

FoodCycle

WHAT to FoodCycle



Fruits,
Vegetables



Dairy, Eggs



Tea Bags,
Coffee
Grounds,
Filters



Meat,
Seafoods,
Bones



Cooking
Grease, Oil



Grains, Nut
Shells

HOW to FoodCycle

1

Choose a collection container that works for you.



Line the pail with a clear plastic bag to prevent mess and odors. All bags are screened out during processing.

Or wrap scraps in newspaper.

Helpful tips to reduce odors:

- Store in the fridge or freezer until your bag is full.
- Empty pail every few days into the food scrap cart or bin.
- Wash pail regularly (FoodCycle pail is dishwasher safe)

2

We want all your food scraps – every bit counts!

FoodCycle when you're:

- preparing and cooking meals (including cooled cooking oil)
- scraping leftovers from your plate
- cleaning spoiled food from the fridge or pantry
- making coffee or tea (coffee grounds and tea bags belong, too!)



Be sure to remove any packaging and place it in the garbage.

3

Empty food scraps into the food scrap cart or bin in your complex.

Your complex will have a brown cart or bin next to where you normally take your recyclables and garbage, including a chute room if you have one.

Put food scraps only in this shared cart/bin. No garbage, recyclables, or yard trimmings.



Watch tips and tricks at
[Youtube.com/
SunnyvaleRecycling](https://www.youtube.com/SunnyvaleRecycling)



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HOW To Keep it Clean and Fresh



Use a clear plastic bag as a liner



Keep food scraps in the fridge or freezer until collection day



Empty your pail every few days into the food scrap cart or bin.

If you don't want the countertop pail, you can drop it off at the SMaRT Station (301 Carl Rd.) or City Hall Annex (650 W. Olive Ave.). Contact Utilities at 408-730-7400 if you have questions.

WHY FoodCycle?

When we put our food scraps in the brown cart or bin each week, we accomplish great things for Sunnyvale. It reduces waste by not sending thousands of tons of food scraps to a landfill each year. Keeping food out of landfills also prevents methane, a powerful greenhouse gas that causes climate change. Instead, the nutrients from our food scraps are captured and put to innovative use.

Your food scraps have been turned into:

- Fertilizer amendment that keeps soil healthy
- Electricity (energy production) through an anaerobic digester
- FDA-approved animal feed ingredient for chicken, pigs and fish



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