

# Kid's Corner



## Yes, You CAN Eat Garbage!

An unexpected treat!

Actually, you can rescue **potato skins and apple peels** before they go into the green organics cart or black landfill bin. They're not garbage at all—they're tasty snacks! Here's how to prepare them:

- Potato skins**
  - Put them in a bowl and drizzle a little olive oil on them.
  - Add some salt and pepper, and toss.
- Apple peels**
  - Put them in a bowl and drizzle a little melted butter on them.
  - Add some sugar and cinnamon, and toss.
- Both**
  - Heat the oven to 400°F.
  - Spread them in a single layer on a baking sheet.
  - Roast about 5-6 minutes, stir, roast another 5-6 minutes (potatoes might need 5 more minutes).



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# EVERYDAY RECYCLING MADE EASY

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## Kudos Orinda!

City of Orinda, you rock! You've achieved a 70% overall diversion rate from landfill for both residential and commercial. (RecycleSmart's overall diversion rate for all cities is 61%.) That's 2,165 tons of recyclables just through October—the equivalent of taking 5 cars right off the road!

Keep it up, Orinda!

## Send us off to see the world!

Recycling gives second life to:

- Bottles, plastics, metals and paper.** That sippy cup could end up as plastic lumber in a house half way around the world.
- Landscaping and green waste.** The resulting compost feeds new California fruits and vegetables that will head to markets all over the world.

California law now requires complexes with 5 or more units to recycle on site and complexes that generate 4 or more cubic yards of organic material to arrange for recycling. Republic Services offers **free recycling bins and carts, free totes to carry recycling to your blue bins and free food scraps containers to carry items to your green cart or bin**—and we'll pick up the recycling at no additional charge to garbage collection. Property managers, call 925-685-4711 to start or increase service.



RecycleSmart welcomes **Cameron Tattle** as a **CivicSpark Fellow** to our team. CivicSpark is a statewide Governor's initiative to address climate change and increase recycling. RecycleSmart is the first solid waste authority to host a fellow.

## Republic's trucks practically float!

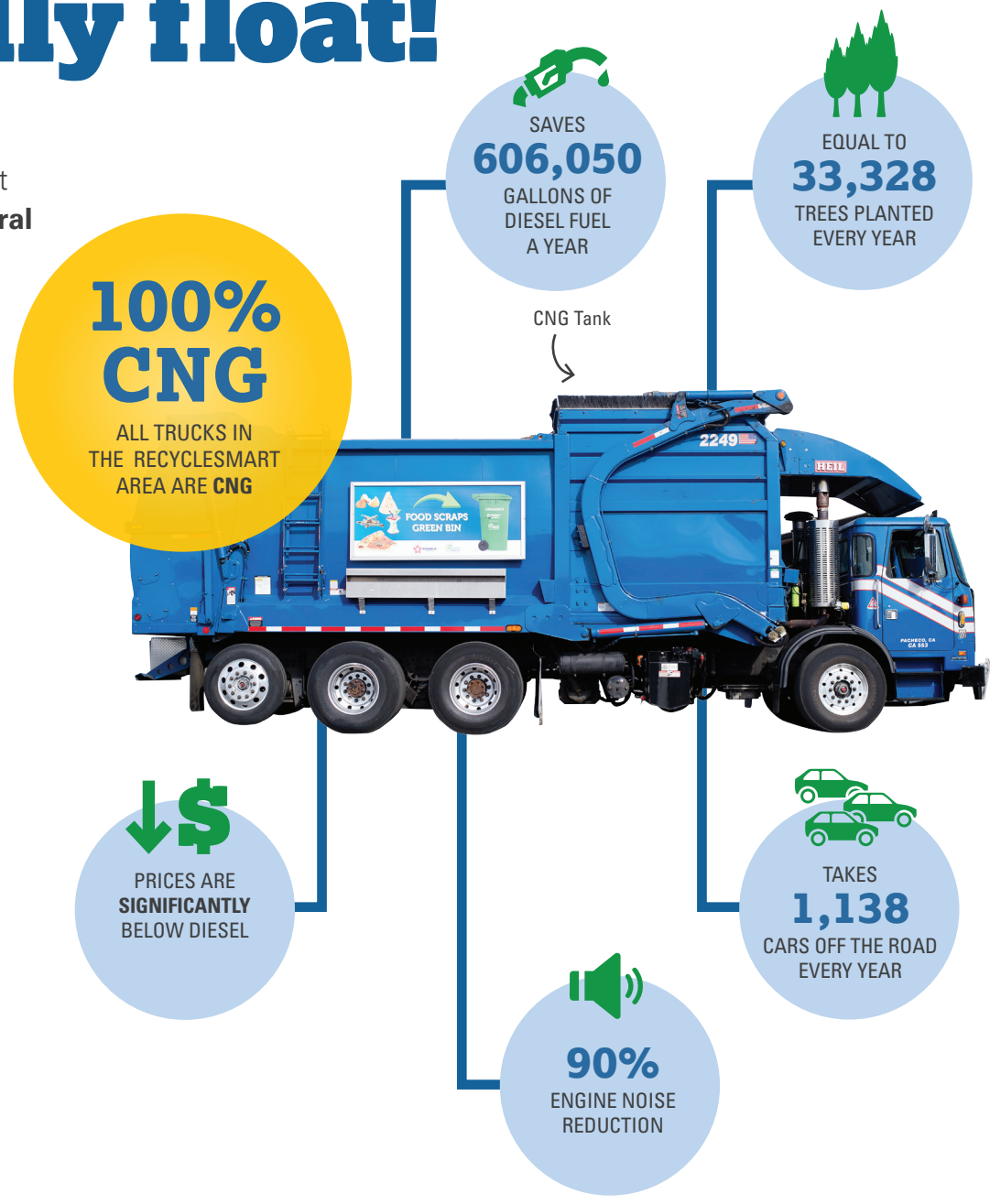
All of the 40 Republic Services collection trucks in the RecycleSmart area now run on **Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)**. It's cleaner and greener than diesel—and it's lighter than air!

