

The Recycler

Spring 2015



Residential Food Scraps Collection. Thank you for your participation!

What can go into the Green Cart?

Food Scraps



Food Soiled Paper



Yard Trimmings



Not Acceptable in the Program
No Plastic, Glass or Metal and No Pet Waste



DO NOT put in the green cart:
Plastic bottles, bags (including compostable "bio bags"), lids, straws, other plastic items, aseptic boxes (e.g., juice box), glass, metal, pet waste, kitty litter, or other trash.

For more information visit
www.ssfscavenger.com/foodscraps
or call 650.589.4020.

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Questions, Comments about the Food Scraps Program?

We appreciate your questions and comments. Please contact us if you have any questions, comments or concerns about handling or storing your food scraps at 650.589.4020 x 105 or info@ssfscavenger.com.

FAQ's

Q. I'm concerned that food scraps in the kitchen pail or in the green cart will attract fruit flies.



A. To prevent fruit flies, line the kitchen pail with used paper towels, newspaper or a paper bag which will absorb moisture and scents that attract fruit flies. Also, keep the lid on the pail firmly closed when not in use. You might also consider freezing or refrigerating food scraps in the pail or other reusable container.

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Q. We have raccoons in our neighborhood and I'm concerned that they will smell the food and try to knock over the cart.

A. The best defense is to not overload the cart and to keep the cart lid firmly closed. Food scrap odors can be masked by wrapping them in old newspaper or paper bags. Also, place yard trimmings or pieces of cardboard over the food scraps.

Q. I use organic kitty litter. Can I put it in the green cart?

A. We cannot accept any pet waste in the green cart including kitty litter or other animal bedding that may contain urine or feces. Similarly we can't accept any materials that contain human bodily waste.

Q. Why can't we use plastic bags or compostable bio-bags for food scraps?

A. We do not accept plastic bags or bio-bags in the food scraps / yard trimmings, because they interfere with the anaerobic digestion process. Food and food soiled paper need to be exposed in order to decompose inside the digesters. Plastics,

along with other non-compostable materials also contaminate the end product, organic compost.

Q. Can I put wax paper and waxy paper milk cartons in with the food scraps?

A. Yes, wax paper and waxy milk and juice cartons can be included.

In fact, waxy milk and juice cartons and paper take out containers are great for storing soggy food scraps, coffee grounds, tea bags, etc.

Q. Can I put juice boxes, soy milk cartons in the green bin?



A. No, the juice boxes and other aseptic packaging, while they look similar to waxy milk cartons are made from a composite material of paper, plastic and aluminum and therefore they do not decompose.

Over loaded Carts



- ◆ Attract Animals and Birds
- ◆ Common Source of Street Litter

Please do not overload your recycling and garbage carts and make sure the cart lids are closed. Overloaded carts invite birds and animals to pull open the bags and create a mess. Rain and wind carry loose debris into local storm drains which flow to local creeks and to the San Francisco Bay.

Environmental regulatory Agencies are requiring municipalities to reduce litter

- ◆ 70% litter reduction by 2017.
- ◆ 100% by 2022.

What you can do to help reduce litter

- ◆ Do not over load carts.
- ◆ Keep lids on carts closed.
- ◆ Keep carts away from storm drains.
- ◆ Increase size of garbage cart if it is constantly overfilled.
- ◆ Use the TWO FREE annual on call clean-up service for bulky items and extra garbage.

Call SSFSC office at 650.589.4020 if you have extra bags of garbage or recycling.

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.
- ◆ **Online Bill Pay and Paperless Billing are now available.**

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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 (\$)

San Mateo County

◆ RecycleWorks Program

Website www.RecycleWorks.org, toll free hotline: 1.888.442.2666

Volunteer to teach your community about resource conservation and earn a certificate of completion. Free courses are being offered to residents of San Mateo County as part of a new program called RecycleWorks Volunteer Academy. Learn more at www.RecycleWorks.org