



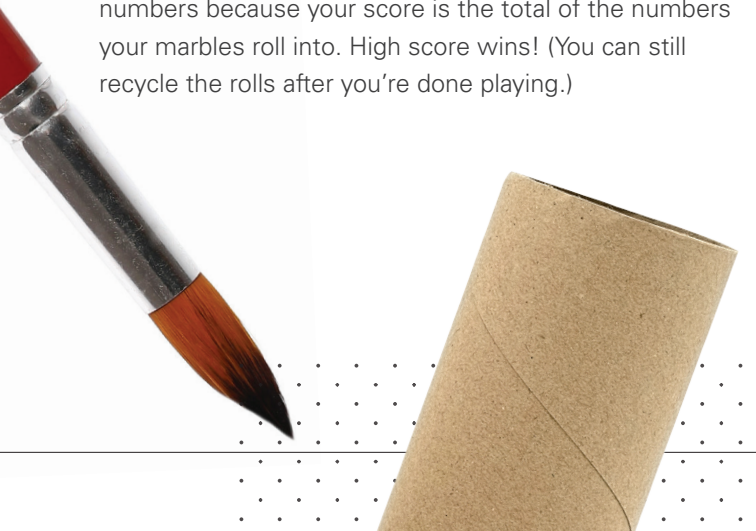
## Let's Play with Toilet Paper Rolls!

An unexpected game!

Get out your marbles for a new game using toilet paper rolls. You'll need to collect 10 rolls. Here's how to make the game:

- 1 Cut a small opening at one end of each roll
- 2 Paint the rolls different colors, with a white circle in the middle of each roll
- 3 Draw the numbers 1-10 in the white circles
- 4 When they're dry, stand them up on a flat surface in any order

Everyone gets the same number of marbles. Take turns rolling the marbles into the openings. Aim for the highest numbers because your score is the total of the numbers your marbles roll into. High score wins! (You can still recycle the rolls after you're done playing.)



## Feel free to shun and shame it

The landfill cart or dumpster. Its contents are relegated to landfill forever, much of it taking thousands of years to disintegrate.

But it is a necessity of life. While most of our waste items can be reused, recycled and composted, there are items we all use every day that just can't be. Last newsletter we took a look at how very long those items remain in a landfill (RecycleSmart.org/newsletter/spring2017) and inside this issue on page 3 you'll see where to put hazardous waste items. Of course, we're always looking for more ways to recycle. But at the moment, you'll need to put these items in the lowly landfill bin:

- Broken dishware
- Chip bags
- Diapers
- Hoses
- Juice pouches
- Packing peanuts
- Pet waste
- Plastic utensils
- Foam meat trays and containers
- Snack wrappers
- Tissues (used)
- Wood (treated or painted)
- Wrappers (snacks, etc.)

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### Coloring Way Outside the Lines

Pots of colorful molten wax bubbled on Bryan Ware's stove—a gooey cauldron of used and broken crayons being melted to use again.

The nonprofit Crayon Initiative has set up crayon recycling boxes—funded by RecycleSmart—in elementary schools throughout the RecycleSmart area. So far, Bryan has collected 90,000 pounds of crayons, with the additional help of groups across the country.

Crayons are sorted into like colors, melted, reformed into new crayons and boxed in sets of 8 colors. Bryan has donated 240,000 crayons to 55 children's hospitals in 18 states. He's now moved the operation to a storefront in downtown Danville, where volunteers can come to sort and pack.

It's a triple win. Schools have just a little less waste to haul. Landfills don't have tons of crayons—they're not biodegradable. "And best of all, it's great for kids who are hospitalized," Ware says. "They get a chance to play and escape the world they're in for a little while." You'll find more information at [thecrayoninitiative.org](http://thecrayoninitiative.org).

**KUDOS DANVILLE!**  
Danville residents, your single-family homes diverted 67% of waste away from the landfill in 2016. Did you know that 80% of waste can go into your green or blue recycling carts? Stretch goal: can you make it to 75% diversion by 2020?

# RecycleSmart

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## Bathrooms. The missing link.

