and provide instructions for item placement.

Common HHW items include:

- **Automobile Maintenance Products:** antifreeze, batteries, brake fluid, car waxes, gasoline, motor oil, repair products, solvent cleaners, and starting fluids
- **Cleaning Products:** aerosols, bathroom cleaners, chlorine bleach, drain cleaners, floor cleaners, furniture polish, spot removers, and solvents
- **Electronic Waste:** cables, CD/DVD players, cell phones, computers, digital cameras, microwaves, mp3 players, printers/scanners/fax, radios, small appliances, speakers, stereos, tablets, televisions, and video game consoles
- **Home Improvement Products:** caulking, chemical strippers, fire extinguishers, kerosene, lighter fluid, paint (liquid latex and oil based), paint thinners, pool chemicals, stains and varnishes
- **Lawn/Garden Care Items:** fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, pest and weed killers, and other lawn chemicals
- **Personal Care Items:** hair color, insect repellents, and nail polish
- **Pet Care Items:** flea collars and sprays
- **Sharps:** lancets, needles, and syringes (in puncture-proof containers)
- **Universal Waste:** electrical switches, empty aerosol cans, fluorescent light bulbs/tubes, LED light bulbs, household batteries, mercury-containing/neon/high intensity discharge/metal halide/sodium bulbs, mercury gauges, mercury thermostats, pilot light sensors

Organics Recycling Program



The Organics Recycling Program launched on June 22, 2015, making CMSD the first agency in Southern California to provide residential collection and recycling of organic materials. The decision to begin this program stemmed from state legislation such as AB 1594, which mandates that local agencies will no longer receive diversion credit for using green waste as Alternative Daily Cover (ADC) as of January 1, 2020.

At the end of each operating day, landfill surfaces are covered with ADC in order to control vectors, fires, odors, scavenging, and to keep trash from blowing away. State law requires local agencies to divert at least 50% of solid waste away from landfills and many agencies previously relied on ADC credit from the green waste they collected to meet this requirement.

The Organics Recycling Program was developed as a means of finding an alternative (and more environmentally responsible) use for organic waste. The organic waste that is collected from CMSD's customers, which includes yard and food waste, is now recycled into compost and renewable natural gas (RNG) through CR&R's state-of-the-art anaerobic digestion technology. The resulting compost is distributed to CMSD customers during an annual Compost Giveaway event, and the resulting carbon-negative RNG is used to fuel CR&R's collection fleet and feeds into SoCal Gas' distribution network.

The following items can be placed in your Organics Recycling Cart:

Yard/Green Waste:

- Branches
- Flowers
- Grass clippings
- Leaves
- Prunings
- Shrubs/small trees
- Weeds

Kitchen/Food Waste:

- Bags (compostable or paper only)
- Bread
- Coffee grounds/filters/tea bags
- Dairy products
- Fats, Oils, or Grease (F.O.G.)
- Fruits
- Meat/Poultry/Seafood (no bones)
- Vegetables



Christmas Tree Recycling

Each year, CMSD collects Christmas trees during the 2 weeks following Christmas and recycles them into compost and renewable natural gas.

Trees that are ready to be recycled should be placed on the ground, next to your waste cart(s) on collection day. Please remove all ornaments, tinsel, and the tree stand. All trees taller than 6 feet must be cut in half in order to be eligible for this special collection.

For this year's collection schedule, visit cmsdca.gov.



Alkaline Battery Recycling Program

Each school year, CMSD hosts an Alkaline Battery Recycling contest among local schools. Participating schools receive rewards ranging from \$100 to \$1,200 based on the total weight of the household batteries collected by students.

For more information or to find out how you can enter your school into the contest, contact CMSD staff at (949) 645-8400.



Medication Disposal

The presence of medications in the environment is a complex issue and the level of risk to humans and the environment is still being determined. In order to minimize the potential negative and irreversible impacts on the environment, it is important that we refrain from flushing medications down toilets and drains.

All medications, including controlled substances, are accepted at various Orange County drop-off locations during National Prescription Drug Take-Back Days in April and October of each year. For event details and locations, visit takebackday.dea.gov or check with your local police department.

To safely dispose of medications at home, place them in a zip bag and pour hot water (over 110°, or as hot as coffee) into the bag to dissolve the medications. Add kitty litter, soil, or tissue paper into the bag to absorb the liquid. Then place the entire bag into your Mixed Waste Cart.



Sharps Disposal

CMUSD solid waste customers can schedule a FREE curbside pickup of their sharps and needles with CR&R through the Door-to-Door Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program. Please use any rigid (non-puncturable), sealed container to hold sharps. These can include thick plastic laundry detergent, bleach, or coffee containers.

