



Sweet Rewards for Earth Day Contest Winners

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Earth Day Poster Contest winners were recognized during the April 26 City Council meeting. The City invited school children of all ages to participate in the 2011 Earth Day Poster Contest. The theme was "Choosing a Sustainable Future." An overwhelming response from 16 area schools sent a clear message that children are not only well-informed about the environment, but eager to share their ideas about a sustainable future.

After the ceremony, winners and their families attended an ice cream social where they received first-place ribbons and enjoyed scoops of their favorite ice cream. "I love that the City started this program to include and educate the children — our greatest resource," says Sunnyvale Christian School Principal Leanna Christie. "Our children were very excited to be able to be a part of the City of Sunnyvale, and while we had many entries, Mrs. Vitale's Early Kindergarten class poster was awarded first place. We are so proud of them."

Winners for 2011 Earth Day Poster Contest

Individual Awards

1. **Rikhil Konduru**, Ms. Schmaltz's 2nd grade, Stockmeir Elementary
2. **Maddie Matsumoto**, Mrs. Teves' 5th grade, Cumberland Elementary
3. **Tammy Pham**, Mrs. Berg's 6th grade, Columbia Middle School

Groups Awards

1. **Mrs. Vitale's Early Kindergarten class**, Sunnyvale Christian School
2. **Jessica Su and Natalie Tam**, Mrs. Grigoryev's 5th grade, Cumberland Elementary
3. **Kelly Ann Ye and Desmond Kamas**, Ms. Ninkovic and Ms. Byun, Sunnyvale Middle School

important dates

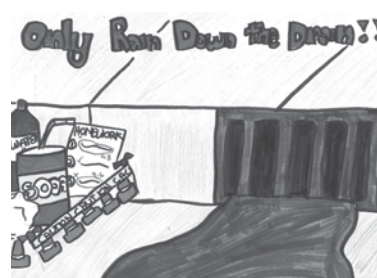
July 30
Paper-Shredding Event
125,850 pounds diverted since January 2010

October 1-2, 8-9
Extra Dumping Weekends

September 17
Citywide Garage Sale Day



Mrs. Vitale's Early Kindergarten



Maddie Matsumoto, Cumberland



Kelly Ann Ye and Desmond Kamas, Sunnyvale Middle School

View the recognition ceremony and winning posters online at Sunnyvale.ca.gov, click on *Watch the Meeting Online* under *Next Council Meeting* and choose the *April 26 video link*. Winning posters were reproduced as a collage and distributed to all schools.



How to Recycle Right! — At Home

glad you asked ...



Q. Why should I bother separating my recyclables in the split-lid recycling cart when everything gets dumped into the same truck?

A. The truck that collects your recyclables is a split-body truck with two compartments separated by a metal barrier that keeps paper separate from containers, minimizing food and liquid contamination. Clean materials fetch high market revenues which are used to offset collection costs. So keep up the good work. Your efforts to separate materials aren't wasted!

hauler's holler — news from the truck...



Occasionally, recycling and garbage collection drivers are required to attach "non-collection" notices to carts that aren't properly prepared for pick-up indicating why the cart cannot be serviced. Drivers often see overloaded carts whose lids won't close. As overflowing carts are lifted to the truck, excess contents often spill and litter the street.

If excess trash is a recurring problem, consider recycling more and start composting your food scraps and yard trimmings. For more disposal options, see page C.

Sunnyvale ReNews

The *ReNews* is printed on 30% post-consumer content recycled paper. See the electronic version online at Recycling.inSunnyvale.com under *What's New?*.

