

The Recycler

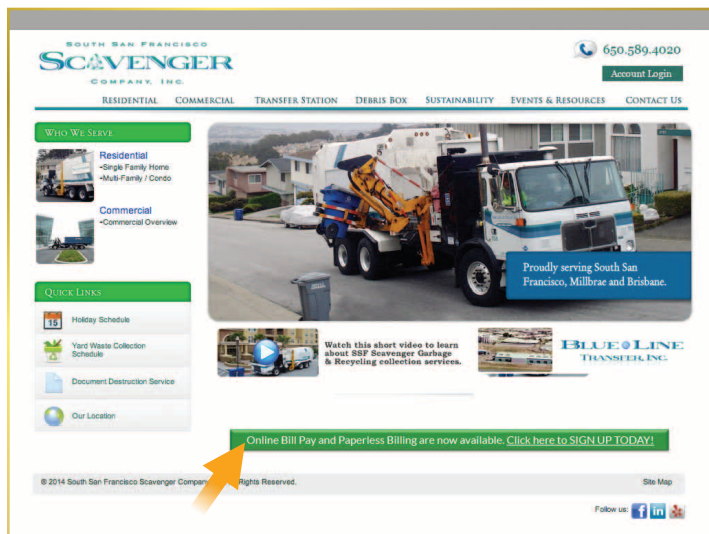
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Anaerobic Digestion Facility and Food Scraps Collection Update



We are making progress!

In this photo, taken on March 24th, the crew is preparing to pour cement for the roof covering the percolate tanks. The tanks will have access ports to the 8 digesters where the mix of food scraps and garden trimmings are composting. The liquids and beneficial bacteria from the composting material will flow into the percolate tanks and then recirculate back to the digesters to promote the composting process.

You can follow our progress online at www.ssfscavenger.com. We will also be providing you with detailed information about the organics collection service in the late spring.

Environmental Resources, Workshops and Events

Learn of the many environmental resources, workshops and events on recycling, backyard composting, sustainable gardening, and water and energy conservation at:

RecycleWorks – www.recycleworks.org

Sustainable San Mateo County – www.sustainablesanmateo.org

City of Brisbane – www.ci.brisbane.ca.us

City of Millbrae – www.ci.millbrae.ca.us/sustainablemillbrae

City of South San Francisco – www.ssf.net

Recycling Containers From Recycle Cart to Sorting Line

Customers have asked us why they need to separate containers from paper products when they are dumped together into the same truck. It does appear that way, but when then the split recycle cart is dumped, the butterfly lids help the paper, under the gray lid, to fall into the paper compartment and the containers, under the blue lid, to fall into a separate compartment.



When the truck returns to Blue Line Transfer with a full load, the driver first backs into the paper recycling area and raises the back door of the paper compartment to dump the paper. Next, the driver goes to the container recycling area and raises the door of the container compartment to dump the load as shown in the picture. Then the containers are scooped onto a conveyor belt which delivers the materials to an elevated sorting line.

The employees on the sorting line hand sort each glass bottle by color – green, clear and brown. They also hand sort each plastic container by color and number – mixed color, natural, clear. They hand pick the bags of batteries and cell phones too. Tin and aluminum cans are the only containers that are sorted mechanically.

Meanwhile, on the paper sorting line, the workers look for any garbage, plastic and other items to remove from the paper. Keeping the paper separate from the bottles and cans ensures that the paper is clean and dry and will be accepted at the mill.

We appreciate your efforts to recycle and we hope you will call or email us if you have a question or comment about recycling or your service.

Non-Recyclable: Plastic bags, Styrofoam, broken glass, light bulbs, fluorescent lights, ceramic dishes



Recyclable Containers



Put cell phones & batteries in clear, sealed plastic bags and put under blue lid with the bottles/cans.

Resource Information

South San Francisco Scavenger Co.

- ◆ **Debris and mini debris box service**
- ◆ **On Call Clean-Ups**
Take advantage of your **two** annual On Call Clean-Ups for extra trash and bulky items.
- ◆ **No Trace Mobile Document Destruction** –
At your home or business



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Blue Line Transfer, Inc.

Public Disposal and Recycling Facility

- ◆ **Drop off for San Mateo County Residents**
 - Car batteries
 - Household batteries (\$) • Used motor oil & filters
 - Household paint (\$) • Latex paint
 - Sharps Containers
 - Antifreeze
 - Fluorescent tubes & bulbs (\$) • Cooking oil (\$)

San Mateo County

- ◆ **Household Hazardous Waste Program**
Free drop off – by appointment only

For pesticides, toxic garden & cleaning products, oil based paint, varnishes, stains, household batteries, fluorescent tubes & bulbs, etc.

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