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Call (858) 694-7000

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## Recycle your Cartons!

Milk cartons, juice boxes, and other cartons are recyclable in the blue recycling bin.



## Recycling is Mandatory for Residences and Businesses in San Diego and Statewide!

If you need help setting up a recycling program at home or work, contact Environmental Services at (858) 694-7000 or visit [www.recyclingworks.com](http://www.recyclingworks.com).

## Get your Compost Bin Voucher!

Composting can help reduce yard, vegetable and fruit wastes going to the landfill. It also creates compost: a valuable soil amendment that can improve soil quality and help save water. To get you started composting, the City of San Diego has partnered with Dixieline ProBuild to offer compost bins at a discounted rate. The 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. Applications can be downloaded at: [www.recyclingworks.com](http://www.recyclingworks.com) or picked up at a Dixieline ProBuild location within the city limits. One voucher per household, proof of residency required, while supplies last. For more information contact Environmental Services at (858) 694-7000.



## Take Back Programs

The following products, which cannot be recycled in the blue bin, can be **recycled for free** by returning them to the appropriate retailers and recyclers.

- ▶ Cell Phones and Rechargeable Batteries: Visit [www.call2recycle.org/locator](http://www.call2recycle.org/locator) to find a store near you.
- ▶ Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs): Any Home Depot or Lowe's stores.
- ▶ Computers and Other Electronics: Visit [www.sdgoodwill.org/cr.html](http://www.sdgoodwill.org/cr.html) or [www.recyclesandiego.org/](http://www.recyclesandiego.org/).
- ▶ 20 lb Propane – BBQ cylinders: Blue Rhino and Amerigas outlets.
- ▶ Used Motor Oil (up to 5 gallons at a time) and Oil Filters: Visit [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/UsedOil/Reports/CenterSearch/](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/UsedOil/Reports/CenterSearch/) to find a store near you.
- ▶ Old Paint: Visit [www.paintcare.org](http://www.paintcare.org) and click on the map to find a store near you.



## Scavenging is Illegal!

Tired of bottles, cans and other recyclables being taken out of your trash and recycling bins? Report illegal scavenging. Call Environmental Services, Monday-Friday from 6:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., at (858) 694-7000 or email the location, date, time and details to [trash@sandiego.gov](mailto:trash@sandiego.gov).



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# WHAT GOES WHERE?



**Blue Bin Recycling =**

- Magazines and catalogs
- Phone books
- Aluminum cans
- All glass and plastic bottles and jars
- Newspapers
- Mail
- Paper or frozen food boxes
- Cartons and drink boxes
- Clean plastic food containers and cups
- Wrapping paper
- Paper bags
- Shredded paper (bagged)
- Cardboard
- Metal cans
- Clean aluminum foil and foil trays
- EMPTY aerosol cans
- Plastic buckets, tubs, pots and trays



**Black Bin Trash =**

- Plastic utensils
- Plastic film
- Compostable products
- Styrofoam containers
- Glassware
- Ceramics
- Pillows
- Diapers
- Pet poop

**Home Composting Bin =**

- Grass
- Leaves
- Fruit and vegetable waste

Take yard waste to



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

- Toxic products
- E-waste
- Paint
- Batteries
- Motor oil
- Needles and syringes
- Propane tanks/cylinders and helium tanks

**Return to Retailer**

- Plastic bags
- Styrofoam peanuts

**Donate Reusable Items**

- Small appliances
- Shirts and shoes
- Pants
- Other clothes
- Comforters

Detach and Save

## Compostable Products are NOT Recyclable in Blue Bin or in Greenery Collection

Compostable products such as containers, utensils, plates and bowls, are made out of corn, potato, sugarcane, etc. Sometimes they can look like regular plastics. To tell them apart from other products, look inside or on the bottom of these products for a label/markings stating “compostable” or “PLA”. If mixed with other recyclables in the blue bin, they can contaminate the quality of plastics when they are being made into new products. In the City’s Greenery Program they will not biodegrade into compost. Please place all compostable products in the black trash bin.



## Needles and Syringes Disposal Programs

Home generated needles, syringes, and lancets, better known as “sharps,” are NOT recyclable in the blue bin and cannot be thrown in the trash bin. They are considered household hazardous waste. Being cut or pricked by “sharps” can cause exposure to blood-borne diseases, including HIV and hepatitis.

City residents can bring “sharps” to the Household Hazardous Waste Transfer Facility on Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. by appointment. “Sharps” must be placed in a store bought “sharps” container or in a labeled puncture-proof and shatter-proof container with a secure lid (i.e. bleach or detergent bottle). Call Environmental Services at (858) 694-7000 for more information or to schedule a drop-off appointment at the facility.

City residents can also dispose of “sharps” by

▶ Purchasing a mail-back container:  
[www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/medicalwaste/Documents/MedicalWaste/SharpsMailBackList.pdf](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/medicalwaste/Documents/MedicalWaste/SharpsMailBackList.pdf)

▶ Purchasing a FDA approved needle destruction device:  
[www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/ProductsandMedicalProcedures/DeviceApprovalsandClearances/Recently-ApprovedDevices/ucm083568.htm](http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/ProductsandMedicalProcedures/DeviceApprovalsandClearances/Recently-ApprovedDevices/ucm083568.htm)

## Phone Book Opt-Out

Tired of receiving those bulky phonebook directories? Visit [www.yellowpagesoptout.com/](http://www.yellowpagesoptout.com/)

For assistance with: Curbside recycling • Trash collection • Compost & mulch sales • Household hazardous waste disposal • Appliance, electronics and battery recycling • Used motor oil & filter recycling and more... Phone (858) 694-7000, Visit [www.sandiego.gov/esd/](http://www.sandiego.gov/esd/) or Email [trash@sandiego.gov](mailto:trash@sandiego.gov).



## Bonita Blue Bin Answers Your Recycling Questions

### 1. What can I do with my aerosol cans?

Completely EMPTY aerosol cans (containing no liquid or propellant) may be recycled in the blue bin. Unused or partially filled aerosols must be taken to the City’s Household Hazardous Waste Transfer Facility for proper disposal.

### 2. Do I have to rinse out my bottles, jars, cartons, cans and food containers?

Please remove residual ketchup, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, mayo and other food items to ensure proper recycling.

### 3. Should I bag my recyclables?

No, it interferes with the automated sorting process. The only exception is that shredded paper should be bagged in a clear plastic bag or paper bag.

### 4. Are pizza boxes recyclable?

Yes, but if the bottom is heavily stained with grease, detach it from the lid and recycle the top.

## Prescription Drug Drop-Off Locations

Residents can drop off unused or expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medications at certain San Diego Police, San Diego Sheriff’s, and National Take Back locations. For more information visit:

- ▶ [www.sandiego.gov/police/news/flash/prescriptiondropoff.shtml](http://www.sandiego.gov/police/news/flash/prescriptiondropoff.shtml)
- ▶ [www.sdsheeriff.net/oxycontin/dropbox.htm](http://www.sdsheeriff.net/oxycontin/dropbox.htm)
- ▶ [www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug\\_disposal/takeback/](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/)

## Awesome Landscape Products



The Miramar Greenery is located adjacent to the City’s Miramar Landfill, located north of Highway 52 at 5180 Convoy Street.

**Hours:** Monday-Friday: 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sunday and most holidays: 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

\*No hand loading/unloading after 4 p.m.