

RECYCLING TOOLKIT For Tenants

YOUR GUIDE TO SUCCESSFUL:

Food Scrap Recycling
Mixed Material Recycling
Bulky Items Management



Thank you for recycling!

You've taken the first step to creating a successful recycling program. Let this document serve as your Recycling Toolkit for Success, loaded with up-to-date information on how to recycle right. The newest law mandated by the State of California is known as SB 1383, which establishes statewide targets to reduce the amount of organic waste disposed of in landfills. Here, you'll find how we can reach this ambitious goal together, and what resources are available to help.

WELCOME TO YOUR NEW HOME!

Dear New Resident,

We take pride in creating a clean and healthy environment for everyone in the Salinas Valley (& beyond) and you can help by recycling correctly. Your property manager should gift you with a free recycling bin or bag. If not, reach out to them to inquire for one!

Why is it important to recycle correctly?


- Saving our natural resources,
- Reducing waste from our local landfill,
- Providing jobs to community members,
- Keeping recycling workers safe, and
- Supporting a healthy environment for future generations.

Doing it Right: Make sure your efforts don't go to waste by remembering these simple rules:

- **Know What Goes Where.** Visit svswa.org/what-goes-where to learn more and download the free app.
- **Empty & clean** recyclables before placing them in the recycle bin (use 3 seconds of water total and put the lid back on!).
- **Don't bag recyclables!** Place loose recyclables into the bin.
- **If it Grows, it Goes!** All food scraps, including coffee grinds, coffee filters and tea bags, go into the green cart.



TIP

The  symbol does **NOT** always indicate that an item is recyclable. Double check if an item is recyclable at svswa.org/what-goes-where.

FOOD SCRAPS PROGRAM NOW AVAILABLE!

Dear Resident,

We are pleased to announce our new food scraps program. We are excited to help the environment and our Salinas Valley community by reducing our landfill waste and creating a product that is used to help regenerate our soil and food sources!

Why separating food scraps is important?

Food scraps and yard waste is turned into a nutrient-rich soil amendment and helps the environment by:

- Saving our natural resources,
- Reducing waste from our local landfill,
- Supporting a healthy environment for future generations, and
- Creating healthy soils

1



Collect food scraps while preparing meals, scraping plates, and/or cleaning out the refrigerator of spoiled food.

2



Empty your kitchen pail full of food scraps into your green cart.

3



We'll take it from here! Your hauler takes your food scraps to our facility and within 60 days, we make compost that is used throughout the community and beyond to help regenerate the soil!

TIP



Remember if it Grows, it Goes! For more information and tips on sorting food scraps, visit <https://svswa.org/residential/foodscraps/>



COLLECTING FOOD SCRAPS



ACCEPTABLE FOOD SCRAPS

- **All fruits and vegetables** (including pits and shells)
- **Leftovers and spoiled food**
- **Cooked meat** (including bones)
- **Grains & starches** (bread, cereal, baked goods, pizza, tortillas, chips, rice, beans, etc.)
- **Dairy products** (cheese, yogurt - no liquids)
- **Eggshells and eggs**
- **Frozen food** (Only food - take food out of plastics and put plastic in the trash)
- **Canned food** (Only food - **Recycle Empty Metal Cans**)
- **Seafood** (including shellfish)
- **Coffee grounds & tea** including coffee filter & paper teabag (no staples)

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIAL

- **NO Plastic** (no wrappers, bioplastic, bags, sporks, film, etc.)
- **NO Metal** (aluminum foil or trays, metal utensils, etc.)
- **NO Glass** (glassware or ceramic dishware)
- **NO Paper** (foil-backed, plastic-backed paper, no paper towels, etc.)
- **No Raw Meat**
- **NO Liquids** (milk, juice, and other beverages - pour liquids in the sink)

Do NOT add these materials in the green cart. Contaminations fees may apply.

1 Set up a container in the kitchen & separate your food scraps



Put your food scraps loose in the green cart

2 *Story of Food Scraps*



3 Food scraps are turned into nutrient compost to grow more nutritious food



THROW YOUR FOOD SCRAPS IN THE GREEN CART



YARD WASTE &
FOOD SCRAPS

IT IS EASY TO REUSE
YOUR OWN CONTAINERS
TO COLLECT YOUR FOOD SCRAPS!

