

Etz Chayim Garbage Guidelines

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We are mandated by Jewish tradition to avoid waste.

And we are mandated by the City of Palo Alto to separate that which we must throw out.

Etz Chayim will incur a fine if we ignore the City's mandate.

So, please do what's right and be careful to pay attention when you are throwing things away at Etz.

Our waste receptacles are color-coded:

- **Green bins are for compostable materials**
- **Blue bins are for recyclable materials**
- **Black or gray bins are destined for the landfill**

Every classroom has a landfill and recycling bin. Compost bins can be found in the halls and in the kitchen. If you are serving food or doing a project, feel free to bring a compost bin into your class or meeting room. Please remember to put it back in its spot when you're done. Our goal is to send as little to landfill as is humanly possible.

Common things that can go into the compost bin:

- Paper plates, cups, napkins, paper towels, tissues
- Food soiled cardboard such as pizza and cake boxes
- Food scraps
- Compostable clear cups and cutlery
- Milk cartons
- Flowers and yard trimmings

Please note: all the plates, cups and cutlery in the kitchen are compostable

Common things that can go in the recycling bin:

- Paper and cardboard
- Bottles and cans (including aerosol)
- Most plastics--with or without a number (plastic silverware and straws excepted)
- Electronics (anything with a computer chip)
- Plastic bags (tuck them all together in a bag and knot the top)
- Aluminum foil and trays

Things that must go in the landfill bin:

- **Snack wrappers- chips bags, bar wrappers, etc.**
- **Juice boxes and bags**
- **Plastic cutlery that isn't compostable**
- **Diapers**
- **Latex gloves**
- **Straws**
- **Chewing Gum**

Choose your bins carefully!

Save Etz money and save the earth at the same time.

We've tried to create signage that will help you know what to put in each bin.

Let us know if there are ways to make things clearer.