Please send all comments and suggestions to:

City of Sunnyvale, Residential Recycling Program,
P.O. Box 3707, Sunnyvale, CA 94088-3707

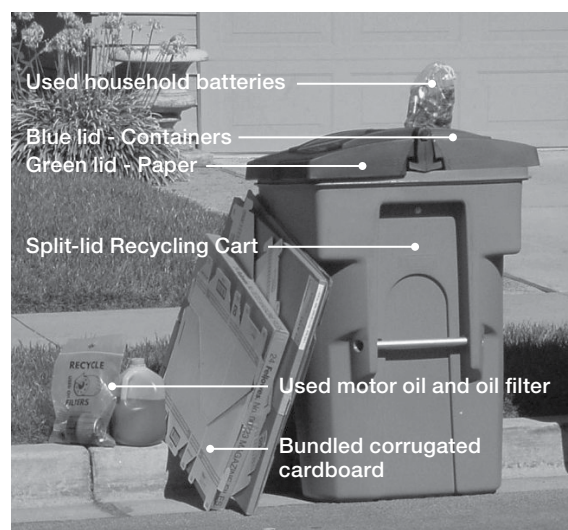
Email: Recycling@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us

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All Sunnyvale residents have garbage and recycling collection services. Everyone recycles the same types of materials, but how we recycle depends on where we live.

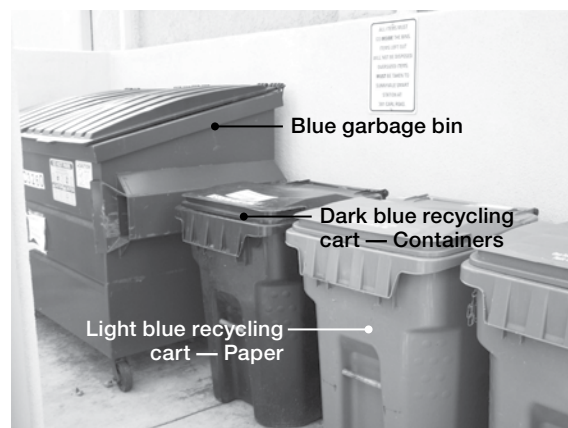
Single Family Service

Residents with single-family garbage and recycling services live in single homes, duplexes, triplexes or mobile homes. Single-family customers recycle paper and containers using a split-lid cart (shown below); yard trimmings in a yard cart; and bundled corrugated cardboard, household batteries, used motor oil and oil filters at the curb.



Multi-Family Service

Residents living in apartments, and many in townhome complexes of four or more units, receive multi-family garbage and recycling services. Multi-family customers share onsite trash bins; light blue carts for container recycling and dark blue carts for paper recycling. Used motor oil and oil filters collection service is provided at the property owner/manager's discretion. Cardboard may be bundled and placed in trash enclosure or flattened and placed in trash bins.



WHAT'S RECYCLABLE

Paper

Single family — Split-lid cart, green side
Multi-family — Dark blue cart

- Catalogs, magazines
- Cereal, cake mix, tissue boxes (remove liners)
- Copier/office, construction paper
- Gift wrap, greeting cards (non-metallic)
- Newspapers, inserts, junk mail
- Paper egg cartons, paper bags
- Phone and paperback books

Containers

Single family — Split-lid cart, blue side
Multi-family — Light blue cart

Empty/rinse food and beverage containers, remove and recycle lids.

- Glass jars (food, beverage, wine, oil)
- Metal cans (aluminum, tin, bi-metal, steel)
- Plastic bottles and tubs #1-#7

WHAT'S NOT RECYCLABLE

Throw these items in the trash!

- Aerosol cans (must be completely empty)
- Aseptic packaging (boxed liquids-juice, broth, soy, and soup)
- Black or hard plastics of any kind
- Clamshells of any kind
- Glass (auto, ceramics, mirrors, pyrex, or window)
- Hard bound books
- Metallic content gift wrap/cards or foil
- Paper contaminated with food/liquids (pizza boxes, napkins, plates, cups)
- Polystyrene foam (egg cartons, cups, food/meat trays)
- Recycle clean/dry single-use plastic bags, wrap and film at local grocery stores.

Please contact us for questions about recycling where you live, see *At Your Service*, page D.

