



Mt. Diablo Resource Recovery

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## 2023 Concord MULTI-FAMILY WASTE & RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

Mt. Diablo Resource Recovery is your one-stop shop for recycling, landscape, and solid waste collection service.



This past year, Mt. Diablo Resource Recovery was certified as a Great Place to Work®.

We are one of two nationally distinguished resource recovery

companies with this certification. Recognized for creating an outstanding employee experience.



## NOT ALL PLASTICS ARE CREATED EQUALLY



### The true meaning of the recycle triangle

Did you know that the "numbered triangle" indicates the grade of plastic, how safe it is, and its ideal use? Although most plastics have the triangle, not all are created equally and are not easily recyclable.

The easiest plastics to recycle are #1 & #2. These are beverage, soap and detergent bottles.

**Triangle 1 - PET or PETE.** Usually found containing your favorite soft drink and as some food packaging. Beverage bottles eventually begin to break down after multiple uses allowing chemicals to seep into the liquids, which is why refilling these types of plastic containers isn't recommended. When these items are recycled correctly they are turned into fibers and polar fleece.

**Triangle 2 - HDPE.** A #2 inside the triangle indicates that it's high-density polyethylene or HDPE, often used for shampoo, laundry detergent, and household cleaner bottles. #2 plastics can be recycled into lumber, benches, drainage pipe, and other bottles and containers.

**Triangle 3-5 & 7** are much more challenging to recycle.

**Triangle 3 - Vinyl or PVC** is used in flooring, pipes, and fittings and does not belong in the blue cart. These building materials are accepted in our Construction and Demolition (C&D) box rentals. The debris is processed through our dedicated C&D line, with 90% of the materials recovered and recycled. *Continued on back...*

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## MULTI-FAMILY PROPERTY CONTAINER OPTIONS



### Cart Option

Size	Height	Width	Depth
96-gallon	43.25"	29.75"	32.25"

### Metal Bin Options



Size	Height	Width	Depth
2 cubic yds	50.5"	81"	35.5"
3 cubic yds	50.5"	81"	41.5"
6 cubic yds	72"	81"	66"

Container dimensions are approximate, and availability is based on the current inventory.



Please do not overload or block the bins. For more tips to help keep your service on track, visit [www.mdr.com](http://www.mdr.com).



## GENERAL AND CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION (C&D) DEBRIS BOX RENTALS

With easy scheduling, unmatched service, and sizes for any job, MDRR debris box rentals are the easiest way to handle those challenging cleanups and remodel projects. **Please be advised, we are the exclusive debris box provider for multi-family properties within Concord.** For more information, call (925) 682-9073 or visit [www.mdr.com/debris-box/](http://www.mdr.com/debris-box/)



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**Triangle 4** – LDPE. Low-density polyethylene, or LDPE, is found in shopping, frozen food, and bread bags. These items don't belong in your recycling cart. They should be taken to a local retailer. To recycle, visit [www.plasticfilmrecycling.org](http://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org).

**Triangle 5** – Polypropylene or PP has a high melting point. Triangle 5 is on black plastic dinner trays and medicine bottles. This plastic is known to be relatively safe. Breaking it down to make resin can be somewhat difficult due to its durability to heat.

**Triangle 6** – PS (Polystyrene) Avoid polystyrene, the lightweight, white spongy disposable foam used for drinking cups, take-out containers, packing peanuts, and more. There is no recycling market for these products; they must go into your trash container.

**Triangle 7** – is a catch-all for the other plastics that don't fall within the 1-5 slots. For example, oven baking and other questionable plastics used for sunglasses, signs, and displays. Since the actual makeup isn't entirely known, these items are hard to recycle.

Make sure your items are **clean, dry, empty** and placed loosely in your recycle container. It helps our processing facility pick out the good recyclables!

## FOOD WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM ROLL-OUT:

We are working with our jurisdictions to prepare the SB 1383 Food Waste Recycling Program for our multifamily residents. The program will roll-out in phases: first to our commercial customers, then to our single-family residents.

We will update our multifamily residents when we get closer to the start date.

## YOUR PREMIER SELF-HAUL DESTINATION

## RECYCLE YOUR WASTE AT OUR PLACE!

Our Recycling Center and Transfer Station - RCTS (Contra Costa Waste Services) is conveniently located at 1300 Loveridge Road in Pittsburg. RCTS is open daily from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm (closed Christmas Day & New Year's Day only). We accept solid waste, yard waste, wood, plastics, metals, cardboard, building material, dirt, rock, concrete, electronics, appliances, and more. For pricing, please visit [www.mdr.com/rcts](http://www.mdr.com/rcts).



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