FOOD SCRAPS KITCHEN CONTAINERS OPTIONS



Ice cream Pails

Reuse your empty ice cream container
to collect your food scraps



Coffee Containers

Reuse your empty coffee container
to collect your food scraps



Yogurt Containers

Reuse your empty yogurt container
to collect your food scraps

EMPTY
FOOD SCRAPS
IN THE GREEN
CART
& REUSE THE
CONTAINER
AGAIN AND
AGAIN!



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Scan the QR code or visit
salinasvalleyrecycles.org
(831) 775-3000



HOW TO RECYCLE

Collecting Your Food Scraps

1. Choose a container like a bowl or pail with a vented lid.
2. Collect your food scraps from meal prep, after a meal, and cleaning out the fridge.
3. Place food Scraps into the green cart No plastic bag liners.

Collecting Your Recyclables



1. Use a container to separate your recyclables from your trash and food scraps
2. Recyclables need to be empty, clean, and dry
3. All recycling should go loose in the dumpster or carts. Do not bag recycling in plastic bags

Trash: When in doubt, throw it out in the trash!

Any expanded polystyrene or foam products, diapers, paper napkins, paper towels, tissues, plastic bags or plastic film, plastic wrappers, chip bags, plastic utensils, and plastic containers numbers 3, 4, 6, & 7 should be disposed of in the trash.

FOOD SCRAPS / YARD WASTE

Food Scraps, Grass Clippings, Tree Trimmings, Leaves, Etc

DESPERDICIOS DE COMIDA Y DE JARDÍN

Sobras de Comida, Hojas Secas, Recortes de Pasto y Arboles



RECYCLING / RECICLAJE

Paper, Cardboard, Plastic (#1, 2 & 5), Metal & Glass

Papel, Carton, Plastico (#1, 2 & 5), Metal y Vidrio



TRASH / BASURA

Paper napkins, Paper Plates, Dirty Trays, Styrofoam, Food Wraps, etc.

Cervilletas de Papel, Platos de Papel Sucios, unice y Envolturas, etc.



TROUBLESHOOTING TIPS

Worried about the “ick” factor when collecting food scraps? We’ve listed a few effective ideas to help keep your food scraps program successful!



- **Use a kitchen container that works for you**, such as a kitchen pail. Or you can just repurpose an old container: large yogurt or ice cream tubs are a great no-cost option!
- **Freeze it** – Scraps can be stored in the freezer or refrigerator to avoid or reduce odors.
- **Use a lid** – A tight fitting lid on your container will help keep flies away. A vented lid will prevent flies and prevent anaerobic (rotting) stink!
- **Wash** – your kitchen container thoroughly with detergent as needed. Most containers are dishwasher safe as well!



- **Put fruit or melon scraps immediately** into your food and yard waste cart and cover.
- **Sprinkle baking soda** in your kitchen container to reduce odors.



8 ITEMS THAT DO **NOT** BELONG IN THE RECYCLE or GREEN CART

These items are often mistakenly put in the recycle bin. Learn how to properly dispose of them!

TRASH

Throwaway in the trash cart.

PLASTIC BAGS & WRAP



Plastic bags get caught in and jam recycling sorting machines, halting the entire recycling process.

EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE/FOAM



Expanded Polystyrene Foam packaging is not recyclable due to its fragile state. Currently there is not an available market for recycling it. Please consider avoiding or reusing it whenever possible.

DOG & CAT



Dog and cat waste belongs in the trash cart. Pathogens in their stomachs, make their feces **not** compostable.

TEXTILES/CLOTHES

CLOTHES



Clothes/textiles cannot be recycled in your blue recycling cart. They can be reused/recycled/downcycled by donating them to a non-profit or by using our drop-off program.

DROP-OFF

Multiple locations
Visit svswwa.org

The items below **CANNOT** be thrown in the trash or recycling

BATTERIES



Batteries are hazardous waste and can cause fires if disposed of incorrectly.

