

WINTER 2026 NEWSLETTER Concord Community

Mt. Diablo Resource Recovery is your one-stop shop for organics, recycling, and solid waste collection services. We serve our customers, communities, and environment responsibly by optimizing the use of the materials we collect and process.

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22 MILLION
POUNDS
of reusable
items collected
and donated.

A Message from Kish Rajan, CEO

As a father of three Gen Z kids, I've watched them grow up deeply aware of climate change and motivated to make a difference. Their passion for sustainability inspires me every day in my role at Mt. Diablo Resource Recovery (MDRR). It's what drives our commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, giving new life to reclaimed materials, and keeping as much as possible out of landfills. Plus, it just makes good business sense.



Every day, our team proves that we can maximize recycling and diversion, make the cities we serve cleaner and more sustainable, and strengthen our company at the same time. Waste management today isn't just about emptying garbage bins and carting waste to the landfill — it's about innovation and helping our customers reach their environmental quality goals.

Recycling and composting are key components of that diversion. Each year, MDRR collects and manages 160 million pounds of recyclables and 120 million pounds of organic waste, while also helping customers understand how to use these programs effectively.

But we don't stop there. Ten years ago, we partnered with RecycleSmart (Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority) to collect reusable items and find them new homes. At our Pittsburg warehouse, curbside-collected reusables are sorted and distributed through dozens of community organizations to families in need. Over the years, this has meant redistributing student desks to local schools and furnishing homes for those previously unhoused or aging out of foster care.

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2025-26 Holiday Collection Schedule

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12/25 No Service Christmas Day, Office Closed	12/26 Service for Thursday Customers	12/27 Service for Friday Customers
1/1 No Service New Year's Day, Office Closed	1/2 Service for Thursday Customers	1/3 Service for Friday Customers

Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Thursday this year. There will be no collection on these holidays. All regularly scheduled Thursday and Friday customers will take place one day later. **Thursday's pickup will be on Friday**, and **Friday's pickup on Saturday**. Normal service will resume after two weeks.



Garbage Service Available in 32, 64, and 96-gallon

For more information,
including pricing, visit
www.mdr.com

TIPS FOR CURBSIDE CONTAINER PLACEMENT

- Place carts curbside by 5 am the day of service or the night before. Space carts 3 feet apart from one another.
- Do not overload carts; lids must be closed. For extra service please contact us for pickup options.
- Do not place carts near basketball hoops, cars, trees, or low-hanging wires. Our trucks cannot service carts when they are near these objects.
- Please remove carts from the curb within 24 hours of collection.

WEEKLY CURBSIDE COLLECTION SERVICE:



ORGANICS

The organics material collected by our trucks is taken to a compost facility and turned into enriched soil.

ACCEPTED MATERIALS: Meat • Fish • Poultry • Bones • Fruits • Vegetables • Grains • Plate Scrapings • Food-Soiled Paper • Leaves • Grass Clippings • Plant + Garden Trimmings • Weeds • Branches + Twigs (no more than 3-inch diameter and 3 feet long)



Dirt • Sod • Palm Fronds • Rock • Concrete • Pet Waste • BPI Certified Products • Bioplastics • Hazardous Materials



RECYCLABLES

Please only place acceptable, clean, empty, and dry items loosely in the recycling container.

ACCEPTED MATERIALS: Plastics #1 PET + #2 HDPE • Bottles • Jars • Tin • Cans • Cereal + Snack Boxes • Cardboard • Clean Paper



Food-Contaminated Containers • Plastic Film • Foam Products • Textiles • E-Waste • Batteries • Hazardous Materials



GARBAGE

Bag items that are no longer usable and place them in the garbage container. Donate items that are in good condition.



Recyclables • Yard + Food Waste • Fluorescent Bulbs • E-Waste • Batteries • Hazardous Materials

BEYOND THE CART

Concord residential customers with active service can contact MDRR for the following curbside services at no additional charge:



Three On-Call Pickups: Each calendar year we will collect up to twelve 32-gallon bags of household garbage or yard waste weighing no more than 50 pounds apiece. If you have branches, tie them in a bundle no larger than 18" x 3'. On-call pickups must be at least one week apart.



