



IF IT GROWS, IT GOES!
Organic Waste Recycling Guide



County of San Diego
Recycling Guide for
Residences
in Densely Populated Areas



**Why It's Important to
Recycle Right in Your Blue Bin**

Did you know up to 20% of what some residents and businesses put in their recycling bins is not recyclable in the blue bin?

By eliminating materials that don't belong (called contamination or wishcycling), you'll help ensure recyclables remain valuable, are actually recycled and don't create a hazard for workers or machinery at the recycling facility.

Stopping contamination begins with "Recycling Right" - knowing *how* to recycle as well as *what* to recycle.

Recycling Right means your items are:
EMPTY. No or very little food residue remaining.
DRY. No liquids remaining.
LOOSE. Do not bag your recyclables; place them loose in the recycling bin.



For more information on Recycling Right, scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/RecyclingRight

YES, PLEASE - INCLUDE THESE!

- Meat, fish, bones & shells
- Dairy, eggs, & paper egg cartons
- Fruits & vegetables
- Grains, pasta, bread
- Paper take-out containers
- Food-soiled paper including bags, towels, napkins, tissues, and cardboard
- Yard trimmings & untreated wood

NO, THANKS - NOT ACCEPTED WASTE!

- Diapers
- Dirt or rocks
- Compostable or plastic bags
- Pet waste
- Including kitty litter
- Treated & painted wood
- Plastics
- Glass
- Metals
- Clean Paper & Cardboard

REMEMBER TO PUT THESE IN THE BLUE RECYCLE BIN!

Loose not bagged recyclables

Bagged recyclables

Materials Required for Recycling

Residents in single family homes and multi family complexes (apartments and condos) in the densely-populated areas must separate designated materials on their premises and arrange for recycling of the following materials:



Designated Recyclable Materials

- Aluminum
- Glass Bottles & Jars
- Cardboard & Paper Products, including Cartons
- Plastic Bottles & Containers (#1-#7)
- Tin & Bi-Metal Cans



Designated Organic Materials

- Yard Trimmings
- Nonhazardous Wood Waste
- Food Scraps & Food Soiled Paper

Requirement, Compliance, & Assistance

Residents Must:

- Keep recyclables & organics separate from trash.
- Arrange for proper collection, storage, and transport of discarded materials.



How do I Comply?

Residents may demonstrate compliance by:

- Subscribing to a 3-stream collection service with a non-exclusive franchise hauler, or contract with a Certified Recyclable Materials Collector for certain materials.
- Self-hauling materials. Registration with the County is required. Contact Recycle@sdcounty.ca.gov for information.

If **all** designated organic materials are managed onsite, your property may be eligible for a waiver from organic recycling service requirements.

Noncompliance is subject to an Administrative Citation with escalating penalties.

Contact a Recycling Specialist at 858-694-2456 or Recycle@sdcounty.ca.gov for more information.



For additional information on the updated Solid Waste Ordinance and how it may affect recycling at your residence, visit tinyurl.com/ResRecycle or scan the QR code

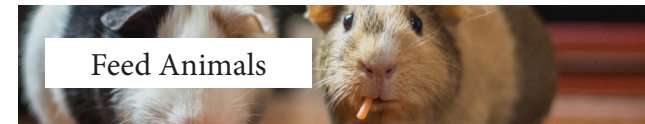
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Reducing Food Waste at Home

Did you know that 40% of the food grown in the United States is never eaten?

This not only wastes the food, but also all of the energy, water, land, & other resources that went into growing it. Residential waste is a leading source of food waste in landfills, & there's many actions you can take on an individual or household level to reduce food waste.

The EPA's **Food Recovery Hierarchy** identify the best ways to manage extra food. While compost is preferable to landfill, prioritize waste prevention and feeding hungry people first!



Learn about how you can reduce food waste at home by scanning the QR code or at tinyurl.com/SDCoFoodWaste

A FAMILY OF FOUR SPENDS \$1500 A YEAR ON FOOD THEY DON'T EAT

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