Contact CR&R at (949) 646-4617 to schedule a pickup or submit a pickup request at cmsdca.gov/service.

Residents can also visit any Orange County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center to dispose of sharps. The nearest location to Costa Mesa is 17121 Nichols Lane, Gate 6 in Huntington Beach. Visit oclandfills.com/hazardous for more info.

American Flag Retirement

Please contact your local fire department or the Orange County Fire Authority for proper American flag disposal information. Customers can also check their local Home Depot, Walmart, or veterans organization for flag disposal resources.

Items embellished with American flag designs, such as party decorations, clothing, houseware and miniature flags can be donated to your local thrift store or disposed of with your regular trash in your Mixed Waste Cart.

Sewer Inspection Rebate Program

CMSD's residential Sewer Inspection Rebate Program (SIRP) offers rebates of \$200-\$500 to homeowners who take a proactive approach to sewer maintenance by getting a closed circuit television (CCTV) of their sewer lateral or installing a ground level clean-out.

A sewer lateral is a privately owned pipeline that connects a residential property to CMSD's main sewer line. Homeowners are responsible for maintaining their entire sewer lateral, from the building to the point of connection to CMSD's main sewer line. If sewer laterals are not regularly maintained, they can become blocked or damaged by tree roots, grease, and other debris. Eventually, this can cause sewer spills that result in costly damages to home interiors and are harmful to the environment.

To help avoid sewer backups and spills, plumbing professionals can conduct CCTV video inspections of sewer laterals to determine their quality and condition. Additionally, ground level clean-outs can be installed to allow for easy access to a sewer lateral in case cleaning or maintenance is necessary.

For more information, visit cmsdca.gov/sirp or contact CMSD at (949) 645-8400. To be eligible for a rebate, you must submit an application and receive approval prior to scheduling a CCTV or clean-out installation.

Electronic & Universal Waste

The Environmental Protection Agency does not allow for the disposal of televisions and computer monitors in landfills because their glass screens have approximately seven pounds of lead embedded inside them. Lead can contaminate the groundwater supply and is dangerous for human consumption. These electronic items are also known as E-waste. Other E-waste and Universal Waste (U-waste) items that cannot be placed in the trash include:

- Batteries
- Camcorders
- Cell Phones
- CD Players
- Cordless Phones
- Computers
- DVD Players
- Florescent Tubes
- Game Consoles
- iPods, iPads, & Tablets
- Keyboards
- Mercury Switches
- Mercury thermometers
- Microwave ovens
- MP3 players
- PDAs
- Stereos
- VCR players

E-waste and U-waste can be collected through the Door-to-Door HHW Collection Program (see page 3) or dropped off at one of the Orange County HHW Collection Centers (see page 9).



Residential F.O.G. Recycling Program

To keep fats, oils, and grease (F.O.G.) out of the wastewater system, CMSD partners with the Orange Coast College (OCC) Recycling Center to collect and recycle F.O.G.

The Costs of F.O.G.

F.O.G. build-up can cause sewage backups and overflows that harm the environment and damage homes and businesses. These backups can also result in increased sewer fees due to rigorous cleanup efforts and severe fines from regulatory agencies.

The Solution

Instead of pouring used cooking oil down the drain, pour the cooled oil into a sturdy container, such as a milk jug or coffee canister, and bring it to the OCC Recycling Center. This will help prevent sewage backups and it allows the used oil to be recycled into new products like soap and candles.

The OCC Recycling Center is located on Adams Avenue, between Harbor Boulevard and Fairview Road. For more information, visit orangecoastcollege.edu.



What Do I Do With...?

Do you need help with the disposal of an unwanted item? Find out where to go and who to call.

Note: This list identifies local businesses that repair, recycle, and haul unusable items. CMSD does not endorse any particular business.

Batteries & Fluorescent lights

Household Batteries, LED Light Bulbs & Fluorescent Lights:

Door-to-Door Household
Hazardous Waste Collection
CR&R (949) 646-4617

*Note: CMSD solid waste
customers only*

Household Hazardous Waste
Collection Centers (see page 9)
(714) 834-4000

Auto/Marine Batteries:

Household Hazardous Waste
Collection Centers (see page 9)
(714) 834-4000

*Note: large commercial truck
batteries not accepted*

Door-to-Door
Household Hazardous Waste
Collection

CR&R (949) 646-4617

*Note: CMSD solid waste
customers only*

Toilets & Sinks

Gently Used:

Orange County Habitat for
Humanity ReStore
(714) 434-6266
2140 Ritchey St, Santa Ana

