

Policy 3.2.4 Zero Waste

POLICY PURPOSE:

The City of Sunnyvale understands that the placement of materials in waste disposal facilities such as landfills, causes damage to human health, wastes natural resources, and transfers liabilities to future generations. The purpose of this Zero Waste Policy is to:

- Protect the environment and conserve natural resources
- Help prevent pollutants from entering the air, land, and water
- Create a more efficient economy
- Preserve the environment for future generations

POLICY STATEMENT:

It is the policy of the City of Sunnyvale that the City will work to:

1. Reduce that amount of Sunnyvale waste being disposed
2. Encourage residents, businesses and agencies to reuse, reduce, and recycle materials judiciously
3. Empower consumers to use their buying power to demand non-toxic, easily reused, recycled or composted products
4. Encourage manufacturers to produce and market less toxic and more durable, repairable, reuseable, recycled and recyclable products
5. Lobby regional, state and federal legislators to implement laws, policies and regulations that promote Zero Waste
6. Work locally and regionally to assist in Zero Waste planning
7. Lead by example and implement Zero Waste goals for all City buildings
8. Put policies in place that favor environmental and economically sustainable practices

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Lead Department: Department of Environmental Services