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Recology Sunset Scavenger and Recology Golden Gate, your local recycling companies

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## For big, bulky items schedule a pickup



Keep your neighborhood clean with a RecycleMyJunk collection.

RecycleMyJunk.com is an appointment-based service Recology provides for collection of large or bulky items such as furniture, old mattresses, TV sets, and other electronics.

When you need large items picked up and hauled away, call us at (415) 330-1300 and schedule a pickup for a day most convenient to you.

RecycleMyJunk is provided to residential customers as a curbside service at no additional cost. Inside collection is available for a fee.

RecycleMyJunk is also available to commercial customers as a fee-based service.

In addition to the items noted above, we also take worn out washing

machines and dryers, old water heaters, boxes of junk, bundled cardboard, rolled up carpeting, and yard trimmings tied in bales with string or twine.

For complete program guidelines go to [www.RecycleMyJunk.com](http://www.RecycleMyJunk.com). We recycle most of the material collected through this program.

On the morning of your scheduled pickup, put your items out near the curb and post a sign that reads "RMJ." That will help our collectors spot your setout.

Reduce clutter in your home or workplace, and help keep your neighborhood and our beautiful city clean and green. Schedule a RecycleMyJunk pickup today.

## Take a moment to recycle correctly and everyone wins

San Francisco's reputation as a leader in recycling is growing. Officials from different cities and countries come here every month to see San Francisco's recycling and compost collection program firsthand.

Yet visitors from other countries are surprised at the amount of material we throw away and at the high quality of our discards.

We can all take simple steps to reduce how much trash we generate and to reuse materials. And we can all put the things we toss in the proper bins.

Recycling keeps materials out of landfills, saves resources, and supports local, green jobs, all things that benefit everyone.

Placing food scraps and plants in your green bin sends nutrients back to local farms in the form of compost.

This helps farmers grow healthy food, which comes back to the city to support your health.

Let's all renew our efforts to help protect the environment. One of the most effective ways we can do that is to be more attentive to reducing, reusing, recycling, and composting correctly.

Recycling saves trees, energy, and water and provides materials for manufacturing. Aluminum cans, for example, can be recycled again and again but only if we put them in recycling bins.

Participating in the green bin program helps create rich compost that protects topsoil. This benefits plants in multiple ways. In life we reap what we sow. When it comes to recycling and composting, let us sow correctly.



Recology collectors will leave these cart hangers on bins as friendly reminders to help customers sort their recycling and composting properly.

## 2013-2014 holiday collection schedule

Collection crews will work on **Thanksgiving Day**, Nov. 28. Thursday customers should put their bins at the curb.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>DEC. 23</b> Regular pick up for <b>Monday</b> customers	<b>DEC. 24</b> Regular pick up for <b>Tuesday</b> customers	<b>DEC. 25</b> <b>NO PICK UP</b>	<b>DEC. 26</b> Pick up for <b>Wednesday</b> customers	<b>DEC. 27</b> Pick up for <b>Thursday</b> customers	<b>DEC. 28</b> Pick up for <b>Friday</b> customers
<b>DEC. 30</b> Regular pick up for <b>Monday</b> customers	<b>DEC. 31</b> Regular pick up for <b>Tuesday</b> customers	<b>JAN. 1</b> <b>NO PICK UP</b>	<b>JAN. 2</b> Pick up for <b>Wednesday</b> customers	<b>JAN. 3</b> Pick up for <b>Thursday</b> customers	<b>JAN. 4</b> Pick up for <b>Friday</b> customers



Christmas Tree Collection program runs from Jan. 2 – 15. Please place clean, unflocked trees next to your bins. Be sure to remove all tinsel, decorations, plastic bags, stands, and lights. If your tree measures more than 6 feet tall, please cut it in half.



## To protect the environment, less is best

If less is more,  
Zero Waste  
is everything.



San Franciscans are striving to live simpler lives. Many residents are bicycling instead of driving, reducing clutter at home, carrying canvas tote bags and metal water bottles, and looking for alternatives to single-use plastic bags to store or carry food.

The city's recycling program, recognized nationally for diverting materials away from landfills, is part of the trend. Three bins: One for recycling, one for compost, one for trash. Easy, convenient, and a model for hundreds of communities.

