UPPER VALLEY DISPOSAL SERVICES

APARTMENT AND CONDOMINIUM SERVICES GUIDE

Upper Valley Disposal Services (UVDS) serves the Town of Yountville, City of St. Helena, City of Calistoga and unincorporated areas in Northern Napa County. We provide innovative diversion technologies to prevent recyclables and organic material from going to the landfill.

WHY SHOULD I SEPARATE COMPOSTABLES AND RECYCLABLES?

Recycling correctly saves our natural resources, reducing waste going into landfills, keeps recycling workers safe and supports a healthy environment for future generations.

WHY ORGANICS MATTER

Organic materials (organics) like food scraps, leaves, and yard trimmings make up the single largest underutilized resource in the residential waste stream. When we put organic materials in the garbage, it goes directly into a landfill, creating methane gas, a climate super pollutant contributing to climate change.

FROM CART TO COMPOST

After the organic materials are collected by UVDS, they are transported to our commercial composting facility. The entire composting process takes 60-90 days and finished compost is the end product. Compost provides important nutrients to plants that help them grow bigger and healthier.

IT STARTS WITH SORTING

By collecting organic materials from inside your home, then placing them in a compost cart or bin, you are doing your part to protect our local environmental and preserve it for future generations.

Continue reading to find out what to separate for compost and recycling.

CONTACT US

OFFICE HOURS

By Phone
Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Walk-in
Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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DISPOSAL • RECYCLING • COMPOST

OFFICE PHONE

Voice: 707-963-7988
Fax: 707-963-7641

OFFICE ADDRESS

1285 Whitehall Lane
St. Helena, CA 94574

WEBSITE

uvds.com

WHAT GOES IN COMPOST, RECYCLE AND GARBAGE

COMPOST

FOOD SCRAPS,
FOOD-SOILED PAPER,
YARD TRIMMINGS

FOOD SCRAPS &
FOOD SOILED PAPER

YARD TRIMMINGS

Only BPI
compostable
certified bags
are allowed.

NO DIRT OR ROCK

NO GLASS

NO RIGID
COMPOSTABLE
PLASTICS

NO PAINTED
TREATED WOOD

NO DIAPERS
NO PET WASTE
NO HUMAN WASTE

RECYCLE

CLEAN PAPER PRODUCTS,
BOTTLES, CANS & CONTAINERS

No bagged recyclables, keep items loose.

GLASS BOTTLES,
AND JARS

METAL CANS &
CONTAINERS

PLASTIC BOTTLES,
TUBS AND JUGS

MIXED PAPER, UNWAXED
CARDBOARD, PAPER-
BOARD, PAPER CARTONS,
ASEPTIC PACKAGING

NO WAXED
CARDBOARD

NO STYROFOAM™

NO PLASTIC BAGS

NO E-WASTE

NO RIGID
COMPOSTABLE
PLASTICS

GARBAGE

EVERYTHING IN
GARBAGE GOES
DIRECTLY TO LANDFILL

PLASTIC BAGS,
PET WASTE & DIAPERS

WRAPPERS &
NON-RECYCLABLE PLASTIC

STYROFOAM™, PLASTIC
LIDS & STRAWS

NO RECYCLABLES

NO FOOD SCRAPS

NO HAZARDOUS WASTE

NO E-WASTE

NO FLUORESCENT
NO CFL BULBS

RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING IS EASY!

COMPOST

Food scraps, food-soiled paper and yard trimmings go in the **green** 96-gallon cart or in a large bin labeled "Compost", located in or near your complex's trash enclosure.

Need a kitchen compost pail? Ask your apartment manager or call UVDS. We can also provide a starter roll of compostable bags.

Only BPI compostable certified bags are allowed.

Collect food scraps while prepping meals, scraping plates, or cleaning out the fridge. You can also include paper towels, napkins, paper plates, and pizza boxes.

Empty your pail or cart, including any certified compostable liner or soiled paper, into the green compost bin every 2–3 days. Rinse the pail and sprinkle in baking soda to reduce odors.

IMPORTANT:
Compostable and regular plastics aren't accepted in our compost program because they don't fully break down during composting.

RECYCLE

Recyclables go in the **blue** 96-gallon cart or in a large bin labeled "Recycling", located in or near your complex's trash enclosure.

Need a recycling basket to collect recyclables indoors before emptying them into the outdoor cart or bin? Ask your manager or call UVDS.

Dirty or greasy paper (e.g., pizza boxes, paper towels) belongs in compost—not recycling.

Break down paperboard and cardboard boxes to save space and make room for more recyclables.

Recyclables must be
EMPTY, CLEAN & DRY
and placed loose in the recycling bin or cart. Do not bag recyclables!

GARBAGE

Garbage goes in the **dark gray** 96-gallon cart or in a large bin labeled "Garbage" located in your complex's trash enclosure.

All garbage goes directly to the landfill. Garbage is anything (non-hazardous) that can't go in compost or recycling.

Stretchy plastic, pet waste, unusable clothing, and Styrofoam™ are all garbage.

Do not place hazardous items like batteries, paint, motor oil, e-waste, or fluorescent bulbs in any bin. See the next page for disposal info.

HELP FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE — SORT RIGHT

California is feeling the effects of climate change, and landfilling food, paper, and yard trimmings makes it worse by releasing harmful greenhouse gases. That's why state law (SB 1383) requires everyone to keep compostables and recyclables out of the garbage. The good news? By using your compost and recycling bins, you're helping protect the climate—one banana peel or cardboard box at a time. Learn more at uvds.com.

BULKY ITEM COLLECTION

The Bulky Item Collection program is available to all apartment or condominium complex tenants and residents.

If you pay your own garbage bill, you may set up a bulky item pickup with UVDS on your own. Must be scheduled in advance. Give us a call at (707) 963-7988.

If you have shared service and the property owner or manager pays the bill, the complex is allowed two collective collections per year at no charge for the apartment building. Once these are used, items can be collected for a fee per item. Your property manager must call to request a collection for the property. Collections cannot be requested by individual tenants with shared service. Batteries must be in a container provided by UVDS.

2 TIMES PER YEAR

2 Bulky Items

+

2 Appliances
If Freon is not removed, then only 1 appliance is allowed.

+

5 E-waste Items

+

1 Battery Container
Container available upon request.

HAZARDOUS WASTES

Hazardous wastes such as batteries, vaping devices, automotive fluids, paint products, fertilizers, cleaners, and fluorescent lamps/tubes CANNOT be placed in bins or carts.

Twice a year Upper Valley Waste Management Agency sponsors hazardous waste collection events. Events are typically held in the spring in St. Helena and the fall in Calistoga. These events are free for residents.

For more information on temporary events and other disposal options, visit countyofnapa.org/hazwaste.

MOTOR OIL/FILTERS

If you pay your own garbage bill, you can call UVDS for a curbside motor oil and filter pick up. You must call in advance to request the pick up. Give us a call at (707) 963-7988 to schedule your appointment.

If you have shared service and your property manager pays the bill, you are not eligible for the curbside pick up. Drop off options are available! To find a drop off location near you visit: countyofnapa.org/motoroil.

DOCUMENT SHREDDING & E-WASTE EVENTS

UVDS hosts drop-off events for paper document shredding and e-waste three times per year. Check uvds.com for dates and times.