Unusable:

Large Item Collection
CR&R (949) 646-4617
*Note: CMSD solid waste
customers only*

Electronics & Computers

Door-to-Door Household Hazardous
Waste Collection

CR&R (949) 646-4617

Note: CMSD solid waste customers only

Household Hazardous Waste Collection
Centers (see page 9)
(714) 834-4000

OCC Recycling Center
(714) 432-5131

Adams Ave between Harbor Blvd
and Fairview Rd, Costa Mesa

Furniture

Gently Used:

Orange County Habitat for
Humanity ReStore
(714) 434-6266

2140 Ritchey St, Santa Ana

*Note: some furniture is also accepted at
thrift stores*

Unusable Furniture:

Large Item Collection
CR&R (949) 646-4617

Note: CMSD solid waste customers only

Hangers

Some dry cleaners will take back hangers
and reuse them. Check with your local dry
cleaner or donate your hangers to a local
thrift store.

Otherwise, place metal and plastic hangers
in your mixed waste cart and they will be
recycled at CR&R's Material Recovery
Facility (MRF).

Packing Peanuts

Mail Boxes and More
(949) 544-1616

2618 San Miguel Drive, Newport Beach

Cell Phones

You can return your used cell phone to
distributors such as:

Sprint Store (714) 437-7460

3030 Harbor Blvd H2, Costa Mesa

AT&T (949) 764-0021

298 E 17th St Unit C, Costa Mesa

You can also donate cell phones to the
following causes:

911 Cell Phone Bank provides
emergency cell phones to law
enforcement and affiliated victim
service agencies.
www.911cellphonebank.org

Cell Phone for Soldiers provides
deployed & returning troops a cost-
free method to communicate with
their families while serving in the
military.
www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com

HopeLine from Verizon collects and
distributes cell phones to victims of
domestic abuse.
www.verizonwireless.com/hopeline

Televisions

Door-to-Door
Household Hazardous
Waste Collection
CR&R (949) 646-4617
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Household Hazardous Waste
Collection Centers (see page 9)
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OCC Recycling Center
(714) 432-5131
Adams Ave between Harbor Blvd and
Fairview Rd, Costa Mesa

Thrift Stores & Freecycle

Thrift stores, charitable organizations, and Freecycle are places where you can donate usable items such as clothing, books, and appliances.

Pickup Service:

Salvation Army 1(800) 728-7258
www.satruck.org

Vietnam Veterans of America
1(800) 882-8387
www.scheduleapickup.com

Drop-off Locations:

Assistance League
(949) 645-5477
2220 Fairview Rd, Costa Mesa

Goodwill (949) 646-2479
620 W 19th St, Costa Mesa

Salvation Army (949) 642-3636
2126 Harbor Blvd, Costa Mesa

Ticktock (949) 646-4024
540 W 19th St, Costa Mesa

Inkjet & Printer Cartridges

Office Depot (949) 724-8500
2747 Campus Drive, Irvine 92612

Staples (949) 548-4955
241 E 17th St, Costa Mesa

Paint

Door-to-Door Household
Hazardous Waste Collection
CR&R (949) 646-4617
*Note: CMSD solid waste
customers only*

Household Hazardous Waste
Collection Centers (see page 9)
(714) 834-4000

Oil

Cooking Oil:

Household Hazardous Waste
Collection Centers (see page 9)
(714) 834-4000

OCC Recycling Center (714) 432-5131
Adams Ave between Harbor Blvd and
Fairview Rd, Costa Mesa

Motor Oil and Filters:

Door-to-Door Household Hazardous
Waste Collection
(949) 646-4617
*Note: CMSD solid waste
customers only*

Household Hazardous Waste
Collection Centers (see page 9)
(714) 834-4000

*Certified used oil collection centers
are listed on page 9.*

Plastic Grocery Bags

Recycle plastic grocery bags at your
local grocery or drug store.

Albertsons (949) 515-7227
2300 Harbor Blvd, Costa Mesa

Vons (714) 751-4270
2701-B Harbor Blvd, Costa Mesa

Stater Bros (714) 979-0372
1175-C Baker St, Costa Mesa

Target (714) 979-0372
3030 Harbor Blvd, Costa Mesa

Water Heaters & Mattresses

Large Item Collection
CR&R (949) 646-4617
Note: CMSD solid waste customers only

Tires

The following Costa Mesa businesses
will accept your tires for a nominal
disposal fee:

Just Tires (714) 557-8000
3005 Harbor Blvd, Costa Mesa

Big O Tires (949) 642-4131
322 E. 17th St, Costa Mesa



OCC RECYCLING CENTER

The Orange Coast College Recycling
Center (located on Adams Ave.
between Harbor Blvd. and Fairview
Rd.) redeems bottles and cans for
CRV value.