The natural gas that many of us use to heat our homes or boil a pot of spaghetti on the stove comes from below ground where organic matter decomposed over millions of years, creating byproducts of water and methane gas.

Now, our garbage trucks are using that natural gas for fuel instead of diesel. In engines, it's 90% cleaner than burning diesel fuel. What's left is just water and carbon dioxide. "And, engines running on CNG are about 90% quieter than diesel-powered engines," says Paul Ginocchio, Republic Services. "That really makes a difference in residential areas."

CNG produces fewer emissions than any other fuel and contains significantly less pollutants than gasoline or diesel. It produces 20-30% fewer greenhouse gas emissions and 95% fewer tailpipe emissions than petroleum products.

The gas is drawn from wells in the US and compressed to less than 1% of its volume. The CNG tanks are like scuba tanks or a fireman's air supply tank, only larger. They're on the top of the Republic trucks, providing similar power and range as diesel, at a much lower emission rate. The US has more than a 100-year supply of natural gas. Cleaner, quieter *and* abundant—that's a win-win-win!



**MOTOR OIL RECYCLING AT YOUR DOOR!**  
Since most cars don't float, you sometimes need to get underneath and change that oil. Get a free motor oil and filter recycling kit! Just have your property manager call Republic Services at 925-685-4711.



# 9 things about cardboard...

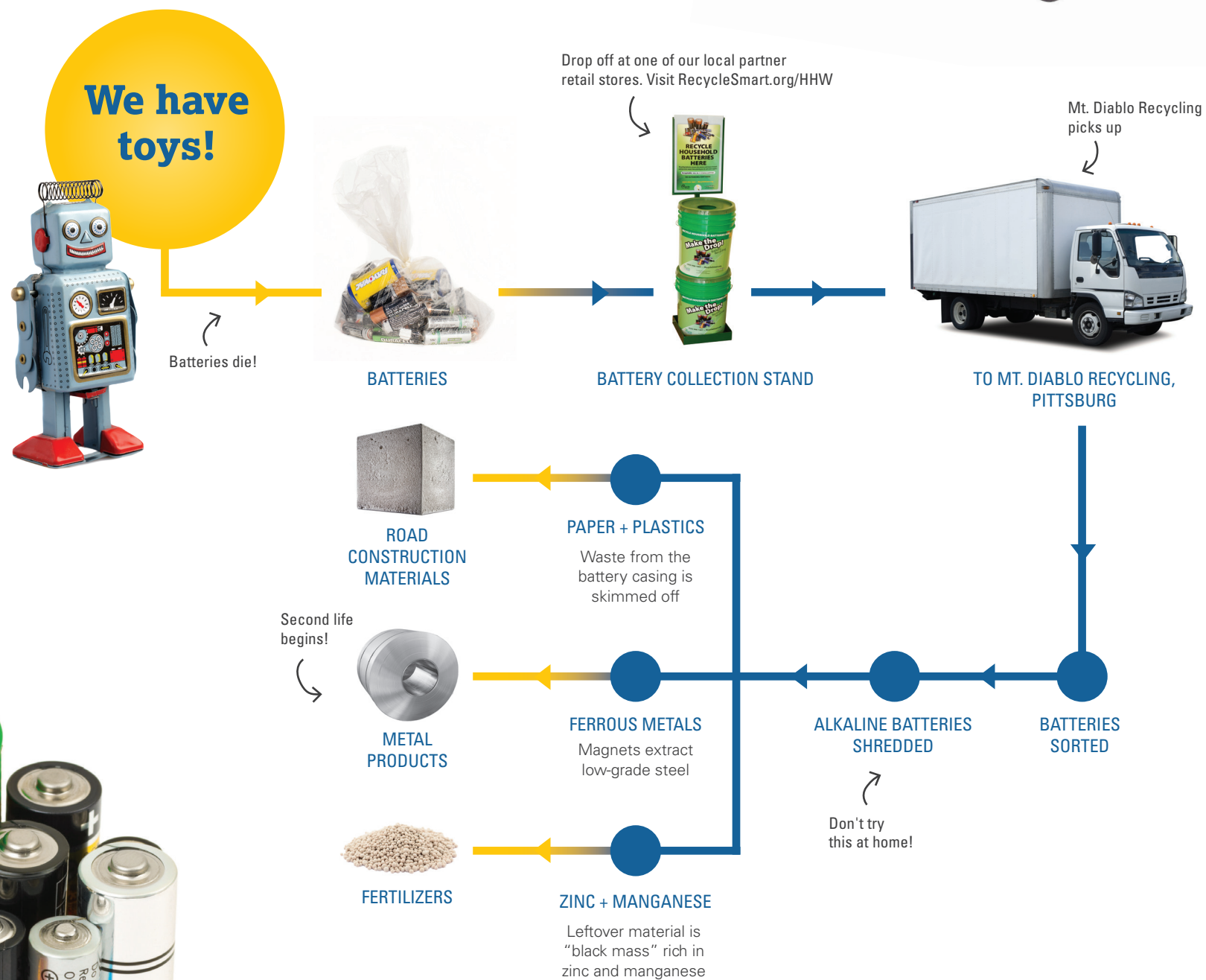
...that you probably didn't know.

- 1 The average home move requires 60 boxes, which is more than half of a one-ton pine tree.
- 2 The average person moves 11 times, about 7 trees worth of boxes.
- 3 Americans move 42,000,000 times a year: 28,560,000 trees!
- 4 Recycling cardboard requires only 75% of the energy used to make completely new cardboard.
- 5 Cardboard can be recycled over and over and over!
- 6 To make cardboard, trees are chopped, chipped, mixed together with recycled cardboard, boiled into pulp, dried and rolled.
