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Unwind with a Word Find!

Can you find our 12 spring-themed words in the grid above?

- Flowers
- Bottle
- Compost
- Reuse
- Lemon
- Recycle
- Spring Cleaning
- Dispose
- Sun
- Fresh
- Yard
- Worms



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Goodbye winter gloom—hello, super bloom!

Springtime's the right time for **green** cleaning. But how can you clean AND cut back your paper and plastic waste? Try these fresh ideas...

- ✳ Use dissolving laundry tablets instead of plastic-wrapped pods, and reusable wool balls instead of dryer sheets
- ✳ Air dry your laundry on a drying rack or out on a balcony if you've got one for a bright, crisp feel
- ✳ Cut up old shirts to clean—and cut down on single-use paper towels
- ✳ Use non-toxic cleaners like vinegar, baking soda and lemons
- ✳ Choose biodegradable soaps and cleaning products in refillable glass bottles

Want to replace more single-use paper and plastic items this spring? Do a trash audit! Keep track of what you trash during a week and choose one commonly used item to phase out and replace with a more sustainable option. Review and choose a new product to replace each month and watch how sustainable your habits become!



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Orinda's outstanding on organics

Residents in the City of Orinda have been doing their part to keep their recyclables and food scraps from going into the landfill. Their efforts have made a TON of impact—literally! In 2022, Orinda collected **2,724** tons of recycling and **6,419** tons of organic waste from residents. The City's sorting efforts—which also included landfill, battery and e-waste—resulted in an impressive 70% diversion rate. Way to go, Orinda!

Oops, Did We Miss You?

Residents, businesses, schools and multifamily property owners/managers:
If your cart and/or bin was not serviced on your regularly scheduled service day, and was not collected by the end of the following business day, you are entitled to a credit on your bill. Please contact Republic Services at 925-685-4711 to report missed pick ups and request your credit.
If your request or complaint is not resolved by Republic Services, please contact RecycleSmart at 925-906-1801 or email Authority@RecycleSmart.org



BYE BYE MATTRESSES

Has your old mattress lost its spring? Here's how to safely recycle this bulky household item:

Retailer Take Back
Getting your new mattress delivered? Ask your retailer if they can take your old one back at no cost.

Bye Bye Mattress
Central Contra Costa County residents can drop-off mattresses on Sundays for free at the local ByeByeMattress location:
1038 Shary Cir. Unit 7, Concord, CA 94518
For more information, go to ByeByeMattress.com



Composting made easy

Looking to start composting at home? Request a food scraps container!

Your food scraps container makes composting easy and convenient—plus, it's the law to compost your organics.

Keep the container by your sink, trash can, prep area, or wherever it's easiest to use. You can line it with newspaper, a paper bag, or a BPI-Certified Compostable bag (the only type of compostable plastic we accept in the green cart). Place food

scraps in your container, and empty it into your building's green organics cart before collection day or whenever the container is full.

Your property manager can request a FREE 3-gallon kitchen food scraps container at no cost every two years by calling Republic Services at 925-685-4711. Learn more at RecycleSmart.org/apts-condos/green-bin

Resources for renters!

RecycleSmart offers a variety of free resources for residents in multifamily complexes:

- Reusable tote bags to carry your recycling to the shared bin
- Kitchen food scrap pails for your organic waste
- Sorting guides to know what goes where
- Bin stickers and outdoor signage

Property managers can contact Republic Services at 925-685-4711 or email Authority@Recyclesmart.org.

"Don't let your organics go to waste!"



RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING SORTING VIDEO

Whether you're new to your building or want a refresher of what goes into your bins, RecycleSmart's sorting video has all the answers! Visit the Multifamily Complex: General Bin and Service Information page at RecycleSmart.org/apts-condos/general for a link to the video and to find out additional information.



Save Paper—Sign Up For the Digital Newsletter

Matthew C., Orinda

I love the RecycleSmart newsletter! I look forward to getting it so I can learn fun new tips on how to be a better recycler, composter and all-around good person to the environment.

I recently found out that instead of receiving the paper newsletter, I can sign up for an e-newsletter—that has all the same information as the print version—on the RecycleSmart.org homepage.

Now I get my quarterly newsletter delivered straight to my inbox so I can stay informed AND reduce my paper use.



HAVE TIPS TO SHARE?
Send your ideas to Authority@RecycleSmart.org

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Organics, Recycling and Landfill

925-685-4711
Ask your property manager to contact Republic Services about additional recycling, organic and landfill carts or bins, special clean ups or to request motor oil recycling kits, recycling tote bags and kitchen food scrap containers.



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