Theft of Recyclables

Ever wake up in the wee morning hours to the sound of bottles, cans and lids being jostled? It could be the sound of scavengers sifting through your recycling carts looking for containers with California Redemption Value (CRV) that can be turned in for cash.

Why be concerned with recyclables theft?

When materials are stolen, the City and its rate payers lose the revenue earned from the sale of collected recyclables. These revenues are used to offset the cost of collection services. Sunnyvale Municipal Code (SMC 8.16) and state law prohibit

See *Theft of Recyclables*, page D



Getting Rid of Extra Trash

Whether cleaning, moving or entertaining, everyone occasionally generates extra trash. Before throwing items away, consider donating or selling items to keep them out of landfills.

Extra Garbage Tags

Single family residents may purchase extra garbage tags (\$6) at grocery retailers and City facilities for extra bags of trash. Tags are NOT required for on-call collection materials.

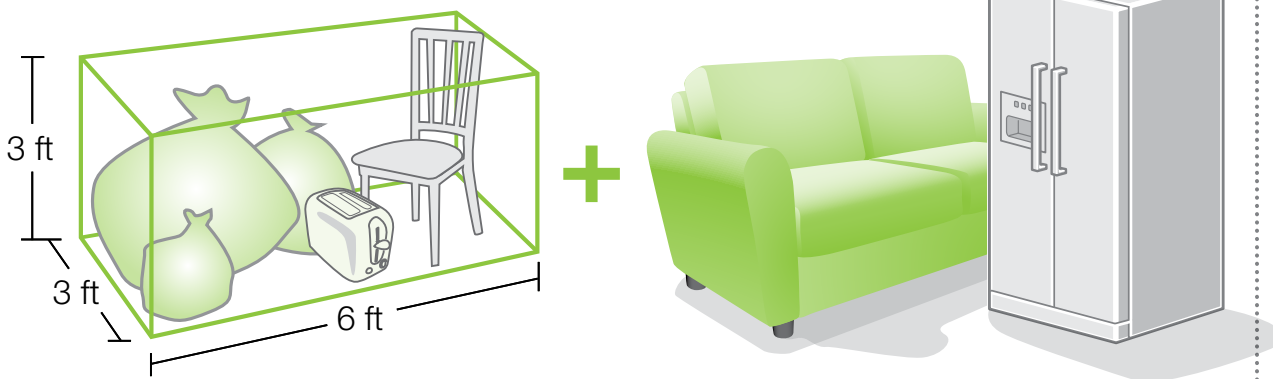


On-Call Collection for Single Family Service Customers

Appointments fill quickly ... don't wait 'til December!

Single family residents may take advantage of two On-Call Collection appointments anytime during the year. Using the set-up (below) as a guide, place up to two cubic yards of extra trash and two bulky items, including electronics and appliances, for convenient curbside pick-up. To make an appointment, call **Utilities Residential**

On-Call Collection Setup



Customer Service at (408) 730-7400, no later than 2 p.m. the day prior to regular trash service.

On-Call Collection Guidelines

- Briefly describe items to ensure dispatch of appropriate equipment and personnel.
- Allow for collection between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Contain loose materials in bags, boxes or 32-gallon cans.
- Hazardous waste and most construction/ demolition materials are not collected curbside.

Multi-Family residents may dispose of extra trash using onsite garbage bins, provided they do not overfill bins. The SMaRT Station accepts extra trash at a minimum charge of \$16 per cubic yard depending on materials disposed. Residents can separate recyclable materials from trash and save money on disposal.

Extra Dumping Weekends

October 1 – 2, 8 – 9

Extra Dumping Weekends offer extra trash disposal solutions to all residents at no charge. To help divert waste from the landfill, separate all recyclable materials from trash and/or opt to reuse, donate or sell, rather than throw useful items away. Vehicles no larger than one-ton capacity, or trailers 10 feet by 7 feet or smaller will be allowed.

