



Trash Guidelines for The Gardens of Sunnyvale

**** If you RENT out your unit please make sure your renters have all this information. ****

Our neighborhood is a beautiful, clean, lush area in which to live! Thank you to everyone who works together to keep it that way! This sheet is intended to get us all on the same page, so that trash or trash bins do not clutter our street. Let's all continue to work together to keep our common area attractive and pleasant.

Putting trash in bins:

- Yellow lid compartment: FOOD only. If you stuff non-food items in it, they will leave it and not collect it.
 - Food scraps must be in see-through plastic bags (so they can see that only food is inside), or in paper bags or newspaper. Compostable bags can be used, but are likely to leak.
 - Do not secure bag with twist ties (the metal interferes with the pre-processing of the food scraps).
- Recycling: Many people incorrectly put these 12 items in the recycling can: black plastic, egg cartons, plastic wrap... for the full list see <https://sunnyvale.ca.gov/property/recycling/getrid/dirty.htm>

Putting bins out on curb:

- When: Trash gets collected Tuesday morning, so please don't put bins out any earlier than Monday afternoon. (And not between the hours of 10pm and 6am please, as the rolling bins are quite loud and can wake up sleeping neighbors.)
- Where: against La Mesa Terrace curb, not blocking mailboxes or driveways or parking spots.
- How: wheels must go against the curb (not facing the street), so the bin is able to be lifted into the truck. Also, leave a foot between each bin so the arms of the collecting truck can reach around it.
- * **Do NOT put your trash in someone else's bin (unless you have their explicit permission). If you put trash in another's bin *before* collection time, it takes their space for adding more. And if you put it in *after*, they then have your trash sitting in their garage all week. Please be respectful and follow this guideline.**

Putting garbage outside of bins:

- Cardboard: Flatten and tie or tape into bundles 30" x 30" x 6" or smaller and place at curbside next to recycling cart.
- If you place an extra trash bag outside the bin, it **MUST** have a special tag on it or it won't be picked up.
- No other trash items may be set on the curb.

Retrieving bins from the curb:

- When: take your bins back by Tuesday night at the latest (we don't want bins out on Wed when the gardeners are trying to leaf blow)
- How: take **YOUR** bins, NOT someone else's - be sure you check the unit number/letter.
- Note: Check to make sure that nothing you left out on the curb is still remaining. If your trash is still there, you **MUST** take it back in your possession - don't leave it there to make an eye-sore.

What to do with extra trash:

- Order a Special Trash Pick-up
 - Visit <https://sunnyvale.ca.gov/property/recycling/getrid/default.htm> to schedule.



- Limit of two pickups per year.
- Limit of two cubic yards of non-hazardous household goods, plus two (2) bulky items per pickup.
- On the morning of the scheduled pick-up (always a Tuesday morning), leave your items on the La Mesa curb with a prominent note - this will both help the garbage collectors locate your items, and also clearly note to your neighbors that the trash will be taken care of and has not just been abandoned.
- Purchase an extra bag TAG
 - Extra tags can be purchased at the Sunnyvale Community Center, Safeway, etc (see <https://sunnyvale.ca.gov/property/recycling/extra.htm> for other locations)
 - Cost: \$6. Tag good for one 35 gallon trash bag (up to 30lb).
- The Sunnyvale Materials Recovery and Transfer Station (SMaRT Station®)
 - Location: [301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale 94089](https://sunnyvale.ca.gov/property/recycling/extra.htm)
 - Open: 8 am to 5 pm, 7 days a week. CLOSED Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.
 - Special free dump days are held in the spring and fall. They are for residents of Sunnyvale, Mountain View and Palo Alto only; proof of residence, either ID or utility bill, must be provided.
 - Website with dates: <https://sunnyvale.ca.gov/property/recycling/extra.htm>

Helpful Links:

- <https://sswr.com/foodcycle/>
- <https://sswr.com/residential-recycling/>
- https://sswr.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Pail_Insert_v8_PRINTER.pdf
- <https://sunnyvale.ca.gov/property/recycling/default.htm>
- <https://sunnyvale.ca.gov/property/recycling/scrap.htm>
- <https://sunnyvale.ca.gov/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?blobid=23667>

Donation Options:

- To our neighbors: If your items are in good condition, many neighbors email pictures of the items to our neighborhood email list to offer them up.
- To Goodwill (151 E Washington Ave, Sunnyvale, CA 94086, [\(408\) 736-8558](tel:4087368558))
 - Hours of operation: 9am-9pm Mon-Sat, 9am-8pm Sun.
 - Drop-off is outside the back side of the store. Donations are tax-deductible if you get a receipt.
 - Does not accept used pillows or bedding.
- To Freecycle (<https://groups.freecycle.org/group/SunnyvaleCA/posts/all>)
 - This is a nice place to post things for free and get in contact with people who want the items.
- To Nextdoor (<https://nextdoor.com>)
 - This is a free social network for individual neighborhoods. You do have to join in order to post, but many people post free or for-sale items on Nextdoor.
- Please DO NOT leave items out on the street with a "free" under any circumstances.
 - If no one does come to pick up the item that day, it's your responsibility to remove it.

