

## Rossmoor Recycle Guide

### Sorting better reduces coupon increase!

Avoid your mutual being charged \$26 to \$52 each time a container has the wrong contents or it's lid won't close. (These charges depend on container size.) They increase our monthly coupon. **SORT BETTER & \$SAVE!**

### ITEMS (Red means new listing or a change)

- Aerosol can → HAZARDOUS
- Air pillow → LANDFILL
- Aluminum foil or pie plate (if clean) → RECYCLE
- Appliance → RAPID RECYCLE
- Automotive products → HAZARDOUS
- Bag, paper (if clean, dry empty) → RECYCLE
- Bag, plastic or cellophane → LANDFILL
- Battery (household) → MOD RECYCLE YARD
- Biodegradable plastic → LANDFILL
- Bones → COMPOST
- Book, hardback → LANDFILL, LIBRARY, GOODWILL
- Book, paperback → RECYCLE or LIBRARY
- Book: telephone, catalog, magazine → RECYCLE
- Bottle (clean & dry without lid or cap) → RECYCLE
- Box, cardboard (if flat & fits easily in cart) → RECYCLE
- Box, cardboard (large or can't be flattened) → MOD
- Box, juice, frozen food, soup → LANDFILL
- Box, paperboard (detergent, cereal, shoe) → RECYCLE
- Bubble wrap → LANDFILL
- Can, metal (clean & dry without lid) → RECYCLE
- Candy wrapper → LANDFILL
- Cap or lid → LANDFILL
- Carpet, rug or padding → HAUL to CCTS
- Carton (milk, juice, soup) → LANDFILL
- Cash register receipt → LANDFILL
- Cell phone → RAPID RECYCLE
- Cellophane → LANDFILL
- Ceramics, porcelain → LANDFILL
- Chopsticks (metal, plastic or porcelain) → LANDFILL
- Chopsticks (wood) → COMPOST
- Cleaning bottle (if empty, clean & dry) → RECYCLE
- Cleaning product (like bleach or wax) → HAZARDOUS
- Clothing or cloth fabric → LANDFILL or GOODWILL
- Coffee grounds, wrapped → COMPOST
- Compostable bag (only if BPI-certified) → COMPOST
- Compostable plastic → LANDFILL
- Computer & peripherals → RAPID RECYCLE
- Construction debris → HAUL to CCTS
- Corks → LANDFILL
- Cotton balls → LANDFILL
- Cup, paper → LANDFILL
- Cup, plastic (if clean & dry) → RECYCLE
- Cupcake paper liner → COMPOST
- Dryer sheets → LANDFILL
- Dust wipes → LANDFILL
- DVD or CD disc → LANDFILL
- Egg carton (cardboard) → RECYCLE or COMPOST
- Egg carton (Styrofoam) → LANDFILL
- Electronics & cables → RAPID RECYCLE
- Envelope (with or without window) → RECYCLE
- Eye glasses → LIONS CLUB BOX (near Woodshop)
- Flashlight (electronics) → RAPID RECYCLE
- Flowers, leaves & twigs → COMPOST
- Food tray (Styrofoam or plastic foam) → LANDFILL
- Food, wrapped (cooked or raw) → COMPOST
- Furniture (only metal or wood) → MOD RECYCLE YARD
- Furniture → FREECYCLE or HAUL to CCTS
- Gardening chemicals (plant care) → HAZARDOUS
- Gift wrap (plain paper) → RECYCLE
- Gift wrap (shiny, fuzzy or metallic) → LANDFILL
- Glass bottle or jar (if clean & dry) → RECYCLE
- Golf bag, stroller, bicycle → HAUL to CCTS
- Grease (in a sealed container) → LANDFILL<sup>6</sup>
- Hangers (metal, plastic or wood) → LANDFILL
- Hearing aids → LIONS CLUB BOX (near Woodshop)
- Ice cream container or wrapper → LANDFILL
- Ice cream stick (wood) → COMPOST
- Juice pack containers → LANDFILL
- Junk mail (paper or cardboard) → RECYCLE
- K-Cup → LANDFILL
- Knife (wrap safely, e.g., duct tape) → LANDFILL
- Labels & name tags → LANDFILL
- Lamp (electronics) → RAPID RECYCLE
- Lid → LANDFILL
- Light bulb (fluorescent) → WC ACE Hardware
- Light bulb (standard, LED or halogen) → LANDFILL
- Mailer → LANDFILL
- Matches (unused) → HAZARDOUS
- Matches (used) → COMPOST
- Mattresses & box springs → BAY AREA RECYCLE
- Meat, fish, poultry, bones, egg shells → COMPOST
- Medical equipment → ILR or GOODWILL
- Medical needles & syringes → WC City Hall
- Medicine & pills → GATEWAY LOBBY
- Mesh basket or wrap → LANDFILL
- Metal pull-tab (loose) → LANDFILL
- Milk carton → LANDFILL
- Milk jug (hard plastic) → RECYCLE
- Mirror → LANDFILL or GOODWILL



