



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Automated Curbside Yard Waste Recycling-Pilot Program

The City of San Diego provides automated yard waste collection in a few neighborhoods as a **pilot** program, testing the feasibility of automating its yard waste recycling program. If your neighborhood is a participant in this program you have received notification and a green automated yard waste container from the City of San Diego. For information regarding collection schedules please visit:

<https://apps.sandiego.gov/econtainer/control/searchaddressinfo>

If you are in one of the pilot automated greens routes and would like to acquire additional containers, please contact the Environmental Services Department at 858-694-7000.

Four Easy Steps to Recycle Yard Waste in Automated Green Containers

1. **Use the approved container:** The City of San Diego collects yard waste from your neighborhood in City issued green automated containers. No other containers, bags, Christmas trees, or bundles outside of the automated containers will be accepted.
2. **Know how and when to put out your container:** Put your automated green container(s) at your curbside or point of collection no later than 6:00 a.m. on your collection day, as required by the San Diego Municipal Code. To help keep your neighborhood clean, remember to remove your container(s) from the public right-of-way by 6:00 p.m. on your collection day, as required by the San Diego Municipal Code. Remember to consult your curbside recycling calendars for your week of collection. Yard waste is collected every other week. Place your automated yard waste container(s) more than three feet away from your automated trash and recycling collection containers, and away from all other objects including parked cars and not under any overhead obstructions. Loaded automated containers must not exceed 300 pounds in total weight.
3. **Recycle only clean yard waste:** Help us help you! By recycling the proper items in the yard waste program, you help us produce high-quality mulch and compost. Please place only the following types of yard waste in your automated container:
 - Leaves and grass
 - Branches
 - Flowers
 - Clean lumber (no nails or paint)
 - Shrub and tree clippings (no one piece larger than six inches in diameter)

All materials must fit completely in the container with the lid closed.

4. **NOT accepted in yard waste recycling:** If any of the following materials are found in your container, your yard waste will not be collected:
 - Ashes
 - Tree stumps longer than four feet, or any one piece greater than six inches in diameter
 - Shingles, chemically treated or painted wood
 - Bags (plastic or paper)
 - Dirt and rocks, including gravel
 - Glass or metal
 - Formica or plastic
 - Trash of any kind including pet waste

- Palm fronds
- Cactus

The City does not collect big items such as trees, or large amounts of materials such as brush cleared from a canyon or vacant lot. Contact a private hauler to remove this material.

Why Should I Recycle My Yard Waste?

Reduces Waste

Currently, more than 14 percent of the residential waste in the Miramar Landfill is recyclable yard waste. By recycling your yard waste, you help the City produce useful mulch and compost and reduce the amount of waste going into our landfill. Diversion from landfills is mandated by State Law (AB939) which imposes fines up to \$10,000 per day on cities that fail to reach the mandated diversion rate.

Reap What You Recycle

The yard waste you put in your curbside container will be made into mulch and compost. Mulch has a number of beneficial uses. As a ground cover it reduces evaporation and the need to water, and adds organic material to the soil. Mulch can also be used to control weeds and prevent erosion on hillsides.

Compost is used as a soil amendment to improve soil texture and increase water holding capacity. Mixing one to two inches of compost four to six inches deep into the soil is one of the best things you can do for your garden. Compost can also be used as ground cover or in a potting mix.

Compost and mulch are available at the Miramar Landfill Greenery. Up to two cubic yards of compost is free to City residents if self loaded. Mulch is available free to City residents when self loaded. Larger quantities of compost and mulch are available for sale (please call the Miramar Landfill at 858-492-6100 for pricing information). The Greenery, located at the north end of Convoy Street at State Highway 52, is open Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. No hand loading or unloading after 4 p.m. For more information, call the Miramar Landfill at 858-492-6100.

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