

Special Recycling Considerations

Batteries: When batteries are discarded they become “hazardous waste” and in California those products are barred from landfills. This rule applies to batteries of all sizes. Used batteries can be taken to a house-hold hazardous waste disposal facility, an authorized recycling facility or a universal waste handler for proper disposal.

Electronics: E-waste is the popular, informal name for electronic products like computers, televisions, DVD players, stereos, copiers and cell phones. California prohibits these items from landfills and they should never be placed in the household trash; however they can be recycled at an authorized facility.

Hazardous Waste: These items **must** be recycled or disposed of at specifically designated collection facilities. Hazardous waste includes: acids, antifreeze, household batteries, car batteries, brake and transmission fluid, household cleaners, pool chemicals, gasoline and other flammables, mercury thermometers, motor oil, oil-based or latex paint, paint thinners, pesticides and herbicides, barbecue-style propane tanks and solvents.

For more info visit:

www.epa.gov/recycle

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*The job of the Environmental Department is to protect, restore, & enhance natural resources on the Soboba reservation for all tribal members **past, present, and future.***



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The Do's and Don'ts of Recycling



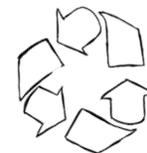


The benefits of recycling and why its important

In 2014, in the United States, about 258 million tons of municipal solid waste (MSW) were generated. Over 87 million tons of MSW were recycled and composted, equivalent to a **34.6 percent recycling rate** and the annual reduction of more than 186 million metric tons of carbon dioxide, which is comparable to removing emissions from over 39 million passenger vehicles from the road in one year.

Just reading those statistics alone shows the huge impact recycling can create. Here are some other great reasons recycling is important and why we should all do more:

1. It saves energy
2. It reduces greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global climate change
3. Helps sustain the environment for future generations
4. Conserves natural resources such as timber, water and minerals
5. Reduces the amount of waste sent to landfills and combustion facilities
6. Prevents pollution by reducing the need to collect new raw materials



How Do I Recycle? Common Recyclables

Great news! You have decided to recycle, that is the first eco-conscience step, now you also want to make sure items are recycled correctly. Below you will find common recyclables and the best options to recycle them.

What Can go In Your Recycling Bin?



Paper

Paper makes up nearly 30% of MSW generated each year comprised of old corrugated containers, mixed paper, old newspapers, high grade deinked paper (copy paper and envelopes) and pulp substitutes (shavings and clippings). All of these paper grades can be recycled.

Cardboard

All types of cardboard can be recycled except waxed cardboard! Cereal boxes, pizza boxes, detergent boxes, cracker boxes etc. can all be recycled. Please break them down flat and place them in or next to your recycle bins.

Aluminum Drink Cans and Tin Cans

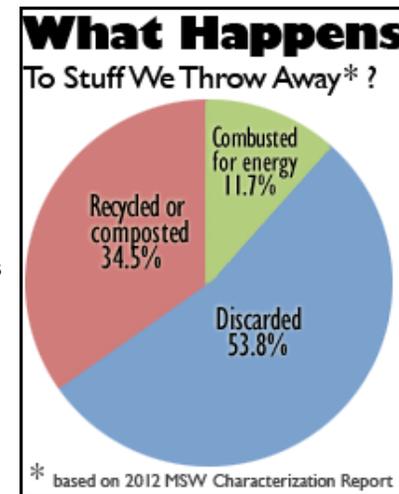
All aluminum, steel and tin cans all go into the recycling bin. Always rinse them first.

Plastics

Plastic bottles and containers that bear the 1 or 2 plastic resin codes can be recycled.

What Can Go in Your Recycling Bin:

1. Plastic bags – black bags, bin liners, shopping bags, bread wrappers and crisp bags
2. Plastic film – cling film, wrappers, packaging and bubble wrap
3. Hard plastics – toys, food storage containers, etc.
4. Tin-foil or tin trays – disposable barbecue trays and take-away food containers
5. **No** meat, poultry or fish (raw or cooked) wrappers, trays or packaging
6. Coal bags, compost and fertilizer bags and pet-food bags or pouches
7. Clothes/shoes
8. Glass/ ceramics



Use common sense when recycling. If

you don't think it should be recycled or you're not sure, ask someone!

