





























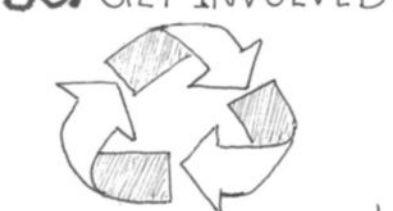


APRIL

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS MONTH

2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 KIND <i>Respectful</i> RESPONSIBLE	1. DON'T BE FOOLED  PROTECT OUR EARTH	2. Use Refillable  BEVERAGE CONTAINERS	3. Eating out? Bring Containers for  LEFTOVERS	4. Shop with REUSABLE bags/ Sacks/containers 	5. OUT WITH DISPOSABLES  IN WITH REAL GOODS	6. Switch to REUSABLE TOWELS  <i>for Cleaning</i>
7. THINK before you throw  DONATE!	8. CREATE A GAME  FROM ODD PIECES	9. BUY CLOTHING  SECONDHAND	10. REPAIR  BORROW OR RENT TOOLS	11. RECYCLE RIGHT! CURBSIDE  SEE BACK FOR DETAILS →	12. RECYCLE Loose materials  DON'T BAG 'EM	13. RECYCLE  CLEAN & EMPTY
14. RECYCLE  ALUMINUM+STEEL	15. RECYCLE  GLASS	16. RECYCLE  PAPER	17. RECYCLE  BOXES-flatten	18. RECYCLE  CARTONS-STRAWS	19. RECYCLE  PLASTIC-No #6	20. RECYCLE Plastic bags/ film at store  PlasticFilmRecycling.org
21. It's ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WEEK  neefusa.org	22. EARTH DAY  TAKE CARE OF OUR DEAR MOTHER	23. Switch to LEDS  when bulbs burn out	24. Use HEAT and A/C in MODERATION 	25. Unplug  When not using appliances and electronics	26. ARBOR DAY  Plant a Native tree arborday.org	27. PICK UP TRASH OUTDOORS  take3.org
28. Compost AT HOME 	29. REDUCE WASTED FOOD  please... DONATE FOOD PANTRY WastedFood.com	30. GET INVOLVED  Be the CHANGE!	"The environment is where we all meet; where all have a mutual interest; it is the one thing all of us share." - Lady Bird Johnson			

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RECYCLE RIGHT - A FEW THINGS TO KNOW

Since China enacted its Green Sword Policy in 2017, bales of exported recyclables can no longer have a significant degree of unlike materials or “contamination.” As a result, the United States has found itself looking for new and smarter ways to recycle.

It’s time to go back to basics, to know what materials are “accepted” and how to prepare them before placing in the recycling cart. When materials are picked up from households, they are taken to a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) for processing. Technology is key to how materials are sorted, and markets dictate what materials are wanted by manufacturers to make new products.

Recycling companies are going after quality - not quantity. If residents follow these simple rules, recycling can and will get back on track.

- 1. Make sure that you only recycle “accepted” items.
- 2. Materials need to be empty and clean - free of food/ beverage residue.
- 3. Put recyclables in cart loose - do not put in plastic bags! Plastic bags and film wrap get stuck in the sorting equipment. Take a peek at the sorting process at a MRF - <http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=viYLnHQ9peM>.
- 4. Some materials have reuse, recycling or special disposal programs, but should never be put in curbside recycling carts.

THINK BEFORE YOU BUY

Recycling is part of Sustainable Materials Management, but a better approach is to reduce use of single-serve, one-time use products and packaging. Take a beverage bottle or mug while on the go, look for items in bulk with little or no packaging, take you own containers to the store to fill, and don’t forget your reusable shopping bags - and put them back in your car for next time. Additionally, pack a waste-free lunch for work or school and leave reusable food containers in the car for leftovers when eating out. One simple thing multiplied by many makes a BIG difference!



Materials go in cart LOOSE!
Empty & Clean!



Plastic
Bottles - Caps On Preferred, Tubs, Jugs, Jars
No Bags or Film
No Foam

Glass
Bottles & Jars

Metal
Steel & Aluminum

Mixed Paper & Cartons
Flatten Boxes

Verify details with your community recycler!

Do Not Put in Recycling Carts!



No Electronics or Sharps

No Plastic Bags or Wrap

No Food, Liquids, Diapers, or Shredded Paper

No Clothing or Shoes

No Hoses, Wires, or Hangers

Visit swancc.org and check IEPA interactive site at bit.ly/recycleil

SWANCC PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES

SWANCC offers the following programs to residents that live in a member community for materials that can be recycled or need to be safely disposed. No business, school or institutional materials will be accepted. IDs will be checked.

- Document Destruction Events
- Electronics Recycling (permanent drop-offs locations and one-day events)
- Fluorescent Light Bulb Recycling
- Holiday Lights
- Pharmaceutical Disposal
- Sharps Disposal

SWANCC offers a variety of resources to educate individuals about reducing, reusing and recycling opportunities, as products that can be healthier for our families and environment:

- Books, Curriculum, and DVDs For Loan**
- Closing the Loop Brochure
 - Eco Cleaning Guide
 - Eco-Friendly Marketplace Guide
 - Eco Landscaping Guide
 - Green Pages Reuse and Recycling Directory
 - Waste Reduction Solutions Brochure

- Informational YouTube Videos:**
- Composting at Home
 - Electronics Recycling: Know the Law
 - How to Dry Latex Paint and Dispose of Household Chemical Wastes
 - Recycling 101: The Dos and Don'ts

For details regarding the above programs and resources, or for additional information, visit swancc.org or call the Agency at (847) 724-9205.

Connect With SWANCC
Join the Agency’s online community for upcoming event reminders and information on waste reduction, recycling and sustainability.

