

# A Greener El Cerrito

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## Special Recycling Collection Events

### Electronics, Appliances, Clothes, Textiles, Mattresses and Tires

October 9 & 10 | 9 AM to 3 PM

January 8 & 9 | 9 AM to 3 PM

El Cerrito DMV (6400 Manila Avenue)

### Fluorescent Bulbs and Tubes, Medicines, Needles and Thermometers

September 25 | 9 AM to 12 PM

El Cerrito Recycling Center (7501 Schmidt Lane)

El Cerrito contracts with Universal Waste Management, Inc. (UnWaste) a California State approved recycler, to hold collection events for electronic waste and other recyclables. UnWaste will unload your car for you – it's fast, easy and the right thing to do. For more information call UnWaste at (888) 832-9839 or visit [www.unwaste.com](http://www.unwaste.com). The event includes:

**FREE RECYCLING** for all large and small electronics, including: televisions, computer monitors, computer systems and components, copy machines, cell phones, CDs & DVDs (players and discs), cassette tapes, cameras, cable boxes, console video games, fax machines, GPS systems, handheld devices, ink cartridges, wiring, printers, answering machines, PDAs, radios and boom boxes, record players, scanners, shredders, stereo equipment, speakers, telephones, toner cartridges, video games, VHS players and tapes, and more!



**FREE RECYCLING** for all small household appliances, including: blenders, coffee makers, food processors, espresso machines, juicers, rice cookers, toasters, toaster ovens, vacuum cleaners, indoor grills, lamps, curling irons, electric curlers, electric shavers, electric toothbrushes, hair dryers.

**NEW! FREE RECYCLING** for all clothing, textiles, shoes and accessories, including: jackets, coats, jeans, knits, leather, sportswear, suits, undergarments, leisure wear, bedding, linens, towels, curtains, drapes, table cloths, pillows, futon covers, sheets, tennis shoes, sandals, boots, galoshes, slippers, flip-flops, belts, suspenders, handbags, purses, and tote bags.

**PAY \$\$ TO RECYCLE (CASH ONLY & EXACT CHANGE)** \$40 each for refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, stoves, washers, dryers and water heaters; \$20 each for small refrigerators and small wine coolers, and; \$5 each for microwave ovens. Mattresses (with or without accompanying box spring) are \$50 each for king/California king, \$40 each for full/queen, and \$30 each for twin/single. Tires are \$10 each for big rig/18 wheeler size tires, \$5 each for SUV and truck size tires, and \$3 each for standard automobile or motorcycle tires.

**Batteries, fluorescent bulbs & tubes, paints & chemicals, and other hazardous wastes cannot be accepted during this event.** Please take these items to the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility at 101 Pittsburg Avenue in Richmond. For information on hazardous materials and the HHW Facility visit [www.recyclemore.com](http://www.recyclemore.com) or call (888) 412-9277.

The City partners with RecycleMore to hold **FREE** special collection event for hard-to-recycle materials.

During the event, El Cerrito residents (with proof of residency) can drop off:

**Compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) and tubes** (household quantities only, and no more than 5 eight foot tubes per household – use caution to avoid breaking).

**Mercury thermometers** (exchange for a free digital thermometer – use caution to avoid breaking).

**Over-the-counter and prescription drugs** including expired and unused pills, syrups and inhalers in original containers (black out personal information and leave drug name intact – controlled substances such as narcotics and steroids cannot be accepted).

**Needles and syringes in a biohazard containers** (free needle containers available, one per person; needles not in biohazard containers cannot be accepted) .

**These items will only be accepted at the Recycling Center on the day and times listed above.** For information please contact the Environmental Services Division. All items listed are also accepted for free at the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility in Richmond, or via household pickup for seniors and disabled persons. For more information visit [www.recyclemore.com](http://www.recyclemore.com) or call (888) 412-9277.

## Report Spills to Drains and Creeks!

Help the City of El Cerrito protect water quality and our environment by keeping pollutants out of our waterways. Trash, oil, soaps, chemicals, and other pollutants on El Cerrito's sidewalks and gutters can get flushed into storm drains, eventually ending up in our Creeks and San Francisco Bay. The only thing flowing into gutters and storm drains should be storm water – even water from a hose can be harmful to waterways! You can help keep our waterways clean and healthy by reporting any potential pollution on sidewalks, streets, gutters, and creeks by calling El Cerrito's Stormwater Point of Contact at (510) 215-4369 or emailing [lbrazil@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us](mailto:lbrazil@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us). For more information, see [www.el-cerrito.org/maintenance](http://www.el-cerrito.org/maintenance).



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# Environmental Activities Calendar

For more information see [www.ecenvironment.org](http://www.ecenvironment.org) or call (510) 215-4350.

