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Recycle City is a fun and interactive game where children will learn how the City's residents reduce waste; use less energy; and save money by doing simple things at home, work and in their neighborhoods.

Check out: <http://www.epa.gov/recyclecity>



Inspire young minds (K-12) to create treasures from trash.

Visit: [www.recyclingworks.com](http://www.recyclingworks.com)

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter. Once a week, a random follower will win a cool reusable bag. Don't miss out! #RecyclingWorks



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## Green Business is Good Business

Is your favorite local business a **Green Business Network** member? They commit to:

- Reducing energy use
- Recycling waste
- Conserving water
- Purchasing more sustainable products



Look for the **Green Business Network** decal on storefront windows to see which businesses take sustainable actions every day. By supporting these businesses, you help keep the city of San Diego beautiful and vibrant.

For more information • (858) 627-3334  
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## Stop Using Compostable Products!

Compostable products such as containers, utensils, plates and bowls are made out of corn, potatoes, sugarcane, etc. You may think you're doing a good thing for the environment by using compostables. However, in the City's Greenery Program they do not biodegrade into compost and eventually end up creating methane gas in the Miramar Landfill. Also, if they are mixed with other recyclables in the blue bin, they can contaminate the quality of plastics when they are made into new products. So please place all compostable products in the black trash bin and use reusable plates, cups and silverware whenever possible.



**Recycling is mandatory for residences and businesses in San Diego and throughout California. You can anonymously report residences and businesses NOT recycling in San Diego at: [www.recyclingworks.com](http://www.recyclingworks.com)**

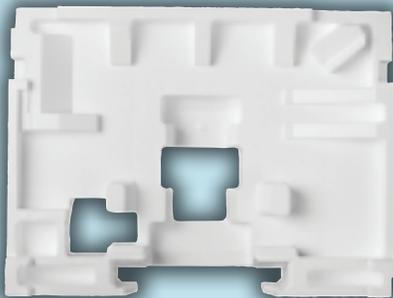
## Bring Your Own Bag San Diego

San Diego residents use an average of 500 single-use plastic bags every year and most bags are used for an average of only 12 minutes. These bags can become litter; get buried in the landfill; or eaten by wildlife. To help reduce single-use plastic bag waste, the State of California passed a new law (Senate Bill 270) that will require all large grocery stores and pharmacies to discontinue the distribution of single-use plastic bags starting July 1, 2015. Get ahead of the new law and start bringing your own reusable bag today. ESD is also giving away reusable bags at community events and on its social media pages. Check out: [www.byobsd.com](http://www.byobsd.com) for more info.



## New Addition to Curbside Recycling

Starting December 26, 2014 the City will be accepting Styrofoam™ block packaging in its blue curbside recycling bins. Styrofoam™ blocks and forms are commonly used to protect electronics, appliances and furniture during shipping. Please note, no packing peanuts, plates, cups or containers.



Check out the "What Goes Where" section on where to put different types of Styrofoam™ or [www.recyclingworks.com/styrofoam](http://www.recyclingworks.com/styrofoam)

## Community Landfill Tours

Interested in learning about the many facets of the Miramar Landfill? Tours will be given once a month, on a first come first served basis to San Diego residents. To sign up for a tour please email [sdrecyclingworks@sandiego.gov](mailto:sdrecyclingworks@sandiego.gov) with your name, email address, and phone number. Due to safety concerns children under the age of 10 may not attend.



## What Do Single Family Residents Still Throw Away in San Diego Every Year?



**215 Million Pounds of Food**

**310 Million Pounds of Yard Trimmings**



**210 Million Pounds of Paper, Cardboard, Newspapers**

**170 Million Pounds of Plastics, Glass and Metals**



## Do Your Part to Reduce Fruit, Vegetable and Yard Waste!

Backyard composting can help prevent these resources from taking up valuable landfill space and at the same time create a beneficial soil amendment for plants and gardens. The City has partnered with Dixieline ProBuild to offer residents a discount on one of three styles of compost bins.

Visit: [www.recyclingworks.com](http://www.recyclingworks.com) for more details.



## Want to Do More? Help Us Get to Zero Waste!

Zero Waste is reducing, reusing and recycling the resources you use so that there's no trash. The City has been working with residents, businesses, non-profits and others to develop a Zero Waste Plan. The goals are **75% waste diversion by 2020** and **Zero Waste by 2040**. You can provide input by visiting: [www.recyclingworks.com](http://www.recyclingworks.com)

## Replacing Trash and Recycling Containers

Automated trash and recycling containers are made of a strong polyethylene plastic. They are anticipated to last for 10 years. Your containers may be at the end of their useful lives and may begin developing cracks or holes. Black trash containers may be replaced through the Environmental Services Department for a fee of \$70 or you may purchase a similar container at a home improvement store. Blue recycling bins are currently replaced at no charge. Delivery is available for an additional \$25 fee per container.



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# WHAT GOES WHERE?



## Blue Bin Recycling =



Magazines and catalogs



Phone books



Aluminum cans



All glass and plastic bottles and jars



Newspapers



Mail



Paper or frozen food boxes



Cartons and drink boxes



Clean plastic food containers and cups



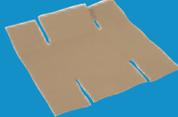
Paper bags



Shredded paper (bagged and tied/taped)



Wrapping paper



Cardboard



Metal cans



Clean aluminum foil and foil trays



Styrofoam™ packaging



EMPTY aerosol cans



Plastic buckets, tubs, pots, trays and toys



## Black Bin Trash =



Plastic utensils



Plastic wrap



Compostable products



Styrofoam™ food & drink containers



Glassware



Ceramics



Pillows



Diapers

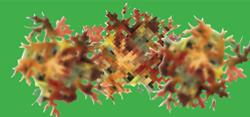


Pet poop



## Home Composting Bin =

Leaves



Grass



Fruit and vegetable waste

## Take yard waste to



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



Toxic products



E-waste



Paint



Bulbs



Batteries



Motor oil

Needles and syringes



Propane tanks/cylinders and helium tanks



## Return to Retailer



Plastic bags



Styrofoam peanuts

## Donate Reusable Items



Small appliances



Shirts and shoes



Pants



Other clothes



Comforters