

The Recycler

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Import Policies Impact Recycling

Recent changes in Chinese government policy are having a profound impact on American recycling efforts. Known as "National Sword," the new policy significantly decreases the amount of recyclables that can be shipped to China for processing into new products. It also stipulates that recyclables being shipped must be contaminate-free. South San Francisco Scavenger Company has responded by allocating additional resources to our sorting and quality control efforts.

What can you do?

- **Focus on reducing waste.** Avoid products and packaging that are quickly bound not just for your **garbage** cart but for your **recycling** and **organics** carts as well. Choose reusable, durable products and avoid single-use disposable items.
- **Sort recyclables correctly and keep cart lids closed.** Aluminum, glass, and rigid plastic containers belong under the blue lid of your split cart. When possible, empty and rinse the containers first. Clean, dry paper products belong under the gray lid. Food-soiled and wet paper belong in your organics cart. If you misuse your recycling or organics cart, service may be delayed, your materials collected as garbage, and an extra fee applied.
- **Do not put loose cardboard out for collection on a rainy day.** Save it for your next service day or bring it to Blue Line Transfer. Loads of nothing but clean, dry cardboard are accepted for no charge. Be sure to securely transport your cardboard—truck loads must be covered and tied down.
- **Use your garbage cart for non-hazardous materials that are not allowed in your recycling and organics carts.** Schedule an On-Call Cleanup for large or overflow items (*details on page 2*).
- **Visit our website** at www.ssfscavenger.com or contact us by phone at 650.589.4020 if you have questions regarding what belongs in each of your carts. Also contact us if your recycling cart lids are in need of replacement or repair.
- **Learn more about National Sword** by visiting www.calrecycle.ca.gov.

What's Next?

Sustainable domestic markets are years away. Until they develop, alternative international markets are being utilized and are working to expand. Without successful efforts by Americans to reduce, reuse, and properly sort recyclables and organics, we are likely to see a significant increase in materials sent to landfill—at least in the short-term.

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PLEASE RECYCLE RIGHT!

Paper products belong under the gray lid.
Empty containers belong under the blue lid.

junk mail, newspapers,
magazines, catalogs,
shredded paper (contained
in a paper bag or box),
packaging, tubes

cans/pans/foil, glass
bottles/jars, plastic
bottles/tubs



PLEASE REMEMBER

Our recycling trucks have a split-body and are specially engineered to keep the two streams of recyclables separate. Keeping them separate greatly reduces contamination and increases marketability.

Our thanks to everyone who consistently works to reduce, reuse, and recycle. Please keep up the good work and encourage others to do the same!

Spring Cleaning



Cleaning out your garage, kitchen, bedroom or closets? Residents of single-family homes are entitled to 2 free On-Call Cleanups between January 1 and December 31 of each year. We will collect up to 12 bags of garbage, OR 6 bags of garbage and 1 large item. The large item can be a sofa, mattress, appliance or similar. Special handling fees do apply to some electronics. An appointment is required and must be made at least one business day in advance.



Ready to schedule?

- Call us at 650.589.4020 to make an appointment.
- Tell us what you will be placing at the curb for collection.
- Contain garbage in bags or boxes.

Got hazardous waste?

Make an appointment to take it to one of the County's free collection events. Visit www.smchealth.org/hhw or call 650.363.4718.

Debris Box Service

Have more items than can be collected through On-Call Cleanup?

Or, are you starting a construction, demolition or landscaping project? We provide debris boxes to meet all your disposal needs. Sizes range from 5 to 30 cubic yards.

Contact us at 650.589.4020 for more information or to request delivery.



LANDFILL = LAST RESORT

Before sending useful items to the landfill, please consider:

- ✓ working with a consignment shop
- ✓ donating to your favorite charity
- ✓ listing on freecycle.org or [Craigslist.org](http://craigslist.org)
- ✓ hosting a garage sale



Holiday Reminder

SERVICE DAYS WILL NOT CHANGE DURING
THE WEEKS OF
MEMORIAL DAY AND JULY 4.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PUT YOUR CARTS
OUT ON YOUR REGULAR SERVICE DAY.

Resource Information

South San Francisco Scavenger Co.

- ◆ **Debris Box / Mini Box Service**
Order the right box for your cleaning, construction or landscaping project. We are your exclusive service provider.
- ◆ **On-Call Cleanups**
Take advantage of your two annual On-Call Cleanups for extra garbage and large items.
- ◆ **Online Bill Pasy and Paperless Billing**
Visit our website to sign up.

Blue Line Transfer, Inc.

Public Disposal and Recycling Facility

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

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