SMaRT Station services

Trash Disposal

The SMaRT Station® accepts trash, debris and construction material from Sunnyvale, Mountain View and Palo Alto residents. Disposal charges are based on type of material and volume (cubic yards). To keep costs low, separate recyclables from trash before dumping. Contact Bay Counties Waste Services at (408) 752-8530 for disposal information.

Recycling Center

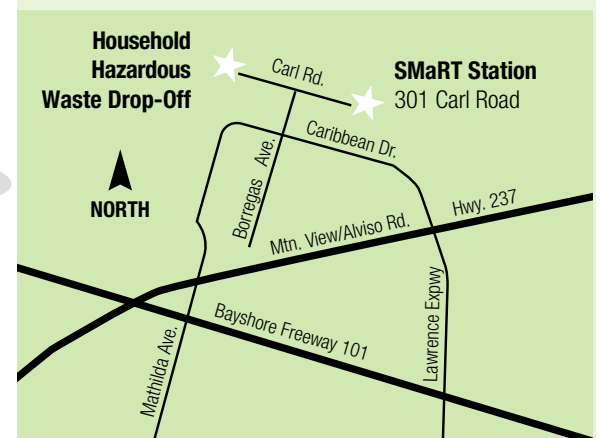
The SMaRT Station accepts paper, plastics, glass, scrap metal, cardboard, clothing and shoes and the following hazardous waste items at no charge:

- Antifreeze*
- Cooking oil*
- Used motor oil/oil filters*
- Batteries (any type, tape positive ends)
- Fluorescent bulbs/tubes
- Small electronics, monitors/televisions (limit 4)
- Sharps, needles, lancets (dispose in red bin)**

*Limit 10 gallons, in 5 gallon containers or smaller
**Use a biohazard, or heavy-duty, tightly-sealed plastic container

Hours of Operation

The SMaRT Station is open daily, except Thanksgiving, December 25 and January 1, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please remember to cover all loads to prevent littering.



Clothing Reuse with a Heart Benefits the Environment, too!

Since 1992, the Career Closet, a local non-profit organization, has empowered women to re-enter the workplace equipped with everything they need to make a great first impression. Relying solely upon individuals' donations, Closet volunteers act as fashion consultants to help women select professional interview attire and a full week's wardrobe.

Heather Rodrigues, volunteer and contract coordinator for Career Closet, stated that nothing goes to waste at their store. "A recent trade school graduate was referred to our service before her job interview. She came back to the store absolutely glowing with excitement to announce she'd gotten the job. What we really give them is confidence."

At the heart of the reduce, reuse, recycle philosophy, reuse is the redistribution of useful goods to keep them in circulation rather than bury them forever in a landfill. Donating clothing is an environmentally-friendly way to foster a clutter-free life, keep reusable items in the mainstream, rather than the waste stream and make a positive difference in someone else's life.

Donate your gently-used professional clothing to the Career Closet at 43 East Gish Road, Suite 100, in San Jose, or visit CareerCloset.org for more information. For other reuse resources, visit Recycling.inSunnyvale.com, see *Garage Sales and Donations*, or *Reuse* under A – Z *Recycling*.

CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE





Your Sunnyvale Certified Green Business

Sunnyvale Materials Recovery and Transfer Station (SMaRT Station®)

301 Carl Road

One might think the SMaRT Station an unlikely candidate to go green since it processes 1,000 tons of trash every day. Employees had long wanted to make the office building more environmentally-friendly. They had already eliminated single-serving bottled water and used 35% post-consumer recycled content office paper. What to target next? SMaRT Station staff created a demonstration garden out of the thirsty 2,000 square feet of lawn where they:

- Used sheet mulching instead of toxic herbicide to suppress weeds;
- Installed underground drip irrigation to water plants;
- Applied compost available at the Station as a thick mulch cover to help the soil retain moisture and reduce watering needs;
- Used Bay-friendly gardening guidelines to avoid pesticide use; and
- Added a composting bin to make compost from plant trimmings and employee food scraps to keep the soil well-conditioned and the plants healthy.

