

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 or cart

- 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 scraps bin or 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



Food scraps collection starts for multi-family homes this year!

If your complex doesn't have the food scraps program yet, you can bring bagged food scraps to the SMARt Station®.

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

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Cardboard	Small pieces go in split recycling cart. Tie or tape large pieces and place next to cart.	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 in a clear plastic jug with a screw-top lid. Put it curbside next to your cart on collection day. Limit 2 jugs per household.	Pour cooled oil and grease in zip locked bags into garbage or a food scraps cart/bin if your complex has one. Bring large quantities in container with screw top lid to SMARt Station for recycling.

Got Extra Garbage?

Have extra garbage? Purchase extra garbage stickers 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 and 2 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



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