Net bag or wrap → **LANDFILL**

Newspaper → **RECYCLE** or **COMPOST**

Packing peanuts (*bagged*) → **LANDFILL**

Padded mailer → **LANDFILL**

Paint (*up to 5 gallons*) → **HAZARDOUS**

Paper (*butcher*) → **LANDFILL**

Paper (*carbon, fuzzy or metallic*) → **LANDFILL**

Paper (*colored & construction*) → **RECYCLE**

Paper (*computer or copy*) → **RECYCLE**

Paper napkin (*clean or dirty*) → **COMPOST**

Paper towel (*clean or dirty*) → **COMPOST**

Parchment paper → **COMPOST**

Pen or pencil → **LANDFILL**

Pet food can (*if clean & dry*) → **RECYCLE**

Pet litter, bagged → **LANDFILL**

Pet poop, bagged → **LANDFILL**

Photos → **LANDFILL**

Pizza box → **COMPOST**

Plastic, soft → **LANDFILL**

Plastic, hard (*with or without a number*) → **RECYCLE**

Plate, paper (*not shiny*) → **COMPOST**

Plate, paper (*with a shiny side*) → **LANDFILL**

Pot or pan (*metal, no coating*) → **RECYCLE**

Prescription bottle (*empty, without cap*) → **RECYCLE**

Printer ink cartridge → **COMPUTER STORES**

Propane cylinder → **HAZARDOUS**

Razor (*wrap safely like with duct tape*) → **LANDFILL**

Sanitary product or diaper → **LANDFILL**

Shells, wrapped (*egg, seafood*) → **COMPOST**

Shredded paper (*bagged & knotted*) → **RECYCLE**

Smoke detector → **USPS.COM**

Snack wrapper → **LANDFILL**

Solvent → **HAZARDOUS**

Spiral notebook (*if wire is removed*) → **RECYCLE**

Styrofoam (*bag peanuts*) → **LANDFILL**

Suitcase → **GOODWILL, HAUL to CCTS**

Take-out box (*cardboard, not shiny*) → **COMPOST**

Take-out box (*hard plastic, wiped clean*) → **RECYCLE**

Take-out box (*shiny, dirty or Styrofoam*) → **LANDFILL**

Television (*electronics*) → **RAPID RECYCLE**

Thermometer → **HAZARDOUS**

Tissue wrapping paper (*colors OK*) → **RECYCLE**

Tissue, facial (*Kleenex*) → **LANDFILL**

Toilet paper → **LANDFILL**

Toothbrush → **LANDFILL**

Toothpick, wood → **COMPOST**

Tube (*from towel or toilet paper*) → **RECYCLE**

Utensils (*bamboo or wood*) → **COMPOST**

Utensils (*plastic, corn or potato starch*) → **LANDFILL**

Vacuum cleaner bag → **LANDFILL**

Waste, human or pet → **LANDFILL**

Waxed paper → **LANDFILL**

Wood products (*solid wood*) → **MOD RECYCLE YARD**

Yogurt container (*mixed material*) → **LANDFILL**

### Remember to...

- ❖ Plastic bags only go in **LANDFILL**.
- ❖ Bag shredded paper for **RECYCLE**.
- ❖ Bag Styrofoam peanuts for **LANDFILL**.
- ❖ Put everything loose in **RECYCLE** bins (except bags of shredded paper).
- ❖ Empty jars & bottles, remove caps or lids, rinse & dry (or wipe out with spatula or paper towel) before **RECYCLING**.
- ❖ Put paper towels & napkins in **COMPOST**.

