



SUMMER SUSTAINABILITY SERIES

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- Session will be recorded
- Participants are muted
- Please be aware of Q&A at bottom of screen – ask your questions here
- We will address questions at various points in the session

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RECYCLING 101:
ARE YOU WISHCYCLING OR REALLY
RECYCLING?

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WISHCYCLING?

A close-up photograph of a dandelion seed head against a blue sky. A semi-transparent yellow circle is overlaid on the center of the image, containing text. The text is in a dark red, serif font for the title and a black, sans-serif font for the definition.

Wishcycling

(Verb)

Putting non-recyclable items into the recycling bin in "hopes" the item will get recycled.

Plastic Resin Codes

| PLASTIC RESIN CODES | | |
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| CODE | GENERALLY ACCEPTED | CHALLENGE MATERIALS |
|  PET |  SODA/WATER BOTTLES, FOOD CONTAINERS |  CLEAR CUPS, CLAMSHELLS |
|  HDPE |  MILK JUGS AND DETERGENT BOTTLES |  PLASTIC BAGS |
|  PVC |  SHAMPOO AND WINDOW CLEANER BOTTLES |  CLAMSHELLS |
|  LDPE |  SQUEEZE BOTTLES |  PLASTIC WRAP |
|  PP |  YOGURT CONTAINERS AND KETCHUP BOTTLES |  MEDICINE BOTTLES |
|  PS |  NOT GENERALLY ACCEPTED |  FOAM TRAYS/CUPS/PLATES, CUTLERY |
|  OTHER |  NOT GENERALLY ACCEPTED |  BABY BOTTLES, CDS |

* Check with your local recycling program to confirm which materials are accepted in the recycling bin or at a special drop-off or collection program.

GENERAL RECYCLING FACTS?

- **Recycling is the top action society can do to simultaneously: improve the environment, the economy, sustainable manufacturing and to prevent waste from going into oceans.**



- Recycling is in a crisis in the U.S. due to public confusion about recycling.
- U.S. recycling levels are currently 21.4%. California is currently between 34-36%.
- When U.S. recycling levels reach 75% it will be the environmental and CO2 equivalent of removing 55 million cars from U.S. roads each year.
- When U.S. recycling levels reach 75% it will generate 1.5 million new jobs.





**CHULA VISTA'S
ROAD PLAN
TO ZERO WASTE
DRAFT**

*2021-2035
Waste Reduction
Strategic Plan*



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WHAT IS CHULA VISTA DOING?

Chula Vista currently has a 62% diversion rate but will soon adopt a zero waste plan that strives to get us close to a 90% diversion by 2035.

<https://www.chulavistaca.gov/departments/clean/environmental-services/zero-waste>

Let's stop the confusion

WHAT GOES WHERE: Easy as 1-2-3

Plastic Bags, Styrofoam, Packaging Material & Food Wrappers



Bolsas de Plástico



Poliestireno



Sobres y envolturas de plastico



Envoltorios de comida

No recyclables or food and yard waste accepted!

No reciclables o desechos de desechos de comida y jardín.

Bottles, Cans, Cartons, Paper & Cardboard



Botellas de Plástico y Vidrio



Botes de Acero y Aluminio



Cartones



Papel y Cartón

Keep it LOOSE. Don't bag recyclables. Scrape out food and pour out liquids.

Material reciclable suelto, no dentro de bolsas. Vacíe comida y líquidos

Seafood, Meat & Dairy, Fruits & Veggies, Food Soiled Paper and Yard Waste



Mariscos, Carne y Lácteos, Frutas y Verduras, Papel Sucio con Alimentos y Desechos de

No Plastics of any type. No Metal . No glass. No poner plasticos, metales or vidris en el contenedor verde

Still wondering what to do?

Para más información visita nuestra página de internet, comunícate y síguenos
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What are the 3 "R's"?

By reducing, reusing and recycling we make less garbage!



REDUCE

Create less garbage.



REUSE

Find new ways to use old items or use it more than once.



