

Why Recycle?

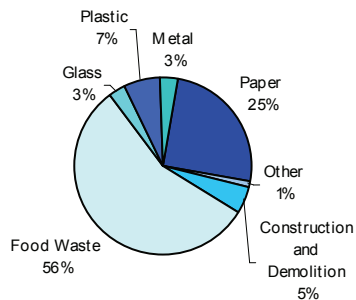
It's inexpensive and convenient—
Plus it's the Law!

The County of San Diego offers free assistance to restaurants and bars in the unincorporated area to help their recycling programs comply with County ordinance. To conserve resources and meet the State of California mandate to reduce waste by 50%, the County **requires** restaurants and bars to recycle **cardboard, glass bottles and jars, aluminum and steel cans, plastic beverage bottles, and appliances.**

(San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinance Section 68.570)

Wonder what your waste is made of?

California Solid Waste Characterization Study, California Integrated Waste Management Board, December 1999.



Food waste is over 50% of restaurant waste! Restaurants interested in saving money by participating in a **pilot food waste recycling project** should contact County staff.

Recycling Assistance



The County of San Diego provides consultations, referrals, and **FREE Slim Jim recycling containers, lids, stickers, and posters** to help restaurants and bars in the unincorporated area comply with County ordinance.

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Restaurant Waste Management and Recycling

IMPLEMENTING THE MANDATORY RECYCLING ORDINANCE

A STEP BY STEP GUIDE
FOR PROPERTY OWNERS
AND MANAGERS



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How to Get Started

Step 1: Call County Staff

Call **858-874-4081** for an on-site consultation. The County can provide you with **free** in-store recycling **collection bins**, **assistance** in working with service providers, **labels** for recycling bins, and **promotional materials** for your employees.

Step 2: Choose a Service Provider

When deciding which company to select, keep in mind the following:

-What recyclable materials are accepted? Most companies now offer **single stream recycling**, which **accepts all of the required recyclables** shown in the sign to the right.

-Are the company's bins well-labeled and lockable (to prevent scavenging)?

-Will you see a cost savings in your trash bill once you start recycling? **Single stream recycling is generally much less than comparable trash service.**

Step 3: Choose Container Locations

Large recycling bins should be placed in or next to trash enclosures.



Step 4: Spread the Word

To inform staff and customers about the new recycling program, the County offers free "how-to-recycle" posters.

Step 5: Start Recycling!

All of the materials pictured above can be recycled.

Step 6: Share Your Success

As trash bins are eliminated or additional recycling bins are set out, share the good news! Build goodwill by letting the public know of your success.

Why Recycle?

• **Required by San Diego County Solid Waste Ordinance**

The County is required to meet a State Mandated 50% diversion rate from the landfill. Also, recycling increases the life of local landfills.

• **Cost Savings on Trash Bill**

By reducing waste, you may achieve savings on your trash bills.

• **Conserve Natural Resources**

Products made from recycled materials require less energy and produce less air and water pollution than those made from virgin materials.



Case Study: Cost Savings

By changing their waste and recycling service from 2 trash dumpsters to 1 trash and 1 recycling dumpster, a restaurant in Rancho San Diego reduced their trash bill by 28%, a cost savings of \$202 a month. This is an annual savings of \$2,424 !