



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

How to Prolong the Useful Life of an Automated Container

1. Store away from the sun and the elements to the greatest extent possible.
2. Do not overload containers with dirt, rocks, etc. The weight should be less than 300 pounds.
3. When placing out for collection, make sure containers are three feet away from mailboxes, fences, parked vehicles, other automated containers, and any other objects. The wheels should be against the curb and on level ground when possible.
4. If your trash or recycling container is less than half full, consider not placing it out until the next collection day. The more full a container is, the better the resistance to the automated arms that grip it during the collection process and the less likely the body of the container will crack over time.
5. Always make sure your trash is bagged.
6. To avoid theft, we recommend placing your address somewhere on the container.