San Francisco's efforts to achieve zero waste, to send next to nothing to landfill, continue. This year Recology aired a public service announcement on local TV highlighting zero waste. The message: If less is more, zero waste is everything.

The phrase is connecting in the city where people increasingly embrace simpler,

healthier lifestyles and support efforts to change what we now know are bad habits, such as putting things that can be recycled or composted in the black bin.

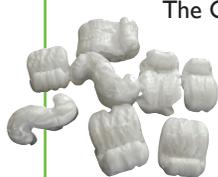
In life we learn the importance of keeping things simple. In trying to help protect the environment we learn the importance and value of striving for zero impact. Toward that end San Francisco set a goal of achieving zero waste by 2020. If you are going to toss materials, please toss things that can be recycled — including all bottles, cans, and paper — in the blue bin, and toss things that can be composted — including all food scraps, plants, and soiled paper — in the green bin.

These are simple actions we can all take every day to help protect the environment for the common good. Help San Francisco make additional progress toward the goal. Recycle and compost.

### Nice to know

#### What should I do with Styrofoam?

Styrofoam is a trademarked brand of polystyrene foam manufactured by The Dow Chemical Company. In the United States and Canada, the word styrofoam refers to expanded (not extruded) polystyrene foam — such as disposable coffee cups, coolers, or cushioning material in packaging — which is typically white and made of expanded polystyrene beads.



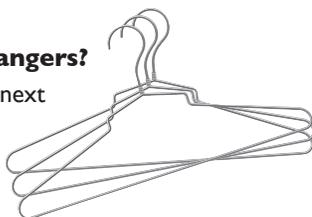
The City of San Francisco banned styrofoam containers from restaurants. Other cities are doing the same. We recommend that people decline styrofoam products such as single-use styrofoam coffee cups.

If you receive foam packaging peanuts, you can take them to a shipping store.

Customers can drop off larger pieces of styrofoam at the transfer station at 501 Tunnel Ave., where they are densified into polystyrene blocks used to manufacture molding and other materials for construction and remodeling projects.

#### How do you recycle wire hangers?

You don't. You take them back next time you go to the dry cleaners. That's reuse, which is even better than recycling.



Please do not put shirt hangers in the blue bin; hangers cause problems at the recycling plant. Recycling bins are for bottles, cans, paper, cardboard, and hard plastics, such as plastic cups and molded plastic packaging.

#### How do you recycle wine corks?

Please do not put wine corks back in wine bottles for recycling. It is very difficult to remove them later. Please do not put them in your compost bin. Cork has natural properties that resist composting.

Instead, take wine corks back to the store. In San Francisco, grocers and wine shops typically maintain barrels to receive wine corks. They are recycled into flooring material and soles for sandals.

#### What is a convenient alternative to small plastic bags?

Environmentally conscious residents are looking for ways they can reduce their use of plastic bags, including small resealable plastic bags for sandwiches, fruit and other food.



Reusable containers are a great solution and more options are becoming available for everyday use. Some are plastic, BPA free, and fit smartly together for ease of use when carrying small sandwiches, cut fruit and vegetables, or other snacks and lunch items.

#### How do you spot a zerowaster?

It is easy to know who is taking extra steps to help protect the environment, if the subject comes up in conversation. But how do you identify a zerowaster by visual clues?

The answer is to look for the tools zerowasters use every day to avoid making trash. They take their coffee or tea in a reusable mug. Their metal water bottle looks well-traveled. They carry a canvas tote bag when shopping. They bring reusable glass containers to the grocery store and mark their weight before filling them with food sold from bins. And one more thing: There is next to nothing in their trash bin.

#### What about holiday wrapping paper?

Most holiday wrapping paper can go in your blue bin. When shopping for or ordering wrapping paper, avoid wrap that is metallic in texture. Reusable gift bags made from paper are a handy option. Wrapping gifts in newsprint, tissue paper, or craft paper, which is made mostly from recycled fibers, are other ways to go.



#### What are good sources for recycling guidelines?

The stickers on the lids of your bin and these websites:

- [RecologySF.com](http://RecologySF.com)
- [SFEnvironment.org](http://SFEnvironment.org)
- [WhatBin.com](http://WhatBin.com)
- [SFHazWaste.com](http://SFHazWaste.com)

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