









## **Recycling and Waste Reduction Tips**

## How to recycle at home

Make recycling an easy part of your daily routine with these simple guidelines:

Select storage locations – Collect recyclables where they're generated by conveniently placing bins in the kitchen, home office, and garage.

Select storage containers – Make sure that your recycling and trash containers look different from each other. Stackable plastic bins, crates, boxes and grocery bags make good indoor containers. When recycling is full, empty it into your designated recycling bin.

How to prepare items - Flatten cardboard. Remove residual food from dairy tubs, food trays, etc.

Home composting bin – Place leaves, grass, fruit and vegetable waste. For more information about Master Composter courses, free composting workshops or how City of San Diego residents can get a voucher for a discounted compost bin, visit recyclingworks.com

## What to do with reusable items?

There are some items not accepted in your recycling bin that can still be recycled:

Donate clothes and household items – If in good condition, these items can be donated to local thrift stores and nonprofit groups to be repaired and reused.

Recycle paper and plastic shopping bags – Most grocery stores in California have bins for recycling plastic bags, and paper bags can be recycled in your recycling bin. Avoid single-use shopping bags altogether by using durable bags, and prevent tons of unnecessary paper and plastic bags from being produced and discarded.

Reuse Styrofoam<sup>™</sup> packing products – Try reusing Styrofoam<sup>™</sup> for packing at home. If you can't use the peanuts, many shipping stores will reuse them.

## What to do with Household Hazardous Waste?

It is against the law to dispose of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) in any trash, recycling or greenery container.

HHW includes: non-empty aerosol cans, antifreeze, cleaners, paint, used motor oil, oil filters, pesticides, solvents, toxic products, computers, electronics, batteries, needles/syringes, propane tanks/cylinders and helium tanks.

Proper disposal and recycling options vary.



For more information on starting a recycling program; disposal options for hazardous waste; or more waste reduction tips; call Environmental Services at (858) 694-7000 or visit recyclingworks.com