

SUNNYVALE RECYCLES RIGHT

Your guide to putting recyclables and garbage in their proper place, no matter where you live in Sunnyvale.

Legend



Single Family Homes



Multi-family Apartments or Condos

Paper

Recycle these items in your split recycling cart or dark and light blue recycling carts

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

Containers

- Glass bottles and jars*
- Metal cans
- Plastic bottles and tubs* (such as shampoo, detergent, yogurt)
- Milk, soup and juice cartons*
- Clean foil OK

*Rinse containers, remove and recycle lids.

Garbage

Place these items in your split garbage cart or garbage bin

- Frozen food boxes
- Clam shells/hinged plastic containers
- Black plastic (bowls, plates, nursery pots, etc.)
- Hot and cold cups (including cup lids and straws)
- Egg cartons (paper, plastic or foam)
- Foam – peanuts, packaging or food trays
- Plastic wrap and packaging
- Hard plastic toys and buckets
- Takeout containers (paper, plastic or foam)
- Ceramics, glassware, window glass, mirrors
- Plastic bags – recycle at grocery stores. Search [How to get rid of anything](#) at [Sunnyvale.ca.gov](#) for retailer list

Food Scraps

Use a clear plastic bag* to place these items in your split food scraps cart or food-only bin/cart

- Fruit and vegetable scraps
- Shells, peels, pits and bones
- Tea bags, coffee filters/grounds
- Cheese, dairy products
- Spoiled, moldy or freezer burned food
- Pet food (no pet waste)
- Cooled cooking oil or grease



All multi-family homes can now recycle food scraps at their complex!

If you need a countertop or mini pail, pick one up at Utilities Customer Service (650 W. Olive Ave.) or the SMaRT Station (301 Carl Rd.).

For more information go to [Sunnyvale.ca.gov](#) and search [FoodCycle](#).

*Compostable or paper bags ok. No black or opaque bags.

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| Cardboard | Flatten all boxes first. Small pieces go in split recycling cart. Tie or tape large pieces and place next to cart. | Flatten all boxes first. Place inside garbage bin or in designated cardboard bin. |
| Batteries | Tape positive (+) ends, place in plastic zip locked bag on top of recycling cart. | Bring to SMaRT Station or drop off at retail locations. Search Batteries at HHW.org for list of retailers. |
| Motor Oil/Filters | Place used motor oil in gallon jug next to cart and filters in zip locked bag on top of recycling cart. | Bring to SMaRT Station. |
| Cooking Oil/Grease | Pour cooled oil and grease in zip locked bags into food side of split cart. Pour large quantities into a clear plastic jug with a screw-top lid and place curbside next to your cart on collection day. Limit two jugs per household. | Pour cooled oil and grease in zip locked bags then place in food scraps cart/bin at your complex. Bring large quantities in container with screw-top lid to the SMaRT Station for recycling. Limit two jugs per household. |

Single Family Homes – Got Extra Garbage?

Have extra garbage? Purchase an extra garbage bag tag for \$6. Go to [Sunnyvale.ca.gov](#) and search [Extra Garbage](#) for locations.

On-Call Collection: curbside collection of up to two bulky items and two cubic yards of extra trash. Maximum two appointments per year. To make an appointment, go to [Sunnyvale.ca.gov](#) and search [Extra Garbage](#) or call 408-730-7400.

Contact Us

Utilities Customer Service

- 408-730-7400
- Start, stop or change garbage or recycling services
 - Broken carts

Recycling Program

- 408-730-7262
- Questions about recycling or food scraps programs

Specialty Solid Waste & Recycling

- 408-565-9900
[SSWR.com](#)
- Missed pick-ups for garbage and recycling

