

Recycling is Everyone's Responsibility

The easiest way residents can contribute to reaching the City's Zero Waste Plan recycling goals is by placing material in the correct bin. For the past five years, the City has been achieving a recycling rate of 66%. To achieve its 75% diversion goal, the City will be targeting various sources of waste, which include businesses and homes as well as specific types of waste material like construction debris and food waste.

For people who receive trash and recycling service from the City of San Diego, your help is needed to make these services more successful. It has been widely reported in the media that end markets for material collected in curbside

recycling programs have tightened contamination limits to .5%. Currently in San Diego, more than 18% of all material collected in the blue bin is trash that must be removed by hand and machinery at processing facilities before the remaining material is clean enough to meet end-market standards.

Approximately 35,000 tons of recyclable material that should go in the blue bin is placed in the black trash bin and disposed of in the landfill. This misplacement of materials increases cost and can be easily solved by people paying more attention to what they place in their different bins. Check out "What Goes Where?" on page 3.

Reduce



Think Before You Throw

Before placing anything in your bins, try to find ways to minimize waste and recycling in the first place. For example, use durable storage containers for leftover food and lunches instead of baggies. Monitor what's in your refrigerator and eat food before it goes bad. Learn more food waste prevention tips at savethefood.com.

Recycle Right

More than 18% of material placed in the blue bin does not belong there! See our "What Goes Where?" on page 3 for information on what's recyclable in your blue bin.



- 1 Empty** - ensure recyclables are free from any liquids
- 2 Clean** - ensure recyclables are free of any food residue
- 3 Dry** - ensure recyclables are dry before placing them in your bin
- 4 Loose** - PLEASE DO NOT bag your recyclables. They must remain loose in the bin to be properly sorted (only shredded paper should be placed in a paper bag)

Top Contaminants in your Recycling Bin

No Plastic Bags or Packaging Film



No Clothing or Textiles



No Electronics or Appliances



Donate your used clothing and appliances to one of the many charitable organizations in San Diego. To find out where to recycle electronics and other items please visit WasteFreeSD.org.

Help ensure our waste and recycling systems run efficiently by placing items in the correct bin. Should you need extra bin space, additional trash bins (black) can be purchased for \$70 while recycling bins (blue) are free when picked up. If you'd like them delivered, there is a \$25 fee (some restrictions may apply). For more information call 858-694-7000 or visit sandiego.gov/ESD.



RECYCLING RESOURCES

Do you have items that are recyclable but not accepted in your blue bin?

Visit WasteFreeSD.org



Mattresses



Tires

WasteFreeSD.org is a recycling database for more than 200 household items. This online resource helps residents find places to repair, donate, or recycle common household items so they do not end up being disposed in the trash. It has information on how to recycle household items such as batteries, cooking oil, paint, textiles, and mattresses, just to name a few.

WasteFreeSD.org is easy to use. Simply enter the item name, zip code, community and answer "how did you hear about us?" then click "Find" to see a list of results."



Appliances



Holiday Lights



Household Hazardous Waste Transfer Facility

City of San Diego residents can dispose of their household hazardous waste (HHW) at no charge at the City's HHW Transfer Facility. Located at the entrance to the Landfill at 5161 Convoy St., call 858-694-7000 to schedule an appointment.

No Tossing or Flushing Medication

Take over the counter medication to the HHW Transfer Facility or prescription medication to one of the City of San Diego Police Department locations.



Don't Throw Batteries in the Bin

Batteries can cause fires! Make an appointment on the **Get it Done App** for the Household Hazardous Waste Transfer Facility to drop them off.



Backyard Composting and Bin Voucher Program

The City of San Diego provides residents with easy and affordable ways to compost food and green waste at home, as well as education programs on how to compost.

The City's Compost Bin Voucher Program is year-round and provides **City of San Diego residents** with a discount on one of three styles of compost bins. For more information visit RecyclingWorks.com and click on "Backyard Composting".



Report Illegal Dumping on the "Get It Done" App

Keep your community clean by reporting illegal dumping.

You can also find information or report on the following:

- ADA Assisted Collection
- Find My Trash Collection
- Container Left Out
- Replace Damaged Container
- Hazmat Appointment
- Scavenging of Blue or Black Containers

Download the mobile app today! sandiego.gov/get-it-done



WHAT GOES WHERE?

Recycling



Don't Bag Recyclables



All jars, glass and plastic bottles



Aluminum and metal cans



Wrapping paper



Clean plastic food containers and cups



Mail, magazines, newspapers and phone books



Cartons



EMPTY aerosol cans



Clean aluminum foil and trays



Styrofoam™ packaging and clean food and drink containers*



Paper or frozen food boxes



Flattened Cardboard



Paper bags, Shredded paper (bagged and tied)



Plastic buckets, tubs, pots, trays and toys

Trash



Plastic utensils and straws



Plastic wrap



Napkins, paper towels and tissue



Glassware



Snack bags and wrappers



Compostable products



Pet poop



Diapers

Home Composting Bin



Shrub and tree trimmings



Leaves



Grass clippings



Food scraps

Take yard waste to



5180 Convoy Street

Household Hazardous Waste - Please call 858-694-7000 for disposal options.



Toxic products



Electronic waste



Paint



Bulbs



Batteries



Motor Oil



Needles and syringes



Propane and helium tanks

Return to Retailer



Plastic bags



Styrofoam™ peanuts

Donate Reusable Items



Small appliances



Clothing, textiles, toys, sporting goods and more!



* If service provider is not the City of San Diego, check if your hauler accepts Styrofoam for recycling.