



FOOD: Too Good to Waste Challenge



Do you have rotting fruits, moldy vegetables, or too many boxes of unknown leftover food in your refrigerator? You are not alone when it comes to food waste. On average, Americans waste 25% of food they purchase.

Are you ready to make a difference and reduce food

waste? A shift in the way we shop, prepare and store food can greatly reduce the amount of wasted food. Changing our behavior on food waste can also save us money.

According to the West Coast Climate Forum, if families were more conscientious about food waste, an average family could save over \$30/week (\$1600 a year) if they follow the Food: Too Good To Waste Toolkit.

So how do we create food waste?

Food is wasted if we:

- Buy more than we need
- Discard leftovers
- Cook too much
- Improper storage

Why is Food Waste Reduction important?

- Food Waste is the largest single source of waste sent to landfill. Food decomposes in the landfill creating a greenhouse gas called methane, which is contributing to climate change.
- It saves natural resources. Water, gasoline, energy and land are used to make the food we throw out. By wasting food, we essentially waste all the natural resources used to make that food.
- If food waste reduction is unattainable, place food waste in the compost. Compost will be used to return nutrients back to soil and grow new food.



The Food: Too Good To Waste Toolkit is available on the EPA website. Please visit www.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food/foodtoo-good-waste-implementation-guide-and-toolkit

Green Cleaning Tips

Many modern home cleaning products contain toxic and polluting chemicals that are harmful to your family and the environment. There are natural easy to use alternatives found in your cabinets that can be used alone or in combination to easily clean your home.

- **WHITE VINEGAR** — removes mildew and cuts grease
- **BAKING SODA** — cleans and deodorize
- **BORAX** — cleans, deodorizes, and disinfects
- **LEMON** — cleans most household mildew

Homemade All-Purpose-Cleaner Recipe

Mix 1/2 cup vinegar and 1/4 cup baking soda into 1/2 gallon water. Store and keep (2 teaspoon of borax can be used in place of baking soda).



Abandoned Waste

Abandoned Waste is not only unsightly in the neighborhood, it is also illegal. Don't leave furniture, mattresses, tires, appliances, garbage, hazardous and universal waste in public right of way or large unattended areas, such as sidewalks, streets and parking lots. Abandoned waste encourages others to pollute our community and creates safety hazards for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.

Be a responsible neighbor and dispose of your waste legally. Contact Recology San Bruno to schedule a pickup of your material. More information can be found on page 3 for your Twice Annual On-Call Collection. You can also reach us by calling **650-583-8536**.

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING



UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

Bubble wrap
Construction & Demolition (C&D) Materials
Food contaminated packaging
Garden hoses
Packing peanuts
Paper towels, napkins, facial tissue
Photographs/Negatives
Plastic bags
PVC pipes
Styrofoam (blocks or PS #6 recycling symbol)
Unmarked plastics (plastics without the #1-#7 recycling symbol)

ARTICULOS INACEPTABLE:

Plastico de burbujas
Residuos de construccion y demolición
Envases de alimentos contaminados
Mangeras de jardin
Toallas de papel, servilletas, papel para la cara
Fotografías/Negativos
Bolsas de plastico
Tubos de PVC o plastico
Espuma de poliestireno
Plastico no marcado (Que no tengan numero de #1 - #7 con el símbolo de reciclaje)

COLLECTION TIMES/CART PLACEMENT: All carts must be placed curbside by 6am on your service day. Per City of San Bruno Ordinance #10.22.080.B, your carts should not be set out more than 12 hours in advance of pick-up nor left curbside for more than 12 hours after pick-up. Please be sure to pull your carts back from the curb once they are serviced. We are not responsible for any articles left on or near collection containers.

ORGANICS



UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

Ashes
Compostable or Biodegradable bags
Construction & Demolition (C & D) Debris (i.e. Sheetrock)
Dirt, Rock, Concrete, Brick, Gravel
Pet & Human excrement
Plastic Bags
Sawdust
Sod
Treated & Painted Wood

ARTICULOS INACEPTABLE:

Cenizas
Bolsas Biodegradable
Construccion y Demolicion (i.e. yeso)
Tierra, rocas, concreto, ladrillos y grava
Excremento humano o de animal
Bolsas de plastico
Aserrin
Cesped
Madera pintada or tratada con quimicos

Twice Annual On-Call Collection - Valid July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

Residents in single-family homes, duplexes, and triplexes are entitled to two free curbside pick-ups per year of extra garbage, bulky items (i.e. furniture), and extra yard waste.

Hazardous items, and Construction and Demolition (C & D) debris cannot be collected at the curb. Please see articles HHW and debris box information for removal options.

Each collection is limited to three cubic yards (3 ft. x 3 ft. x 9 ft.). Excess of three cubic yards will not be picked up; however, if you wish to use both collections at the same time (six cubic yards), you may request it when you place your order.