Accepted items include:

- Aluminum cans and tin cans
- Plastic bottles with resin codes #1 or #2 on the bottom (the number inside the triangle)
- Glass food and beverage containers
- Scrap metal, including metal appliances
- All kinds of paper: office paper, computer print out paper, newspaper, magazines, phone books, books, junk mail, cardboard, shopping bags, etc.
- E-waste limited to computers, non-DLP televisions and computer monitors, cell phones, and laptops

For more information:

(714) 432-5131
orangecoastcollege.edu



Local Drop Off Centers

Beverage Container Recycling Centers (CRV) <https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/BevContainer/RecyclingCenters/>

Orange Coast College Recycling Center	Located on Adams Ave. between Harbor Blvd. and Fairview Rd.	Costa Mesa	(714) 432-5131
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Scrap Metal

Orange Coast College Recycling Center	Located on Adams Ave. between Harbor Blvd. and Fairview Rd.	Costa Mesa	(714) 432-5131
Rainbow / Republic Services Transfer Station	17121 Nichols St.	Huntington Beach	(714) 847-3581 (800) 299-4898
Waste Management Sunsent Environmental Transfer Station	16122 Construction Circle West	Irvine	(949) 552-0446

State Certified Used Oil Collection Centers Accepts Used Oil Filters? (Yes/No)

AutoNation Honda	2888 Harbor Blvd.	Costa Mesa	(714) 627-5559	N
AutoZone	744 W 19th St.	Costa Mesa	(949) 642-1342	Y
AutoZone	3105 Harbor Blvd.	Costa Mesa	(714) 434-3652	Y
Balboa Auto Repair	17571 Griffin Lane #B	Huntington Beach	(714) 375-2743	N
Big O Tires	322 E 17th St.	Costa Mesa	(949) 642-4131	N
Coast General Tire Performance	2855 Harbor Blvd.	Costa Mesa	(714) 540-5710	N
Connell Chevrolet	2828 Harbor Blvd.	Costa Mesa	(714) 786-5630	N
Firestone Store	475 E 17th St.	Costa Mesa	(949) 386-8916	Y
Jiffy Lube	300 E 17th St.	Costa Mesa	(949) 548-2505	N
Jiffy Lube	2175 Newport Blvd.	Costa Mesa	(949) 548-4150	N
O'Reilly Auto Parts	1739 Superior Ave.	Costa Mesa	(949) 642-3384	N
O'Reilly Auto Parts	1175 Baker St. E26	Costa Mesa	(714) 662-2005	N
Oilstop Drive Thru Oil Change	3045 Bristol St.	Costa Mesa	(714) 434-8350	Y
Orange Coast Chrysler Jeep Dodge	2929 Harbor Blvd.	Costa Mesa	(714) 733-2388	Y
Pep Boys	2946 Bristol St.	Costa Mesa	(714) 549-1533	N
Pep Boys	1950 Newport Blvd.	Costa Mesa	(949) 645-3554	N
D&S Tire Solutions (Good Year)	1596 Newport Blvd.	Costa Mesa	(949) 548-9384	Y
Suburban Cadillac of Costa Mesa	2600 Harbor Blvd.	Costa Mesa	(714) 460-9600	N
South Coast Toyota	1966 Harbor Blvd.	Costa Mesa	(949) 722-2000	N
Valvoline Instant Oil Change	3599 Harbor Blvd.	Costa Mesa	(714) 966-1647	Y
Valvoline Instant Oil Change	2248 Harbor Blvd.	Costa Mesa	(949) 945-1400	Y
Valvoline Instant Oil Change	400 E 17th St.	Costa Mesa	(949) 945-1700	Y
Fletcher Jones Motorcars	3300 Jamboree Rd.	Newport Beach	(949) 718-3000	N
MB Elite	488 Old Newport Blvd.	Newport Beach	(949) 722-7667	Y
Sterling BMW	3000 W Coast Highway	Newport Beach	(949) 200-8722	Y

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION CENTERS

Anaheim	1071 N. Blue Gum St.	(714) 834-4000 oclandfills.com/hazardous Hours: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Tues - Sat (closed major holidays & during rainy weather)
Huntington Beach	17121 Nichols Ln. Gate 6	
Irvine	6411 Oak Canyon	
San Juan Capistrano	32250 Avenida La Pata	



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and don't forget...

ONLY FLUSH THE 3 Ps



Pee



Poop



Paper



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