

Sustainable Foster City

Donation and Disposal Community Resources

Foster City Nearby Donation Resources

Donation Center	Address	Accepted Items
Community Donation Center (Savers Thrift Store)	875 Main St, Redwood City, CA 94063	Clothes, household items
Goodwill Store & Donation Center	28 W 25th Ave, San Mateo, CA 94403	Wide range of items – see website for details
Salvation Army Donation Site	1170 Grand Ave, South San Francisco, CA 94080	Furniture, clothing
Goodwill Donation Center	1830 Broadway, Redwood City, CA 94063	Wide range of items. See website for detail
St. Francis Center	151 Buckingham Ave, Redwood City, CA 94063	Gently used or new clothing (esp in need of baby and kids clothing)
H&M	397 Hillsdale Shopping Center, San Mateo, CA 94403	Any unwanted clothes or textiles, by any brand and in any condition
DSW	21 W Hillsdale Blvd, San Mateo, CA 94403	Preloved shoes (wearable conditions for resell)

Disposal Options of Common Household Items

- **Batteries:**
 - Batteries are a common household item that need to be disposed of carefully. Never throw them in the trash, as they can leak harmful chemicals into the environment. Fortunately, there are convenient locations in the area where you can recycle your old batteries.
 - Where to Recycle:
 - Curb side pick up (for single-family residents)
 - Place batteries and cell phones in a sealed, clear zip-top bag.

- On your regular collection day, place the sealed bag on top of your **black garbage cart**.
- Foster City Hall
 - Address: 610 Foster City Blvd, Foster City, CA 94404
 - Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (excluding holidays)
- Shoreway Environmental Center
 - Address: 333 Shoreway Road, San Carlos, CA 94070
 - Accepted Items: Batteries, cell phones, and other electronics
- The Home Depot
 - Address: 2001 Chess Dr, San Mateo, CA 94404
 - Accepted Items: Rechargeable batteries
- Plastic Bags
 - Though plastic bags are commonly used, they are not recyclable in curbside bins. Instead, they can be reused or dropped off for recycling at special collection points. Many local grocery stores provide bins specifically for plastic bag recycling (e.g., Safeway, Whole Foods, Nob Hill Foods, Mollie Stones, Target)
- Electronics
 - Old electronics, or e-waste should be recycled: Many items, like old phones or computers, contain valuable metals that can be reused, so it's important to dispose of them properly.
 - Where to Recycle:
 - [Shoreway Environmental Center](#)
 - [Cleo's Recycling](#)
 - [Best Buy](#)
- Cleaning Products and Chemicals
 - During spring cleaning, you might come across half-empty bottles of cleaning supplies or other chemicals that you no longer need. These items should never be poured down the drain or thrown in the trash, as they can contaminate water supplies.
 - Where to Dispose: [The San Mateo County Household Hazardous Waste Program](#) provides free disposal of chemicals, cleaning products, and paint. Visit their website to schedule an appointment and safely dispose of hazardous waste.
- Medicines
 - Expired or extra medicine should be deposited safely in dedicated locations.
 - Where to Dispose:
 - Pharmacies: You can return expired or unused medicine to any pharmacy, including independent stores and chains.
 - Safe Medicine Disposal Sites: These are dedicated county-run medicine deposit sites. See [location list](#).
- Other household items
 - If you are unsure where to recycle a certain item, [recyclestuff.org](#) has a wonderful tool where you can put down the item and your location to get recommendation on nearby recycling locations.