

Recycling Guide

No matter where you live in Sunnyvale, putting recyclables and garbage in their proper place is easy.



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

Paper

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

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.

Place these items in your split garbage/food scraps cart or garbage bin or cart

Garbage

- 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; bring peanuts to shipping stores for recycling
- 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
- Propane cylinders-visit HHW.org for disposal options

Have extra garbage? Purchase extra garbage stickers for \$6. Go to Sunnyvale.ca.gov and search **Extra Garbage** for locations.

Food Scraps

Single-family/mobile homes use a split cart to separate food scraps from garbage.

Multi-family homes can bring food scraps to the SMaRT Station.

Food items included:

- 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)



All food should be in compostable or clear plastic bags (i.e., produce bags). For more details go to **FoodCycle** at Sunnyvale.ca.gov.

	Single-family Homes	Apartments & Condos
Cardboard	Small pieces go in split cart. Tie or tape large pieces and place next to recycling cart.	Place inside garbage bin, neatly stack in waste enclosure or place 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	Put small quantities of oil and grease in zip locked bags into food side of split cart. Bring large quantities in container with screw top lid to SMaRT Station.	Mix small quantities with absorbent kitty litter and place in garbage. Bring large quantities in container with screw top lid to SMaRT Station.

Bulky Items/Debris

Trash or other debris including mattresses**, furniture, wood and yard trimmings.

Options include:

On-Call Collection – curbside collection of up to two bulky items and 2 cu. yds. of extra trash. Appointments (two/year): go to Sunnyvale.ca.gov and search **Extra Garbage** or call 408-730-7400.

SMaRT Station – Visit the SMaRT Station to dispose of items for a fee or attend an Extra Dumping Weekend. Go to Sunnyvale.ca.gov and search **2019 Environmental Events** for April and October event dates.

**There is no charge for mattress disposal at the SMaRT Station, with the exception of mattress toppers and pads.

Contact Us

Utilities Customer Service

408-730-7400

- Start, stop or change garbage or recycling services
- On-call collection appointments
- Broken carts
- Debris box rentals
- Order motor oil jugs and filter bags

Specialty Solid Waste & Recycling

408-565-9900 SSWR.com

- Missed pick-ups for garbage and recycling

SMaRT Station

301 Carl Rd.

408-752-8530

- Compost (call for availability)
- Recycling drop-off
- Trash disposal

Recycling Program

408-730-7262

- Questions about recycling or food scraps programs



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