

# Better at the Bin



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Blue bin materials before sorting at Recycle Central.

## Help recycle 3 million tons of paper

Paper and cardboard are key materials in our collective quest to be better recyclers.

According to the EPA, paper and cardboard account for 65 percent of the material, measured by weight, in curbside recycling bins.

Recycling paper and cardboard keeps materials out of landfills and saves trees. And studies show that on a ton-to-ton basis recycling generates far more jobs than landfilling.

Recycling also plays an important role in supporting the supply chain. That's because manufacturers need high-quality bales of recycled paper and recycled cardboard to make new products such as cereal and pasta boxes and new cardboard boxes.

Paper and cardboard manufacturers have joined local recycling companies and the EPA in encouraging cities

across America to recycle all paper and cardboard. The joint call to recycle is an effort to reduce landfilling and help create feedstock manufacturers need to produce enough paper products and boxes to meet demand.

Prices for new paper have increased significantly in the last three years. Recycling can help. Recycling increases the supply of paper fiber which helps reduce price pressures.

A statewide study shows that paper and cardboard account for 17 percent, or 3 million tons, of the material California cities send to landfills each year.

This represents a big opportunity to increase recycling.

Blue recycling bins are hungry for computer paper, postcards, envelopes, cereal boxes, cardboard boxes, and many other paper products.

Join the thousands of San Francisco residents and businesses that strive to recycle all discarded paper and cardboard. Together we can. ■



## RECYCLING TIPS

### Recycle all discarded paper.

Recycling keeps paper out of landfills, saves trees, creates green jobs, and supports the supply chain by providing materials for manufacturing.

### Flatten cardboard boxes.

Flattening cardboard boxes saves space in your recycling bin for additional recyclables, including bottles and cans.

### Empty soda cans. Shake out food containers.

There is a national push to keep food and liquids out of recycling bins. Doing so helps protect the quality of the recycled paper. That's important because wet or oily paper can't be recycled.

### Keep the lid closed.

Be sure to close the recycling bin lid, especially during winter. This helps keep paper and other recyclables clean and dry so they can be recycled.

### Avoid film or flimsy plastics.

Try to decline lightweight plastics, such as film or flimsy plastics. Plastic wrap is one example. A lightweight plastic produce bag is another. Lightweight plastics can contaminate paper bales, and mills will not buy bales if they contain more than 1 percent contamination. Less is more. Keep reusable canvas carry bags at the ready when shopping so you can say "no thank you" to film or flimsy plastics.



Our customer service staff is here to help. Email us at [CustomerService@RecologySF.com](mailto:CustomerService@RecologySF.com)

# Bin-By-The-Day – Great option for small jobs

If you are cleaning out your garage or starting a small remodeling or construction project and need extra collection service, we offer a unique solution. It's called Bin-By-The-Day.

The service is for customers who request 1- to 6-cubic-yard containers. These are metal bins. With different bin sizes available, we can provide the perfect combination for any job.

We maintain a full complement of Bin-By-The-Day containers in San Francisco and operate special trucks that deliver bins where and when you need them and pick them up without delay.

**We also offer debris boxes in many sizes for larger jobs and provide efficient delivery and removal service.**

Whether you choose Bin-By-The-Day service or order one or more debris boxes for your cleaning or construction



1- to 6-cubic-yard containers available

project, we recycle the contents in our construction recycling facility in San Francisco.

We also offer Bin-By-The-Day as a service option for special events.

For additional information about Bin-By-The-Day or to order a debris box, call us at **808.404.4008** and we will help identify and schedule the best service to fit your needs. ■



## Composting helps vineyards grow cover crops

Many local farmers use compost made from materials collected through San Francisco's green bin program to grow cover crops such as mustard. Other examples include alfalfa, rye, clovers, buckwheat, cowpeas, radish, and vetch.

Cover crops protect topsoil from erosion, sequester carbon deep in the soil, and help feed the microorganisms that add life to the soil.



So, when we compost food scraps together with sticks and leaves through the curbside composting collection program, we keep compostable materials out of landfills. And we help local farms improve soil health in multiple ways.

Mustard, grown with compost, blooms in February and March in California. The mustard pictured was grown on vineyards overseen by Piña Vineyard Management based in Oakville. ■

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