Toilet paper rolls. Toothpaste boxes. Empty prescription bottles. Shampoo bottles. **They're all found in your bathroom and, yes, they're all fully recyclable.**

We're doing a great job recycling in the kitchen (glass, plastic, cans) and other rooms (newspaper, cardboard boxes, wrapping paper). But according to new research by the Ad Council, while 45 percent of Americans have a recycling bin in their kitchen (and it's likely much higher than that here!), only 10 percent have a recycling bin in their bathroom. More than half say they're not sure which bathroom items can be recycled.

To motivate more bathroom recycling, nonprofits Keep American Beautiful and the Ad Council have launched a bathroom-oriented ad campaign of "I Want To Be Recycled," showing common items that can be recycled and what they are yearning to become. For example, shampoo bottles would like to become combs and hairbrushes. And empty prescription bottles want to become cups.

How to do it? You don't need to rinse any plastic bottles; just use up the contents, replace the cap and recycle. Take the label off prescription bottles and be sure they're empty (go to [RecycleSmart.org/hhw](http://RecycleSmart.org/hhw) for where to dispose of unused medications). The only things you can't recycle are aerosol cans and toothbrushes, so look at them sadly, and toss them out.



**GET THE POWER OF MORE**  
You can get additional weekly service for recyclables and more containers at no additional charge. (For all the additional toilet paper rolls!) Ask your property manager to call Republic Services at (925) 685-4711 to request additional services.



### Recycling

**YES**  
Mixed Plastics, Metal, Glass, and Paper

**NO**  
Food Scraps, Carriage, Green Waste, Styrofoam, Hot Adhesives, Hazardous Waste, Batteries or Electronics

### Landfill

**YES**  
Plastic Utensils, Packing Peanuts, Juice Pouches, Chip Bags, Snack Wrappers, Broken Dishware, Styrofoam Food Trays or Containers

**NO**  
Recyclable Items, Electronic Items, Sharps, Medicine, Fluorescent Bulbs, Motor Oil/Filters, Hazardous Materials, Batteries

### Organics

**YES**  
Yard Trimmings, Fruits, Vegetables, Dairy Products, Bread, Meat, Seafood (including bones and shells), and Food Soiled Paper

**NO**  
Plastic, Glass or Metal

# Blue, Green, or Black?

You stand with your milk carton in hand, poised over the bins in your complex's trash area. Which bin to put it in? "Hmmm," you might say, "can this milk carton be recycled—it's paper but it feels waxy. And there's that plastic cap."

