

RECYCLE

SANTA FE SPRINGS

The City of Santa Fe Springs combines automated waste collection with a curbside recycling program to help control the increasing volume of waste dumped into landfills and to conserve our natural resources. The Recycle Santa Fe Springs program encourages residents to reduce, reuse, and recycle their trash in an effort to preserve the environment and keep Santa Fe Springs beautiful.

Why Recycle

Each day, the average American throws out 4½ pounds of trash. In the past, most of this trash was buried in landfills. Today, our landfills are filling up quickly. Recycling is one of the easiest ways to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills. Also, recycling helps to stabilize our trash collection rates by controlling the volume of waste dumped in landfills.

How It Works

Each home receives three 65-gallon containers. Recyclables are to be put into the Blue container; yard waste goes into the Green container; and trash goes into the Black container. Each container is picked up weekly. All waste must be placed in the appropriate container. Waste placed outside of the new containers or in old trash cans cannot be collected by the new automated trash trucks.

TRASH

BLACK CONTAINER



Yes

- Animal & Food Waste
- Bathroom Waste
- Carpet & Flooring
- Car Parts
- Cat Litter
- Cigarette Butts
- Disposable Diapers
- Mirrors
- Old Clothes & Shoes
- Pool Covers
- Rags & Sponges
- Toys

No

- Concrete
- Construction Debris
- Dirt & Rocks
- Furniture
- Large Appliances
- Recyclables
- Yard Waste
- Household Hazardous Waste*

RECYCLABLES

BLUE CONTAINER



Yes

- Aerosol Cans (empty only)
- Aluminum & Tin Cans
- Aluminum Foil
- Cardboard
- Cereal Boxes (without lining)
- Computer & Ledger Paper
- Drink Boxes
- Egg Cartons (all types)
- Foam Cups & Plates
- Glass Bottles & Jars (lids off)
- Juice Cartons
- Junk Mail & Brochures
- Laundry Bottles
- Magazines
- Milk Cartons
- Newspapers
- Plastic Bottles & Containers (lids off)
- Plastic Bags
- Plastic Milk Jugs (lids off)
- Phone Books
- Wrapping Paper

No

- Waxed & Carbon Paper
- Food & Liquid Waste
- Trash & Yard Waste
- Household Hazardous Waste*

YARD WASTE

GREEN CONTAINER



Yes

- Grass & Leaves (loose, not bagged)
- Prunings & Weeds
- Twigs & Small Branches (four inches or less in diameter and two feet or less in length)
- Vegetation

No

- Animal & Food Waste
- Construction Debris
- Dirt & Rocks
- Palm Fronds
- Plastic Bags
- Rugs, Flooring or Metal
- Recyclables or Trash
- Household Hazardous Waste*

Yard Waste Tips

- Yard waste is only what **GROWS** in the yard and garden ("green" waste).
- Cut up trimmings to increase the amount of yard waste that fits in the container.
- DO NOT** put yard waste in plastic bags (Place a sheet of newspaper in the bottom of the green container to prevent sticking).

*Household Hazardous Waste includes: anti-freeze, aerosol cans (all or part full), household cleaners, motor oil, paint thinner, paints (latex and oil-based), pool chemicals, medication, batteries, electronic waste.

Frequently Asked Questions



1. What should I do on collection day?

Place your containers in the street at curbside, near the corner of your driveway. Place the containers' handles toward your home, and at least two feet away from any obstruction (fence, lamp, or mailbox.) Allow a minimum distance of one foot between all automated containers. The containers must be at curbside by 6:00 a.m. on your collection day, but no earlier than 6:00 p.m. on the day prior to collection. Containers must be brought in from the street by 6:00 p.m. on the day of collection.

Consolidated Disposal Customers: If your regular collection day falls on one of the following holidays, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Christmas, and New Year's Day, your service will be delayed by one day. If the revised collection day falls on the same day as your scheduled street sweeping, both services will occur on the same day. Please place your automated containers off the street and on the parkway or on your driveway on these days only.

CR&R Customers: If one of the following holidays Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Christmas, and New Year's Day, falls on a Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday your collection service will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week. If the revised collection day falls on the same day as your scheduled street sweeping, both services will occur on the same day. Please place your automated containers off the street and on the parkway or on your driveway on these days only.

2. Where can I park my car on collection day?

Your car can be parked in the driveway or on the street, as long as it is no closer than three-feet of the automated containers. If a vehicle blocks access to the containers, collection cannot be made.

3. Will the same truck pick up all containers?

No. A separate truck is used to pick up each container. Please be sure that all of your containers have been emptied before removing them from the curb.

4. What if one of my containers is damaged?

If your container is damaged or you need extras, please contact your trash hauler. Each resident receives one black, one green, and one blue container as part of our automated

collection program. All containers have a guarantee. Damaged containers will be repaired or replaced at no charge (except if damaged due to negligence or abuse.)

5. What if I already collect recyclable items for a local charity?

The Santa Fe Springs City Council encourages community support of charitable organizations. Any recyclable materials not accepted by charity should be placed in your blue recycling container for collection by your regular trash hauler.

6. What do I do with large or bulky items?

To aid in the disposal of large, bulky items such as refrigerators, furniture, large tree trunks, etc., you may call your trash hauler to request a special pickup of bulky items that will not fit into your trash containers. You must call the hauler before your regular trash pickup day to arrange for this special service.

7. What if I see people scavenging through my trash containers?

It is against the law for unauthorized persons to remove recyclable materials from your container. To report scavenging, please call the Police Service Center at (562) 409-1850. If possible, please provide the person's license plate number and a description of the vehicle and person.

8. How do I dispose of household hazardous waste?

Examples of household hazardous waste include brake fluid, paint, paint thinner, turpentine, cleaners with acid or lye, pesticides or herbicides, household batteries or car batteries, pool chemicals, motor oil, or oil filters. The County of Los Angeles sponsors one-day collection events on Saturdays throughout the County. The City's website contains a list of these events or you can call (888) CLEANLA for a complete listing.

9. Who do I call for help with the program?

You may call your trash hauler or the City's Environmental Programs Coordinator at (562) 868-0511, ext. 7361.

10. Where should I store my containers?

Containers must be stored in a location in which they are not visible from the street or adjacent property.

Photo shows alternate placement of containers when street sweeping and waste collection occurs on the same day.



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A recycling program
for our community.



*Recycling...
We do it because
we can.
We do it because
we care
for the environment
today and in
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