How do I use the split cart? What goes where?

Black-lid Side
trash products

- * Paper towels
- * To-go containers
- * Cups
- * Foil
- * Pizza boxes
- * Styrofoam containers
- * Plastic utensils



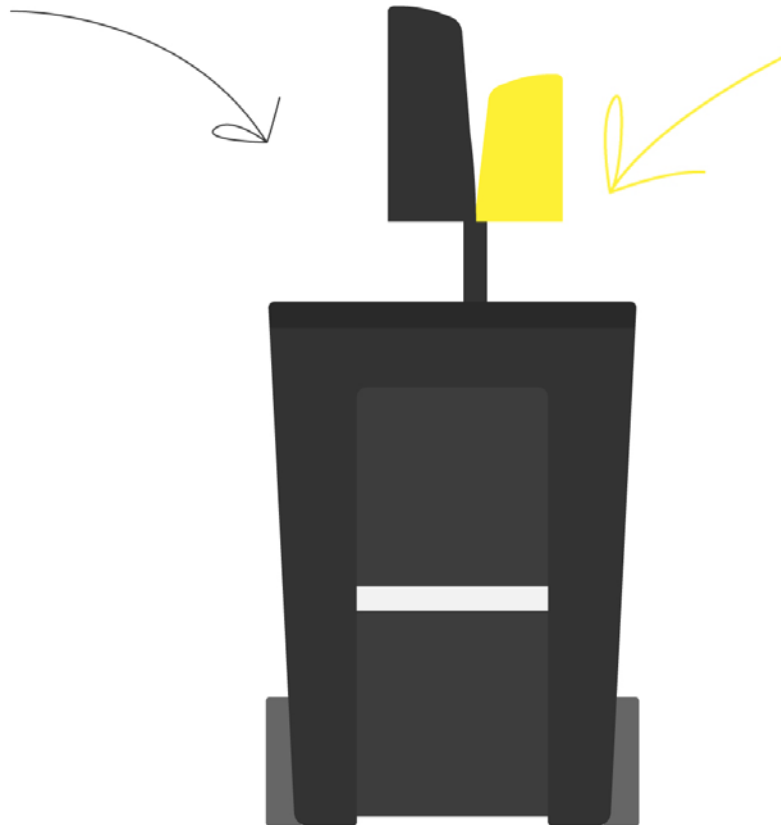
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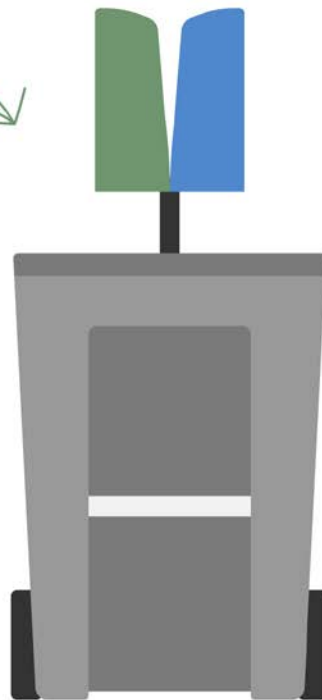
- Catalogs, magazines, paperback books
- Newspapers and inserts
- Junk mail
- Paper boxes (cereal, tissue, etc.; remove inserts)
- Catalogs and magazines
- Office paper
- Non-metallic gift wrap and greeting cards
- Cardboard (small pieces ok, see details below)

Blue-lid side

for containers

- Glass bottles and jars*
- Metal cans
- Plastic bottles and tubs* (i.e., shampoo, detergent, yogurt)
- Milk, soup and juice cartons*
- Clean foil ok

*Rinse containers, remove and recycle lids.



What if I have more paper than can fit inside the cart?

Just put the extra paper in a paper bag, label it "paper" and put it next to your cart. We'll pick it up.

Also Collected at Curbside:

- **Batteries** Tape battery terminals and put batteries in a tightly sealed, clear-plastic bag and place the bag on top of your recycling split cart. You can get rid of rechargeable batteries from cellphones, laptops and cordless power tools, button and household batteries.

- **Motor Oil**

Pour into your Specialty jug, or a non-breakable one-gallon clear container with a screw top lid (e.g. rinsed plastic).



- **Oil filters**

Drain excess oil from filter into an oil pan, seal filter inside a heavy-duty zip-lock plastic bag and put the sealed bag at the curbside on your next recycling day. You'll get a replacement bag at pickup.

- **Corrugated cardboard**

Tie into flattened bundles no larger than 30" x 30" x 6".

- **Paper grocery bags**

Flatten bags and put inside another paper grocery bag or bundle with cardboard. White bags are OK. Bags can also be placed in paper side of cart.