



SAN FRANCISCANS COMPOSTING MORE AT HOME

At farmers' markets enjoy bounty you helped grow

Plump heirloom tomatoes have arrived. It's corn season. Watermelon and cantaloupe are heavy with juicy sweetness.

Farmers' markets are open in San Francisco. August and September are great months to peruse rows of fresh produce and meet the people who grow our food.

These open-air markets are one of the wonderful things about our city and offer some of the most nutritious and delicious fruits and vegetables grown in Northern California.

San Franciscans enjoy another great connection with local farmers. Every time we put food scraps and yard trimmings in curbside composting collection bins we help make compost that feeds the soil on local farms. In this way, we help grow the produce sold at farmers' markets in our fine city.

Tons collected for composting on residential routes measured 12 percent higher in June compared to one year ago.



The double-digit increase shows San Francisco residents sheltering at home have stepped up their participation in the curbside composting program big-time during COVID-19.

This program also keeps materials out of landfills and helps reduce gas emissions.

Composting supports a healthy, natural loop. San Francisco pioneered curbside composting collection, and many cities and universities across the country are following our lead.

For a list of certified farmers' markets, go to cdfa.ca.gov/is/docs/CurrentMrktsCounty.pdf

8 minutes, 46 seconds of silence



Recology employee-owners in solidarity for racial and social equity. Ayana Banks (above) helped lead the demonstration at Recycle Central on Pier 96 in San Francisco.

Recology employees across the company paused operations at noon on Monday, July 20 for 8 minutes and 46 seconds to remember the life of George Floyd and support calls to end racial and social injustice.

This time — 8 minutes, 46 seconds — reflects the period authorities say Floyd was pinned to the ground under a Minneapolis police officer's knee before he died.

Recology drivers pulled the collection and transport trucks they operate to a stop in safe locations. Recycling sorters paused recycling lines. Mechanics put down their tools. Recology employees working at home also participated.

The demonstration was organized by our union partners. Recology endorsed the idea and made it a company-wide event attended by everyone from the newest hire to top managers.

From advocacy organizations and businesses to national sports teams and state and city leaders, observing a moment of silence has become a call in support of racial and social equality.

The action served as a powerful reminder that while we might not be able to come together physically, Recology employee-owners are acting in solidarity.

The best way to contact us is through email: CustomerService@RecologySF.com

Dispose of used masks, gloves, wipes in landfill bin

Reports increasingly say wearing masks is one of our best defenses against contracting coronavirus, and in San Francisco we are doing our part to follow that guidance.

Unfortunately, some used masks and latex gloves have appeared on city streets and sidewalks. Used antiseptic wipes have also ended up in inappropriate places, such as on the ground near public trash bins.

This goes beyond litter as we all try to protect ourselves from exposure to the virus.

Wearing reusable masks and using cleaning cloths can decrease the amount of material that needs to be discarded.

Use, wash and dry, use again. These simple steps help keep us safe while reducing waste, which helps protect the environment.

Disposable masks, gloves, and wipes should go in landfill bins. The contents



of San Francisco's trash bins go to the Transfer Station, get compacted, and transported to the landfill.

Never put used masks, gloves, or wipes in recycling or composting collection bins. The blue bin is for bottles, cans, paper, and cardboard. The green bin is for food scraps and yard trimmings.

While some cities have cut back recycling and composting during this

time, Recology implemented new safety protocols and our employees continue to complete their duties.

Together with our customers, we are keeping San Francisco's recycling moving.

Please help reduce potential exposure to the virus by properly managing all personal protective equipment.

PLAY IT SMART

Schedule a Bulky Item Recycling pickup



Visit the Recology site [RecycleMyJunk.com](https://www.recyclemyjunk.com) for program rules, setout guidelines, and to book a pickup.



Abandoning unwanted items on San Francisco sidewalks is considered a blight on our neighborhoods, a form of illegal dumping, and those who do it risk substantial fines from the City.

Recology offers three quick-and-easy ways for San Franciscans to schedule a Bulky Item Recycling collection appointment **at no additional cost.**

Residents can schedule a BIR collection by using the Recology app, visiting our

website, or calling our Customer Service Department at (415) 330-1300.

This service is helpful and convenient for residents cleaning out garages, side yards, and other spaces at homes and individual apartment units.

Book your appointment early to secure the date that best fits your needs. Items scheduled for pickup should be placed next to the curb in front of your residence, taking care to keep the sidewalk clear.

Large items accepted in the BIR program include:

- Appliances
- Electronics
- Mattresses
- Furniture
- Cardboard
- Carpets and carpet padding
- Metal

View our newsletter online in English, Spanish, and Chinese at [Recology.com/sfnewsletter](https://www.recyclemyjunk.com/sfnewsletter).

For the most up-to-date information on hours of operation, closures, services, and programs, go to [Recology.com](https://www.recyclemyjunk.com).

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