<b>SEPT 14</b>	5 PM to 7 PM	<b>Help Improve our Recycling Center:</b> Participate in discussions about collecting reusables and new materials at the Recycling Center and help create new community guidelines to make the Center even more useful and inviting. Your input will help the City craft future programs and uses at the Center as well as the design of the new Center. This meeting will be held at El Cerrito City Hall – Council Chambers @ 10890 San Pablo Avenue. Please fill out the one-minute Recycling Center mini-survey online at <a href="http://www.ecycle.org">www.ecycle.org</a> .
<b>SEPT 25</b>	9 AM to 12 PM	<b>Special Recycling Collection Event at the The Recycling Center:</b> See article on Page 1.
<b>OCT 9</b>	9 AM to 3 PM	<b>Fall Citywide Garage Sale:</b> Keep waste out of the landfill while finding great deals and discovering your community. See below for details and Registration Form.
<b>OCT 9 &amp; 10</b>	9 AM to 3 PM	<b>UnWaste Recycling Collection Event at the El Cerrito DMV:</b> See article on Page 1.
<b>OCT 10</b>	9 AM to 5 PM	<b>Compost Giveaway at the Recycling Center:</b> See full color insert.
<b>NOV 11</b>	All Day	<b>Veterans Day Holiday:</b> The El Cerrito Recycling Center will be closed all day, but curbside collection of garbage, green waste and recyclables will occur as normally scheduled.
<b>NOV 25 &amp; 26</b>	Two Days	<b>Thanksgiving Holidays:</b> The Recycling Center will be closed all day both days, but curbside collection of garbage, green waste and recyclables will occur as normally scheduled.
<b>DEC 24, 25 &amp; 27</b>	Three Days	<b>Christmas Holidays:</b> The Recycling Center will be closed all day on Friday, Saturday and Monday, but curbside collection of garbage, green waste and recyclables will occur as normally scheduled.
<b>DEC 31 &amp; JAN 1 &amp; 3</b>	Three Days	<b>New Year’s Holidays:</b> The Recycling Center will be closed starting at 12 p.m. on Friday and all day Saturday and Monday, but curbside collection of garbage, green waste and recyclables will occur as normally scheduled.
<b>JANUARY</b>	All month	<b>Christmas Tree Recycling:</b> Christmas trees will be picked up by East Bay Sanitary for <b>FREE</b> on your regular green waste collection day. Please place trees at the curb by 6 a.m. and remove all decorations and stands. Flocked trees cannot be collected for recycling - please call East Bay Sanitary at (510) 237-4321 regarding disposal of flocked trees, for more information, and to confirm your green waste collection day.
<b>JAN 8 &amp; 9</b>	9 AM to 3 PM	<b>UnWaste Recycling Collection Event at the El Cerrito DMV:</b> See article on Page 1.
<b>JAN 17</b>	All Day	<b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday:</b> The El Cerrito Recycling Center will be closed all day, but curbside collection of garbage, green waste and recyclables will occur as normally scheduled.

## Register for the Fall Citywide Garage Sale | October 9, 9 AM to 3 PM

### SHOP THE GARAGE SALE ON OCTOBER 9

Find good bargains! Shop the Fall Garage Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Garage Sale listings will be available online at [www.ecenvironment.org](http://www.ecenvironment.org) and in self-serve literature stands located at the Community Center (7007 Moeser Lane) and the Recycling Center (7501 Schmidt Lane) starting October 1.



#### HOST A GARAGE SALE!

Turn your old stuff into treasure! Register now to host a garage sale at your home during the Fall Citywide Garage Sale. Registration fees

help cover the costs of advertising and promotion which includes posting your sale in the garage sale brochure, classified ads in newspapers and online.

Help us by spreading the word about the Garage Sale. Make your event fun and enjoyable by providing refreshments, treats, prizes or other enticements! Send us your suggestions regarding how to make our advertising strategy more effective—feedback from past garage sale hosts is especially valuable.

#### Garage Sale Registration Form

#### Fall 2010 El Cerrito Citywide Garage Sale October 9 | 9 AM to 3 PM

Registration forms are due (with \$12 registration fee paid by check to the City of El Cerrito) on September 24 by 4 p.m. by mail to:

Environmental Services Division—Garage Sale  
10890 San Pablo Avenue  
El Cerrito CA, 94530

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address/Sale Location \_\_\_\_\_

Nearest Cross Street \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (please provide an email address, especially if you would like the opportunity to review the accuracy of your listing prior to publication):  
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Sale Description: Maximum of 20 words describing the items for sale and any other details about the sale (i.e. fundraiser for a specific charity, snacks available, etc.). Descriptions will be repeated verbatim in the listing so please use good grammar.  
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