



# Appliance Recycling

Refrigerators, ovens and other large household appliances can easily be recycled. Davis Street accepts all household appliances at our public drop off facility. Before an appliance can be recycled, we make sure to remove all of the hazardous chemicals and components such as Freon, mercury switches, capacitors and oil. These hazardous materials are safely and responsibly recycled by licensed vendors.

The chemical-free appliance is taken to a metals recycler. Once at a recycling plant, the metal appliance is often shredded, melted and turned into metal casts or ingots. Finally, large masses of metal are sent to a manufacturing plant to be rolled into sheets. At this point, the metal is ready to be turned into new products such as cars, cans, boats, etc.

Using recycled steel has a positive impact on the environment, since it takes four times as much energy to manufacture steel from virgin ore as it does to make the same steel from recycled scrap.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Each year Davis Street processes more than 3,000 appliances for recycling.

## MATERIAL MATTERS

Steel is America's most recycled material. Approximately 75% of a typical major household appliance is made of steel.

Major home appliances contribute about 10% of the recycled steel; more than 80% is derived from cars.



## Davis Street Resource Recovery Complex

2615 Davis Street  
San Leandro, CA 94577

Hours of Operation:  
MON - FRI: 7:00 am - 5:00 pm  
SAT: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm  
SUN: Closed

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