

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 collection day.
- Empty pail every few days into the split cart.
- 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 brown side of your curbside cart.

Only food goes in the brown side of the cart.

No garbage, recyclables or yard trimmings.



Don't want the countertop pail? Contact Utilities at **408-730-7400** for a pick up.

4

Set out your cart for collection.

Place your FoodCycle cart at the curb by 7 a.m. on your scheduled collection day.



Watch tips and tricks at
**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



Set out food the night before or morning of pickup



Replace your dirty cart with a clean cart twice a year*

*To request a replacement for a dirty cart, go to Sunnyvale.ca.gov, search *How to Get Rid of Anything*, and click "Request Clean Cart Replacement."

WHY FoodCycle?

When we put our food scraps into the brown side of the cart 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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