

Solana Beach School District Recycling

The Solana Beach School District is committed to making sure their students are not only achieving their academic potential but also teaching them healthy and environmentally friendly practices.

WHY RECYCLE?

Recycling conserves the natural resources, saves energy and landfill space, reduces pollution, and creates jobs. By recycling we can strengthen the economy and help sustain the environment for future generations.

WHY RECYCLE AT SCHOOL?

The City of San Diego's Mandatory Recycling Ordinance (MRO) and the State of California's mandatory recycling law (AB 341), requires schools and school districts to recycle and meet State requirements to divert at least 75% of waste from landfills by 2020. Schools are essential in making recycling work in San Diego and the State of California. By recycling at school, students, parents, teachers, and all staff can learn not only the basics of recycling, but about sustainability, resource conservation, and environmental stewardship. Recycling helps to save our district money through avoided disposal costs. The less that is thrown away, less garbage is hauled away.

WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED?

The most common items recycled at school is mixed paper (all types), cardboard, rigid plastics, glass bottles and jars, and metal containers. Solana Beach School District has commingled recycling where all recyclables can be mixed together.

Commingled:

Remove food and liquid from all recyclables

ALL PAPER AND CARDBOARD

- Construction and Poster Paper
- Pizza, Donut, and Bagel Boxes
- Wrapping Paper
- Milk and Juice Cartons
- Paper Sacks
- Molded Fiber Drink Carriers and Lunch Trays
- Spiral Notebooks (metal or plastic spiral ok)
- Old Books, Magazines, and Catalogs

ALL RIGID PLASTIC

- Bottles, Jugs, Jars and Tubs
- Microwave Bowls, Trays and Plastic Food Containers
- Catering Trays, Containers, and Lids
- Plastic Coffee Shop Cups, and "Party" Cups
- Buckets, Pails, Toys and Crates

ALL METAL

- Aluminum Foil and Food Services Products
- Tin Cans
- EMPTY Aerosol Cans and Paint Cans

- Metal Frames, Parts, Pipes and Office Products

GLASS

- All Glass Bottles and Jars

Recycling should be available in the following locations: Classrooms, cafeteria/lunch areas, and office/teacher work areas. Each location is equipped with one recycling receptacle and one trash receptacle. The custodial staff empty the receptacles daily, with emptying the contents into their respective three-yard dumpster. **The custodial staff will only commingle trash with recycle, if the recycle has been contaminated by trash products being placed into the recycle receptacles.**

All school sites have one three yard recycle and trash receptacle on site. Some school sites have a three yard green dumpster for landscape waste. The trash dumpsters are picked up once a day, Monday-Friday, the recycle dumpsters are picked up once a week, and the green dumpsters are picked up twice a week. For more information on recycling and landfill, please call Maintenance and Operations at (858) 794-7150.

SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES:

- Green Cleaning Products
- Energy Management - Controlled heating, conditioned air, and lighting
- Solar-Locations:
 - Solana Ranch
 - Solana Pacific
 - Solana Highlands
 - Skyline
- Lighting Upgrades
- Lighting motion sensors and "Turn Your Lights Off" Stickers
- Computer energy power saving settings
- Battery system to offset cost of energy during peak hours of usage
 - Location: Carmel Creek

OTHER TYPES OF RECYCLING

- Universal Waste- Fluorescent lamps, ballasts and batteries
- Electronic Waste - All other electronic waste not considered Universal Waste
- Unused medicine
- Sharps/Needles
- Printer/copier cartridges