Extra yard waste must be placed in heavy-duty paper bags, cardboard boxes, or tied in small bundles and stacked neatly, and not to exceed 20lbs. This material must be cut down to 4ft or less in length.

On-Call collections do not carry over from year to year. This service is offered Monday – Friday, on your regular service day. Weight limits may apply and acceptability of items are at the discretion of the driver.

Please call Customer Service at **650-583-8536** no less than 24-hours in advance of your service day to schedule an On-Call Collection.



Textile Recycling Did you know we can recycle old textiles like clothes, bedding and blankets? Unfortunately, only 15% of all textiles are recycled while the remaining 85% are sent to landfills. You can recycle textiles by placing items in USAgain bins. For more information and location of bin please visit www.usagain.com

County of San Mateo HHW Program

The County of San Mateo provides a free HHW drop-off program, which accepts the following items:

- Art & hobby supplies
- Automotive supplies (liquids, NO Tires)
- Fertilizers & Pesticides
- Fire Extinguishers
- Fluorescent lights & bulbs
- Furniture & metal polishes
- Household batteries
- Household cleaners
- Painting Supplies (all liquids)
- Photographic chemicals
- Poisons
- Pool chemicals
- Propane Tanks
- Thermometers & Thermostats w/ Mercury



To schedule an appointment, call the automated appointment line at **650-363-4718** or visit <http://smchealth.org/hhw>

Household Hazardous Waste, Electronic Waste and Universal Waste Program

The Recology San Bruno Transfer Station, located at 101 Tanforan Ave., accepts the following items on **Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10am-12pm** from San Bruno Residents only. Please be prepared to show proof of residency.

For more information please visit us online at recologysanbruno.com and click on **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE** or call our Customer Service Department at **650-583-8536**.

- **Antifreeze***
 - Car and household batteries
 - Cellular phones
 - Car Tires, Computers & Televisions (a fee may be charged to recycle car tires)
 - Fluorescent tubes & bulbs
 - **Latex (water-based) paint***
 - Mercury thermometers & switches
 - **Motor oil and filters***
 - Small household appliances (like microwaves, radios, and VCR's)
- * A five-gallon limit may apply*



Pharmaceutical and Sharps Disposal

Pharmaceutical Disposal: Dispose of old medications in a confidential drop-off container at the **San Bruno Police Department: 1177 Huntington Avenue** anytime of day or night.

Sharps Disposal: Sharps are defined as medical devices used for self-injection or blood tests which have a sharp tip or end. Contact your Doctor, Pharmacist or Hospital and ask if they offer a take-back program.

For more information about Sharps and Pharmaceutical disposal visit <http://smchealth.org/hhw>

Recycling Facts

- Glass has the fastest turnaround time for recycling making its way back to shelves in as little as 30 days.
- Approximately 1 billion trees worth of paper are thrown away each year in the U.S.
- Americans throw away roughly 102.1 billion plastic bags every year.
- Almost half of the food in the U.S. goes to waste—About 3,000 pounds per second.



Available on the
App Store

ANDROID APP ON
Google play

View your garbage, recycling and organic schedule and receive collection notifications all from within the Recology app.

Service Reminders

MISSED COLLECTIONS:

Please report any missed collections to our office by the following business day. An answering service is available after regular business hours to accept all calls.

EXTRA GARBAGE AND CARDBOARD:

Lids for garbage and recycling carts must be completely closed. Extra garbage must be bagged and arrangement made with our office in advance for pickup.

Extra Bag Tags are available for a fee by calling Recology San Bruno at **650-583-8536**, or the City of San Bruno Utility Billing Division at **650-616-7086**.

Flatten and tie your extra cardboard into a 3ft. x 3ft. bundle (not to exceed 20 lbs) and place next to your recycle cart.

BATTERIES:

Recycle your household batteries by sealing them in a clear plastic bag and placing **ON TOP** of your recycling cart.

RECYCLING THEFT:

Unauthorized collection of recyclable materials is a violation of San Bruno Municipal Code Section 10.22.140. Violators will be prosecuted and subject to fines. If you are a witness to this crime, please call the San Bruno Police Department business line at **650-616-7100**.

Recology San Bruno is the Exclusive Franchise Debris Box hauler for San Bruno. Call before 10am Mon-Fri for same-day debris box service. Payment due at time of order. Construction and Demolition (C & D) Recycling Ordinance documentation is available upon request – please request at time of order.

IMPORTANT RESOURCES

Recology San Bruno
650-583-8536
recologysanbruno.com

**City of San Bruno
Utility Billing**
650-616-7086
sanbruno.ca.gov

**San Mateo County
Recycling & Compost
Hotline**
888-442-2666
www.RecycleWorks.org

Code Enforcement
650-616-7076
www.sanbruno.ca.gov