# the Curbsider SAN BLEGO

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# A Cleaner, Greener San Diego!

Measure B, passed by a majority of voters in 2022, amended the 1919 People's Ordinance to clarify in the San Diego Municipal Code that residential solid waste collected by the City includes trash, recycling, and organic waste from single-family homes and multi-family residences with up to four units on a lot. The amendment also removed a prior prohibition in the municipal code that had prevented the City of San Diego (City) from charging fees for these services. In response, the City has been engaging in a public process to evaluate:

- Feedback on current services
- · Potential areas for service enhancements
- Costs of services, and
- Fee options for the City to recover the costs of providing residential waste and recycling collection services to its customers.

# **Public Involvement Process**



# **Public Feedback Received So Far**

The City has gathered valuable feedback from thousands of residents through community events, surveys, and monthly meetings with leaders from various communitybased organizations. Notably, 80% of residential customers expressed satisfaction or high satisfaction with their current trash, organic waste, and recycling collection services. Residents also provided meaningful insights into potential areas for service enhancements, including:



Bulky item pickup



Additional container size options



Bin replacement at no additional cost



Increased frequency of recycling pickup

# Who Does This Impact?

**Eligibility for City service.** With the passing of Measure B, the San Diego Municipal Code clarified that the City of San Diego shall provide waste and recycling collection services to single-family homes and multi-family residences with up to four units on a lot that meet the City's eligibility requirements. The City is currently updating the regulations to align with the new code.

Multi-family residences with more than four units on a lot are now ineligible for City waste and recycling collection services and must enroll in service with a private hauler.

**Potential fees for City service.** A vote by City Council on potential fees for City-serviced customers is anticipated for June 2025. If approved, fees would apply to single-family homes and residential properties with up to four units on a lot that are eligible to receive trash and recycling services from the City of San Diego.

# New San Diego Municipal Code Requirements

### City to provide collection services for:





Single-family homes

Residential complexes, up to 4 units

### Private haulers provide collection services for:







Non-residential properties

Mixed-use Reside properties or c

Residences on private streets or gated communities

The City plans to send mailers in early 2025 to residential property owners who would be subject to any potential changes. Want to know more? Stay up to date by visiting **cleangreensd.org.** For additional questions or comments, please contact us at **trash@sandiego.gov**.



# How Recycling Organic Waste Benefits You

Recycle organics (yard trimmings, food scraps, and food-soiled paper) in your green bin

> We turn organics into compost

Get FREE compost

Pick up free compost at the Miramar Greenery Monday – Saturday • 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Free community Compost Giveaway** Events throughout the city; for more details scan the QR code.





Feeds beneficial organisms:
Fungi • Bacteria • Insects

# No Plastic Bags in the Blue or Green Bin

Plastic bags are not recyclable in your curbside blue and green recycling bins. These are considered tanglers and wrap around and jam recycling equipment, disrupting the sorting process at the recycling facilities. If plastic bags are placed in the green bin (including bags labeled as "compostable") they get ground up into small pieces during the composting process and end up in compost and mulch products.

No one wants plastic pieces in their compost and mulch that are used in gardens, parks and farms! Instead please place any plastic bags in the black trash bin or check **wastefreesd.org** for where to take clean plastic bags to be recycled.

**TIPS:** Keep recyclables in the blue bin loose and empty. Food scraps in your green bin can be loose, frozen, or placed in a paper bag or wrapped in paper napkins or newspaper.



# Looking to dispose of a mattress or box spring?

# **BRING IT TO US**

The City of San Diego will recycle your mattresses and box springs for **free**!



Mattress Collection Site Miramar Landfill entrance 5161 Convoy Street, San Diego, CA 92111 Monday – Friday 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed Saturdays and Sundays

### **BIN PLACEMENT REMINDERS**

How to position your bins correctly to ensure our trucks can safely collect your trash and recyclables



# **City of San Diego** What Goes Where Guide

Dónde coloco los artículos?



RECYCLING RECOLECCIÓN DE RECICLAJE All Recyclables Empty, Dry and Loose Reciclables deberían estar limpios, secos, y vacíos Aluminum **Aluminum Foil** and Steel Cans







Latas y botellas de acero y aluminio Charolas y papel de aluminio • Botellas y frascos de vidrio



Cajas y cartón (vacío y aplanado) • Papel mixto y papel triturado (el papel triturado debe estar en una bolsa de papel cerrada) Cartones de papel

Plastic Bottles, Containers, Lids, Hard Plastics, Toys, and Styrofoam Packaging



Botellas, tazas, envases, frascos, tapaderas, charolas, cubetas, tinas y juguetes de plástico, bloques y envases de poliestireno



Services

Productos de higiene, pañales, excrementos de animales Platos y cristalería 

Environmental



and Utensils. Products Labeled "Compostable" or "Biodegradable"



Bolsas y envolturas de plástico Popotes y utensilios desechables etiquetados como "biodegradables" o "compostables"

NO

food, yard waste, recyclables, electronics, hazardous waste, chemicals, batteries and compact fluorescent light bulbs

Comida, recortes de jardín, artículos reciclables, electrónicos, desechos peligrosos y tóxicos, químicos, pilas y focos/tubos fluorescentes.

# plastic bags or bags labeled compostable or biodegradable, glass, food packaging, pet waste, plant pots, dirt, rocks, or any other non-organic material

Bolsas de plástico ni bolsas etiquetadas como compostables y biodegradables, vidrio, envases de comida, excremento de animales, macetas, tierra, piedras o cualquier otro material no orgánico.

plastic bags and wrap, clothes, hoses, wires, electronics, hazardous waste, batteries, paper napkins and towels, compostable and biodegradable plastics and diapers

Bolsas y envolturas de plástico, ropa, mangueras, alambres, electrónicos, desechos peligrosos y tóxicos, químicos, pilas, focos/tubos fluorescentes, servilletas y toallas de papel, plásticos biodegradables o compostables, y pañales.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE



#### NO Batteries, Toxic Products, Electronic Waste, Paint, Bulbs, Motor Oil, Needles and Syringes, Propane and Helium Tanks and Chemical Cleaners.

Do not dispose of these items in the trash, recycling, or organic waste recycling! Avoid fires by bringing hazardous waste to Miramar Household Hazardous Waste Transfer Facility for free, by appointment only. Call 858-694-7000 or visit sandiego.gov/hhw for more information.

#### NO Baterías, Productos Tóxicos, Residuos Electrónicos, Pintura, Focos, Aceite de Motor, Agujas y Jeringuillas, Tanques de Propano y Helio y Limpiadores Químicos.

¡No deseche estos artículos en la basura, el reciclaje o el reciclaje de residuos orgánicos! Evite incendios llevando los residuos peligrosos al Instalación de Transferencia de Residuos Domésticos Peligrosos de Miramar de forma gratuita, **sólo con cita previa**. Llame al 858-694-7000 o visite sandiego.gov/hhw para obtener más información.

