



The City of San Diego's Zero Waste Plan was adopted by City Council on July 13, 2015. The Plan lays out strategies to divert 75% of all trash by 2020, 90% by 2035 and Zero Waste by 2040.

Residents and businesses can help raise the City's current 67% diversion rate by complying with the City's Mandatory Recycling Ordinance, which requires all single and multifamily residences; businesses; commercial facilities; and special events to recycle.

Recycling organics will also help San Diego on its way to zero waste. A waste composition study of the Miramar landfill revealed that organics such as food waste and landscape trimmings represent nearly 31% or 396,000 tons of material being disposed annually. Organics that are landfilled contribute to greenhouse gas emissions.

In an effort to divert organics from landfills, California Governor Jerry Brown recently signed into law State Assembly Bill (AB) 1826, which requires many large commercial properties to recycle their organic waste beginning April 1, 2016.

To learn more about the City's Mandatory Recycling Ordinance, AB 1826 or to view a copy of the Zero Waste Plan go to: www.recyclingworks.com. To find out how you can help San Diego achieve zero waste, read more on the next page.

NEXT STOP 75%

Miramar Greenery Wins Award



This year, the City's Miramar Greenery Composting Facility received the prestigious Dave Hardy Leadership in Organics Award from the California Resource Recovery Association.



The Greenery, which is operated by the City's Environmental Services Department, is where yard waste collected at the curb and by landscapers is processed to produce quality compost, mulch, and wood chips products.

The Greenery sells these products to the public and businesses for use as planting material, which can enrich the soil, improve water retention and help control erosion on slopes. City residents may self load compost and mulch at no charge. For more information visit www.miramargreenery.com.

Recycling and Trash Containers



Automated trash and recycling containers have an anticipated life of 10 years. Over time these containers develop cracks or holes and need to be replaced. Black trash containers may be replaced through the City's Environmental Services Department for a fee of \$70 or you may purchase an approved container at a home improvement store. Blue recycling containers are currently replaced at no charge from Environmental Services. Delivery is available for an additional \$25 fee for all types of containers.

Residents should rinse and clean their containers on a regular basis. If needed, replace a broken lid to prevent discarded materials from getting wet and allowing water to enter storm drains while being loaded into collection trucks.

For more information on replacing or maintaining your containers call (858) 694-7000.

Food – Less is Better

Single-family households throw away more than 56,000 tons of food annually. That's approximately 7.5 pounds of food being thrown away each week per home.

How to reduce food waste:

- Identify food items that go bad and purchase less of them.
- Use sealable food storage containers for leftovers.
- Make sure to use food before it goes bad.
- Compost your food waste at home.

Did you know the City offers residents discounted compost bins, free composting workshops and Master Composter classes? Visit www.recyclingworks.com for details.



Backyard Composting Bin

Cardboard – Flatten It

As online shopping becomes more popular, the amount of cardboard coming from homes has increased. While much of the cardboard is recycled, it is estimated more than 6,300 tons of cardboard is placed in black trash containers and landfilled each year. Using an average weight of 8 oz per box, that's more than 25 million boxes being thrown away each year by San Diego residents that have curbside recycling.

What you can do to recycle your cardboard:

- Flatten all boxes before placing them in the blue recycling container. Un-flattened boxes waste valuable space in the blue recycling container.
- Reuse boxes whenever possible.
- Consider getting an additional blue recycling container.
- Do not place clean cardboard in your black trash container.



Paper – Go Paperless

On average, each household disposes of more than 140 pounds of recyclable paper annually. This includes: newspaper, junk mail, ledger paper, magazines and food boxes.

Reduce and Recycle Paper:

- Opt to have bills sent via e-mail.
- Opt out of receiving the phonebook and other unwanted paper items.
- Place all clean paper items in the blue recycling container.



Containers (Glass, Plastic and Aluminum)

Residents throw away more than 10,000 tons of glass, plastic, and metal containers in the black trash container each year. With the convenience of the City's curbside recycling program, containers are easy to recycle.



Textiles – Donate It



Each year, an estimated 90 pounds of textiles per home are thrown away. Many of these items are usable and can be easily donated. To recycle more textiles periodically gather all clothes along with usable household items and donate them to one of the many charitable organizations in San Diego.

Scavenging is Illegal!

Scavenging recyclables out of blue recycling containers results in lost revenue to the City and in many cases creates a mess.



Report illegal scavenging by contacting the Environmental Services Department
Monday – Friday 6:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at
(858) 694-7000 or email the location, date, time and details to trash@sandiego.gov

WHAT GOES WHERE?



Mail, magazines, catalogs and phone books

Aluminum and metal cans

All glass and plastic bottles and jars

Newspapers

Paper or frozen food boxes

Cartons

Clean plastic food containers and cups

Paper bags

Shredded paper (bagged and tied)

Cardboard

Wrapping paper

Clean aluminum foil and trays

Styrofoam™ packaging

EMPTY aerosol cans

Plastic buckets, tubs, pots, trays and toys



Plastic utensils and straws

Plastic wrap

Compostable products

Styrofoam™ food and drink containers

Glassware

Snack bags and wrappers

Diapers

Pet poop



Wood

Flowers

Leaves

Untreated, unpainted wood

Shrub and tree trimmings

Grass

Undecorated Christmas tree



Leaves

Shrub and tree trimmings

Grass

Fruit and vegetable waste

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

Toxic products

E-waste

Paint

Bulbs

Batteries

Motor oil

Needles and syringes

Propane and helium tanks

Return to Retailer

Plastic bags

Styrofoam™ peanuts

Donate Reusable Items

Small appliances

Blankets

Clothes and shoes

Detach and Save