**When in doubt, throw it out (LANDFILL)!**

### PLACES

BAY AREA RECYCLE: Call (925) 465-5576 to schedule pickup of **mattress** and/or **box springs**. *There is a charge.*

FREECYCLE: A free, email group for giving away stuff others might want. For their email, go to <https://sustainablecrossmoor.org/trash-talk>

GOODWILL or other **THRIFT SHOP**:

- **Books & DVDs** (*also see LIBRARY*)
- **Clothes or Cloth**
- **Furniture, small**
- **Housewares & collectibles**
- **Medical equipment**

HAZARDOUS:

If you have proof of residency, Central Contra Costa Sanitary Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility (4797 Imhoff Pl, Martinez, 9am-4pm, Monday through Saturday) accepts:

- **Aerosol can**
- **Ammunition & fireworks**
- **Automotive products & tires**
- **Batteries**
- **Cooking oil** (*in sealed container*)
- **Fluorescent lamps & light bulbs**
- **Gardening chemicals**
- **Household cleaners & solvents**
- **Mercury thermometers**
- **Paint**
- **Propane cylinders**
- **Unused matches**



HAUL to CCTS: Contra Costa Transfer Station, our “dump” (951 Waterbird Way, Martinez, daily 7am-5pm) accepts **bikes, rugs, furniture, sand, concrete, rocks, construction debris** & more.

ILR (INDEPENDENT LIVING RESOURCES in Concord) or GOODWILL: Accepts and loans out **medical equipment**, everything from hospital beds to walking canes.

MOD RECYCLE YARD: Only residents can bring **recyclable debris** to MOD on Rockview Drive, 8am-12pm or 12:30pm-4:30pm, **Monday through Friday**. Residents, family and contractors must haul away all other move-in, move-out and remodel waste. *If you see this debris in a trash enclosure, call MOD, (925) 988-7650 or, if after hours, Securitas, (925) 988-7899.* MOD accepts:

- **Batteries** (household)
- **Books** (also see LIBRARY)
- **Cardboard boxes**
- **Metal or solid wood products**
- **Some wood or metal furniture** (no upholstery, no plate glass)

RAPID RECYCLE: Call (925) 671-9008 for free pickup of small electronics with a cord or battery plus a microwave or larger appliance for a fee:

- **Appliance, lamp, other electronics**
- **Cell phone, computer, keyboard, printer**
- **Metals, tools, wire, cables**
- **Television, monitor, vacuum cleaner**

TRASH HAULER: See ads in *Rossmoor News*.

USPS.COM: **Smoke detectors**: Mail to manufacturer. *USPS.com has addresses.*

[www.RecycleSmart.org](http://www.RecycleSmart.org): RecycleSmart, our solid waste authority, supplies free totes and compost pails. To get one, contact your mutual director.

Do NOT leave boxes or other items OUTSIDE containers! Your mutual is charged extra & your coupon increases!



**Sustainable Rossmoor**

Recycle information changes.  
Go to [sustainablerossmoor.org](http://sustainablerossmoor.org) for updates.

## FOUR STEPS FOR EASY RECYCLING

### 1. Put everything loose in RECYCLE bins (except bags of shredded paper)

RECYCLE is picked up at no extra charge. But we are charged extra if items are bagged, sorted wrong, or overflowing. **These charges increase our coupon!**

### 2. Recyclables must be empty, clean and dry!

### 3. Only recycle 5 things – and only if empty, clean, dry, and loose:

- ❖ **HARD PLASTIC**
- ❖ **METAL**
- ❖ **GLASS**
- ❖ **PAPER**
- ❖ **FLATTENED CARDBOARD**

**Nothing else goes in recycle!**

### 4. Nothing smaller than a credit card!



Small items can jam machinery or become projectiles.

## FIVE COMPOST TIPS

1. Wrap food scraps in newspaper or put in a paper bag or a BPI-certified compostable bag. *Helps prevent flies from laying maggot eggs and reduces odor.*
2. To absorb excess moisture, put 4-6 inches of dry leaves, pines needles, or newspaper in the bottom of an empty cart. Soiled napkins, paper towels and pizza boxes also absorb moisture and delay rotting.
3. If maggots or ants are a problem, spray rim, inside the lid, and the top surface with vinegar. Consider keeping food scraps in the fridge/freezer until day before pickup.
4. Hang a fly trap if needed.
5. Buy only a few months' supply of compostable bags. They can decompose in the box.