The sustainable garden now attracts hummingbirds and bees to feast on flowers' nectar and pollen.

Visitors are invited to view the grounds and garden. The SMaRT Station is open 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. seven days a week and closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's day. A plant list is available in the Station lobby and online at Recycling.inSunnyvale.com.



Sustainable landscaping of native, low-maintenance, water-wise plants complements south bay environment and supports watershed.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Reuse Shopping

Taking advantage of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Drop-off events is a smart way to minimize toxic products in your home, keep your family safe and the environment healthy. Dispose of HHW at no cost any third Saturday, January through November, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 164 Carl Road.

Remember:

- To keep HHW in original containers when possible;
- Containers cannot be returned; and

- To place only HHW items in trunk to avoid mistaken removal of personal items.

Shop the Reuse Store after the event beginning 1:30 p.m. for collected items that are new or slightly used and available at no cost.

HHW events are held every Saturday at other Santa Clara County locations. Sunnyvale residents are not required to make an appointment for Sunnyvale, but can make an appointment for other locations at hhw.org, or call (408) 299-7300.

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the theft of recyclables. Once containers are placed in carts, only the City's franchised hauler, Specialty Solid Waste & Recycling, may legally remove recyclables.

What You Can Do

"Most thefts occur at night," stated Lt. Tracy Hern of Sunnyvale's Department of Public Safety (DPS), "I'd recommend putting carts at the curb early in the morning to limit the time scavengers have access to recyclables before collection trucks arrive." To report a theft in progress, contact

DPS at 9-1-1, or (408) 730-7180. If you want to report a theft after-the-fact, you can call DPS at (408) 730-7110, or email SVTIP@svtipnow.org. When reporting recycling theft, provide the location, vehicle description and license number, description of the person, and direction they are traveling, if possible. Do not approach or attempt to stop the theft.

Please be the eyes and ears in the community and help the City reduce the theft of recyclables from your carts.

City of Sunnyvale Residential Recycling Events

For details about upcoming recycling events, contact us using the *At Your Service* listings below.

Compost Workshops

**July 9, August 13, September 10 and October 8
10 a.m. to noon**

Learn to compost at free workshops. Registration online or by phone required.

*Orchard Heritage Building
550 E. Remington Drive
Sunnyvale Community Center Campus*

Bay-friendly Gardening Workshops

Learn to plan and plant a sustainable garden. Go to Stopwaste.org, *Bay-friendly Gardening Workshops* for more information.

Extra Dumping Weekends

**October 1 – 2, 8 – 9
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Dispose of extra trash at no cost — these weekends only!

SMaRT Station, 301 Carl Road

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Drop-Off Events

**July 16, August 20, September 17
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) at no cost every third Saturday monthly.

164 Carl Road

Paper Shredding Events

**July 30 and December 3
8 a.m. to noon**

Personal document shredding at no cost. Five bag/box limit. Proof of Palo Alto, Mountain View or Sunnyvale residency required. No businesses. *SMaRT Station, 301 Carl Road*

Citywide Garage Sale Day

**September 17
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Register your sale online August 1 – 31, or call the Recycling Program and the City will advertise your sale at no charge.

at your service, contact us

Business hours: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. We are at your service!

Recycling Program Customer Service

**(408) 730-7262
TDD (408) 730-7501**

Recycling.inSunnyvale.com

- Recycling Questions, Event Details
- Online Registrations

Utilities Residential Customer Service

**(408) 730-7400
PayMyBill.inSunnyvale.com**

- Garbage Service Accounts
- On-Call Collection Appointments
- Cart Repairs/Replacements

Utilities Commercial Customer Service

(408) 730-7681

- Garbage Service Accounts
- Debris Box Rentals

Specialty Solid Waste & Recycling

(408) 565-9900

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- Missed Pick Ups