- 7 **Break down boxes to recycle—much easier to fit into your recycling bin!**
- 8 You can leave tape and labels on cardboard boxes; they'll be removed at the recycling facility.
- 9 Cardboard pizza and food boxes go in green carts (or black landfill) because the grease and food contaminate the cardboard.

## In with the New... Out with the Old!

Did the holidays bring you a new computer, tablet or TV? We can help you **dispose of your unwanted electronic waste cleanly and easily**. Just ask your property manager to schedule a free on-call electronic waste pickup. Republic Services will come right out to pick up your items. Property managers, just call Republic Services at **925-685-4711**.

# How it works



### MOST BATTERIES ARE 100% RECYCLABLE!

Alkaline batteries make up about 95% of all household batteries. Other common types are lithium ion and the small batteries used in cameras, hearing aids and watches. All of them are hazardous waste. When batteries corrode in the landfill, toxic metals can leach into the ground, contaminating soil and underground water. That's

why it is against the law to throw them in your black landfill cart or gray landfill dumpster. So we've made it convenient for you to recycle your spent batteries. Visit [www.RecycleSmart.org/HHW](http://www.RecycleSmart.org/HHW) for a list of local retail partners.

# Sort your trash!

Find the words under each of the three carts.



BANANAS  
LEAVES  
FOOD  
NAPKINS



BOTTLES  
CANS  
JUGS  
PAPER



DIAPERS  
FOAMTRAYS  
CATLITTER  
WRAPPERS

J B G V W S V E I W F O S E G  
I G L R L Z N H F R O S E R T  
J Z Z T V M H I Z A O E L R A  
T W P K M L A B K P D Z T W C  
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G U A H E R O T I S G U J X R  
X S W K H H A D X C I H X H L  
E D A C P A N Y K P R Z Z J G  
W Y U G H O K B S A D S K S F

Need landscaping waste picked up? We got you covered!



## Need More Info?

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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.