Household Battery Pickups: Schedule to have your household batteries picked up. Place batteries in a clear, sealed bag labeled "batteries" and set next to your garbage cart. Auto batteries must go to the HHW Facility.



CFL Pickups: Schedule in advance for CFL (compact fluorescent lightbulb) pickup. Place CFL bulbs in a clear, sealed bag labeled "lights" and set curbside. CFLs larger than 3 ft. must go to the HHW Facility.



Used Motor Oil + Filter Pickups: Please contact our office to request a motor oil recycling kit. We will provide a free 6-quart oil container and sleeve. Once received and filled, contact us, and we'll schedule a pick up.



Sharps Drop Off: Concord residents can drop off sharps free of charge in our Concord lobby during regular business hours. Proof of residency is required. Limit: up to four (4) FDA-cleared sharps containers per visit.

To schedule services call: (925) 682-9113, text (925) 690-5487 or email: Customersupport@mdrr.com.



Safe Drug + Sharps Disposal: For information on safe disposal resources for medications and sharps, please visit: **Medications:** www.medtakebackcalifornia.org
Sharps: www.sharptakebackcalifornia.org

A Message from the CEO cont.

So far, we've collected and donated more than 22 million pounds of reusable items — materials that otherwise would have ended up in the landfill. And we're just getting started.

Building on our success, we're expanding local partnerships to support youth and families. Through a new program with **The First Tee of Contra Costa**, Executive Director Brandon Garcelon, and **Play It Again Sports**, donated sporting goods now help fund First Tee's youth development programs. We're also growing our Back-to-School project to provide at least 500 fully stocked backpacks to local children in need.

These efforts reflect our ongoing promise to our customers, community, teammates — and my own kids — **to keep making a real difference for generations to come.**

I'm proud of how far we've come and excited for what's ahead.

VISIT OUR FACILITY



Visit our Materials Recovery Facility at 1300 Loveridge Road in Pittsburg. We offer students and the community an opportunity to learn firsthand what happens to their recyclables, organics, and garbage. To schedule a visit, contact: visit@mdrr.com

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE IS TOO TOXIC FOR YOUR CARTS



Household items containing corrosive, toxic, or flammable ingredients are considered Household Hazardous Waste (HHW). Never put these products down the drain or in your carts.

Take HHW to Central Contra Costa Sanitation at 4797 Imhoff Place, Martinez. Disposal is free. For more information, including a full list of acceptable HHW items and business hours, call (800) 646-1431 or visit <https://www.centalsan.org/hhw>.



TEMPORARY DUMPSTER & DEBRIS BOX RENTALS

With easy scheduling, unmatched service, and sizes for any job, MDRR dumpster and debris box rentals are the easiest way to handle those challenging cleanups and remodel projects. **We are proud to be the exclusive debris box provider for residents and businesses within Concord.**



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Free Christmas Tree Recycling

There are 2 easy ways to recycle your Christmas tree:

AT THE CURB: Scheduled in advance, Christmas trees will be picked up curbside at no additional charge. Trees longer than 3 feet must be cut into 3-foot sections before placing the pieces inside or next to your organics cart. Pieces larger than 3 feet cannot fit inside the truck.

DROP OFF: Bring your **full-size tree (no need to cut it)** to our 1300 Loveridge Road Facility in Pittsburg. Christmas trees will be taken at no charge — limit one tree per vehicle. See below for our facility hours.

NOTE: Remove all tinsel, ornaments, lights, and tree stands. Flocked trees cannot be recycled and must be disposed of as garbage — consider using an artificial flocked tree that can be reused year after year.



RECYCLE YOUR WASTE AT OUR PLACE! YOUR FRIENDLY & CONVENIENT SELF-HAUL DESTINATION

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



E-waste



E-Waste such as TVs, computers, tablets, and cell phones cannot be placed in carts. Retailers such as Best Buy, Apple, and Staples have programs to accept these items for FREE or a small fee. For more information, utilize our **Recycle Resource Tool** via **mobile app** or visit www.mdr.com/rrt. We can also pick curbside, with a separate truck, for an additional fee.

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