RECYCLE

Turn used items into new products.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO PUT IN YOUR RECYCLING CONTAINER?

ONLY place these items in the recycling container



NEVER place these contaminants in the recycling container



WHAT TO DO WITH THOSE HARD TO DISPOSE OF ITEMS

• DISPOSING COOKING OIL: WHAT NOT TO DO

Don't Pour Down
Drain/Sink

Don't Pour Down Toilet



COOKING OIL

It's easy to dispose of your cooking oil!

Put used cooking oil in a bottle/container with a watertight lid. Call Republic Services at (619) 421-9400 two days before your regular collection day. Then put your oil at the curb.

OR

Take oil to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility* located at 1800 Maxwell Road on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 am -1 pm.



What to do with those hard to dispose of items



Problem:

Putting batteries and electronics in your recycling

- Creates fire hazards by starting fires
 - at the landfill
 - in the trash truck
 - at the recycling facility
- They can contaminate recyclables

Solution:

Take them to the City's Household Hazardous Waste Facility located at 1800 Maxwell Rd CV, CA 91911.

The facility is open on Wed and Sat from 9 am – 1 pm and no appointment is necessary.





**TAKE THE GUESS WORK OUT OF IT
REDUCE WHAT YOU GENERATE**



HOUSEHOLD ITEMS YOU CAN REUSE



1. Cereal bags

Reuse it like wax paper to separate hamburger patties before freezing them, wrap sandwiches for your lunch, store lettuce and other leafy vegetables and you can use them as reusable snack bags.

2. Berry boxes

Plant spring bulbs in empty berry boxes and bury them in the ground and keep animals from eating your flowers.



3. Plastic food containers

Butter tubs and yogurt containers come in a variety of sizes and are perfect for a range of foods. Containers with tight seals are perfect for soups and liquids. You can also reuse some of these as take-out containers.



4. Dryer sheets

Use dryer sheets to dust off electronic items because they reduce static cling and keep them free of dust longer. Eliminate the need for dusting products by reusing your old dryer sheets.



5. Egg cartons

The oval-shaped compartments of egg cartons also well-suited for storing even the most fragile holiday ornaments safely.



6. Plastic bottles

Don't buy expensive pots and planters - use plastic beverage bottles. Lay the bottle on its side and cut an opening in the middle, fill it with dirt and add a plant.



ALWAYS REMEMBER...



Empty clean and dry

Scrape it out, pour it out and keep it clean to prevent contamination.



Never bag or bundle

Always put recyclables loose in the cart.



Tangle free

Keep tanglers out of the recycling cart. Tanglers include, but not limited to, hoses, plastic bags, cords, ropes and wire hangers.



Household Hazardous Waste

Don't throw it away! Take all HHW to the City's Household Hazardous Waste Facility located at 1800 Maxwell Rd. Facility hours are Wednesday and Saturday 9am – 1pm.

RECYCLABLE OR TRASH?



Clear Plastic Cups



Plastic Fruit Baskets



Plastic Straws



Plastic Take Out Containers

RECYCLABLE OR TRASH?



Cardboard wrapped in film plastic

SPECIAL COVID-19 RELATED ITEMS



DID YOU KNOW THESE RECYCLING FACTS?



- Recycling a single aluminum can saves enough energy to power a TV for three hours.
- It requires 95% less energy and water to recycle a can than it does to create a can from virgin materials.



- Recycling just one glass jar saves enough electricity to light an 11-watt CFL bulb for 20 hours.
- More than 28 billion glass bottles and jars end up in landfills every year -- that is the equivalent of filling up two Empire State Buildings every three weeks.



- Five plastic bottles (PET) recycled provides enough fiber to create one square foot of carpet or enough fiber fill to fill one ski jacket.
- Recycling one ton of plastic bottles saves the equivalent energy usage of a two-person household for one year.



- Recycling 1 ton of cardboard saves 46 gallons of oil.
- Recycling a stack of newspaper just 3 feet high saves one tree.



QUESTIONS?



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