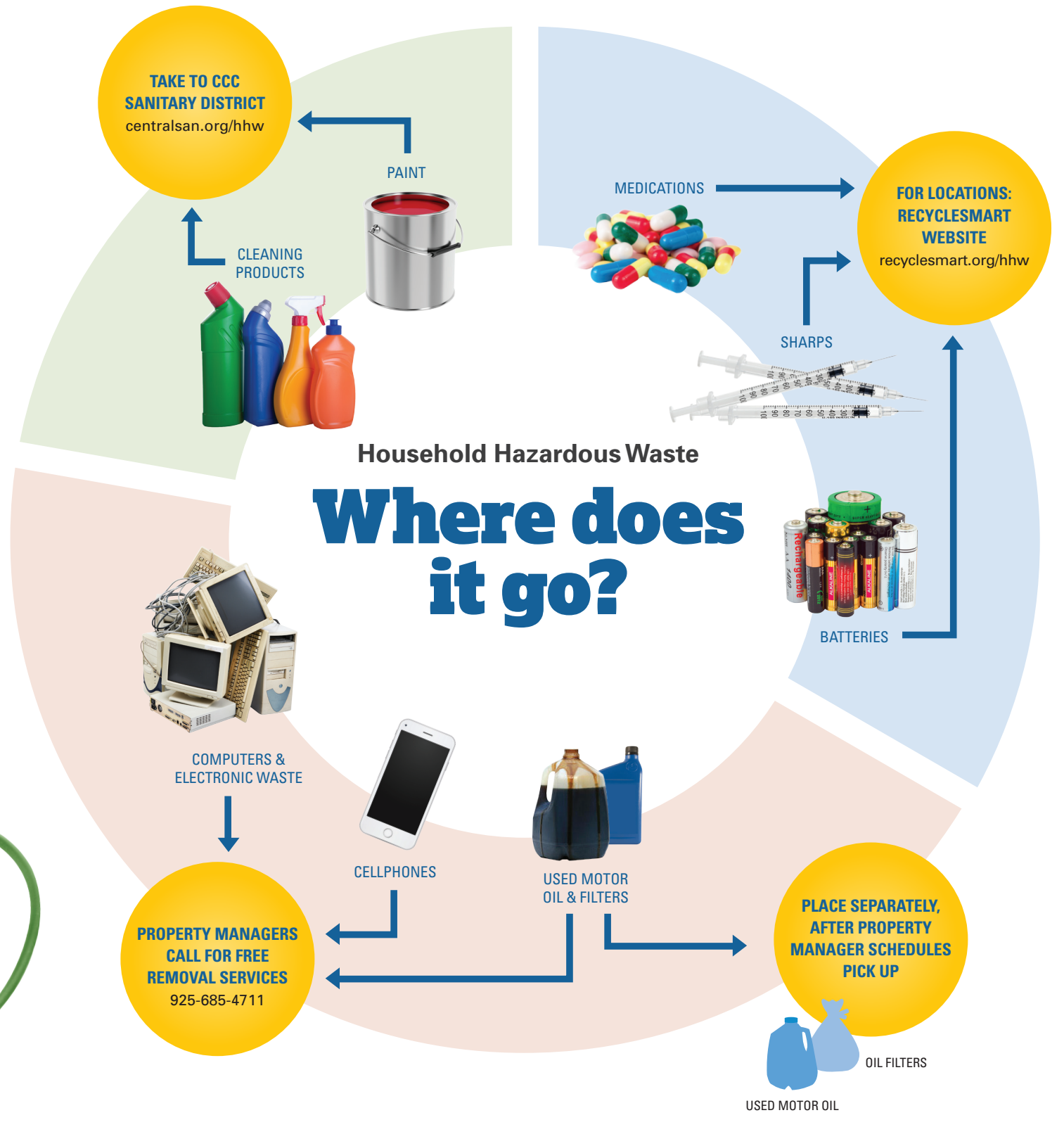
If your complex has blue, green and back bin posters, you'll see right away that milk and juice paper cartons go in your blue bin! Your complex should have these posters at each trash area.

Don't see the posters? Ask your property manager to call **Republic Services, 925-685-4711**. They'll bring out posters and help install them. So everyone will know the truth about milk cartons.



**Do you have your tote?**

Sturdy, *free* recycling totes make it easy to store your glass, plastics and paper—and bring them to the blue recycling bin in your complex. If you don't have one, just ask your property manager to call **Republic Services, 925-685-4711**, and they'll deliver right to your complex. (You can also get *free* kitchen food scrap containers if you have a green organics bin.) And did we mention they're both *free*?!



# Hanging out in the bathroom

Put a circle around the items from your bathroom that can be recycled in your blue cart. Put an x on those that have to go into the black cart. (Answers below)



**Answer:** Everything can be recycled except dental floss, toothbrushes, and the toothpaste tube.

## Need More Info?

**RecycleSmart**  
www.RecycleSmart.org  
925-906-1801  
Authority@RecycleSmart.org

**Republic Services**  
**Organics, Recycling and Landfill**  
925-685-4711

Ask your property manager to contact Republic Services about additional recycling, organic or landfill carts or bins, computer and TV collection, special clean ups or to request motor oil recycling kits, recycling tote bags and kitchen food scrap containers.



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### ⚠ PUT HAZARDOUS WASTE IN ITS PLACE

What happens if you pour unwanted paints, medications or chemicals down the drain? They "pass through" to the ocean because wastewater treatment plants aren't designed to remove them. Motor oil in storm drains also flows directly to the ocean. And what about televisions, computers and other electronics in landfill? Their toxic chemicals can contaminate soil and groundwater—plus their valuable and reusable metals and other resources are locked in the landfill forever. But we have you covered: Call Republic Services or check our website for convenient places to get rid of what you can't put in your carts.

