



Hannah in Orinda sticks 'em up!



## Sticker Party

Kids! We need you to get the word out! Too many people are STILL putting fruit and veggie stickers in the compost. But the stickers won't break down in our compost piles because they're made of plastic. Can you help?

Please send in your **artwork made with fruit stickers** or **make a poster** to remind people that stickers are trash, not compost!

To enter: Ask an adult to send a photograph of your artwork or poster to [Authority@RecycleSmart.org](mailto:Authority@RecycleSmart.org).

That's it! We'll select one to three winners to receive a Zero Waste picnic kit for you and your family: reusable straws, utensils, and our adorable RecycleSmart tote!

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# EVERYDAY RECYCLING MADE EASY

# RecycleSmart

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- Hip hip hooray for our hardy team
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"Chow? Ciao!"

Empty, clean and dry lids get recycled!

"Trash us; we're covered in plastic."

## Keep calm and recycle on

The current situation has transformed our daily lives—we're scrubbing counters, ordering take-out, and treating toilet paper like a precious commodity... Our new normal raises a few questions about what goes where. Here's a quick guide:

### TRASH/LANDFILL

**Cleaning wipes**—they have plastic fibers that ruin our pipes and they can't be composted.

**Paper towels with harsh cleaners** or chemicals like bleach.

**Paper containers with a shiny coating** like coffee cups, takeout boxes, or ice cream tubs (that lining is almost always plastic).

### COMPOST/ORGANICS

If your complex doesn't have green carts, these items go in the **landfill** bin.

**Matte paper (uncoated) takeout containers** are perfect for composting!

Food-soiled **paper napkins** or **paper towels, uncoated paper plates** and **pizza boxes** are all compostable.

Your **kitchen food waste** makes great compost too!

### RECYCLING

**Cardboard boxes**, broken down, go in the blue cart. (That means drivers don't have to get out of their trucks!)

**Flattened cereal boxes, tissue boxes** with plastic removed, and **paper grocery bags**.

And always—recyclables must be **empty, clean and dry**.

## COVID-19 UPDATE

# Three cheers for our heroes!

While we're all doing our part to keep our communities safe as we shelter in place, we want to say "Thank you!" to the drivers, mechanics, and dispatchers on the front lines collecting your recycling, compost, and trash on schedule.

What's more, Republic Services is expressing appreciation by providing weekly meals (including dinners to take home) for "front line" employees—ordering them from local restaurants that need support right now!

It's times like these when we truly appreciate the dedication and commitment of the folks who keep our service running smoothly.

Our teams are out every day, making sure that "shelter in place" doesn't turn into "smell-ter in place"! So give them a wave when you see them, and maybe a little applause!

Antonio Zapien



Antonio has been driving for Republic Services for 16 years!



Erin Malanche

Erin is the operations Supervisor for Lafayette, Orinda, and Moraga.



Penelope thanked her Walnut Creek driver with this poster!

Salvador helps collect compost for Danville and Walnut Creek residents.



Salvador Paniagua