OLD PAINT



Old paint is recycled through the PaintCare program which turns it into new paint.

ELECTRONIC WASTE



Electronic waste must be recycled separately due to the large number of hazardous components that must be removed for separate treatment.

FLUORESCENT LIGHTBULBS



Fluorescent lightbulbs have mercury in them and must be properly dismantled.

DROP OFF TO HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY

Moving or getting rid of stuff? The Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 1104 Madison Lane, Salinas is a one stop drop-off for a variety of household items. Open Mon-Fri 7am – 4pm & Sat 8am – 4pm.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility

Residents can drop off items for free. View a full list of accepted items and guidelines at svswa.org/facilities/household-hazardous-waste-hhw-collection-facility/

PAINT



You can recycle unwanted house paint, primer, stain, or varnish for free. Both latex and oil-based products are accepted. Additional drop off locations found on our website.

FLUORESCENT LIGHTBULBS



Fluorescent lightbulbs have mercury in them and so must be disposed as hazardous waste. Up to 4 feet accepted, free of charge.

HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS & PESTICIDES



Some household cleaners can release toxic gases in certain circumstances and thus require proper disposal.

SMOKE DETECTORS



Smoke detectors have radiation in them and must be disposed as hazardous wastes.

SHARPS/NEEDLES



Never place exposed or used sharps in the garbage or recycling. Place used sharps in puncture-resistance containers. Approved containers are available for free upon request.

SELF-HAUL OR BULKY ITEM PICK UP

MATTRESS & BOXSPRING



Did you know – mattress retailers are obligated to pick up your old mattress when delivering a new one? Or you may drop off up to 5 mattresses and box springs for free at our recycling facilities. You may also request a curbside bulky item pick-up with your property manager.



Learn more at: www.SalinasValleyRecycles.org

CONFUSED ABOUT WHAT GOES WHERE?

THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!



What Goes Where

Recycling is Changing in Monterey County



Scan the QR code to download the What Goes Where App & learn what common household items are recyclable!

SOLID WASTE RESOURCES FOR APARTMENT RESIDENTS

Madison Lane Recycling & HHW

1104 Madison Lane, Salinas

Mon-Fri: 7am-4pm

Sat: 8am-4pm

Operated by Salinas Valley Recycles, residents may drop off their recyclables and household hazardous waste at this location for free.

Johnson Canyon Transfer Station

31400 Johnson Canyon Rd., Gonzales

(831) 675-2165

Mon-Fri: 7am-4pm

Sat. & Sun: 8am-4pm

Operated by Salinas Valley Recycles, residents may drop off their recyclables, anti-freeze, batteries, oil, paint (ABOP), and small appliances at this location for free. The landfill accepts waste materials including garbage, yard & wood waste, concrete, and construction & demo. for a fee

Jolon Road Transfer Station

52654 Jolon Rd., King City

(831) 385-0353

Mon-Fri: 8am-4pm

Sat: 8am-12pm

Operated by Salinas Valley Recycles, residents may drop off their recyclables, anti-freeze, batteries, oil, paint (ABOP), and small appliances at this location for free. The transfer station accepts waste material including garbage, yard & wood waste, and construction & demo. material

Republic Services Transfer Station

1120 Madison Lane,

Salinas

Operated by Republic Services, this transfer station accepts waste material from the public for a fee. This includes garbage, yard & wood waste, and construction & demolition material.

CRV Buyback Centers



The California Redemption Value (CRV) redemption on most drink bottles is 5 cents or 10 cents on each container depending on the size. To learn where a CRV center is near you, visit <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/bevcontainer/consu-mers/> (or scan QR code) and bring eligible bottles for cash redemption.

TIP

You can contact your property manager to set up a bulky item pick-up or let them know of any issues (overflowing recycling or trash on the ground).



Map of Drop-Off Facilities

-  Salinas Valley Recycles Service Area
-  Drop-Off Facility Location

Some locations also accept the following items:

-  Household Hazardous Collection Facility
-  ABOP Station for Antifreeze, Batteries, Oil and Paint

