



Santa Cruz County Residential Recycling Drop-Off Sites

NOTE: THE CHANGE IN HOURS AND DAYS OF OPERATIONS IS EFFECTIVE 9/21/09

Rio Rico Landfill*

1500 Frontage Road, Rio Rico
(520) 761-7892

Hours of Operation

Mon-Fri: 8:00am-4:00pm

Sat: 8:00am-2:00pm

Sun: Closed

Sonoita Elgin/Landfill*

2.5 miles east of Sonoita at Hwy 83 and Lower Elgin Road
(520) 455-0409

Hours of Operation

Fri -Mon: 8:00am-4:30pm but closed from 12:00noon-1:00pm

Closed Tue, Wed, & Thurs.

Town of Patagonia

Behind the Patagonia Post Office
(520) 761-7892

Hours of Operation

Mon-Sun, During Daylight Hours

Tubac/Amado Transfer Station*

2566 West Frontage Road, Tubac
(520) 761-7892

Hours of Operation

Fri-Mon: 8:00am-4:00pm but Closed from 12:00noon-1:00pm
Closed Tue, Wed & Thurs.

* = Closed on all Federal Holidays

Residential Recycling Guide

None of these locations accept large quantities or materials from business or manufacturing. If you have commercial volumes of waste you would like to recycle, call (520) 761-7892 or (520) 375-7830.

Recycling services are provided at no cost to citizens of Santa Cruz County.

All County recycling sites accept: (Can be placed in the Green or Blue Recycling Containers)

- ◆ Newspaper, magazines, catalogues (no phone books).
- ◆ Aluminum cans and foil.
- ◆ Plastic #1-#2-such as soda and shampoo bottles, milk/water jugs. No tubs, pails or other plastic.
- ◆ Steel/tin cans-such as canned food cans.

Glass

Glass must be placed in the Glass Container. Do not mix glass with the above recyclables, because glass is a contaminate in a single stream sort line. In a single stream sort line glass can cause lacerations and puncture to the employees who sort the recyclable materials and it also damages the equipment used in a single stream sort line.

- ◆ Clear and colored glass.

Rio Rico and Sonoita sites accept:

- ◆ Household chemicals such as chlorine, paint thinner and other solvents.
- ◆ Batteries.
- ◆ Spray and liquid paint.
- ◆ Antifreeze and motor oil. (Place in waste oil container).
- ◆ Computers, printers, electronic equipment, and circuit boards (stacked on pallets).
- ◆ Tires (Residential Only: first 5 tires are free without rims. If more than 5 tires, without rims @ \$150/ton. All tires with rims are \$5 each.)

By recycling you help Santa Cruz County:

- ◆ To create jobs.
- ◆ To extend landfill life.
- ◆ To prevent accumulation of hazardous materials in the landfill.

The following recycling services are only available at the Rio Rico Landfill.

Corrugated Cardboard:

- ◆ Please empty, flatten and cut to 3' by 3' (no Styrofoam or bubble wrap).
- ◆ No wax coating (produce boxes).
- ◆ Pressed board (cereal, shoe or 12-pak containers).
- ◆ Brown paper grocery bags can be recycled with corrugated cardboard.

Newspaper:

- ◆ Loose Newspaper and newspaper inserts.
- ◆ Please do no bundle or bag your newspaper.

Office paper:

- ◆ White office paper, copy or computer paper.
- ◆ Mixed paper, light colored paper.
- ◆ Junk mail and envelopes.
- ◆ No bright colored papers and envelopes.
- ◆ No goldenrod (bright yellow receipt paper).
- ◆ No glue or adhesive paper.

Magazines:

- ◆ All magazines and small catalogs (includes large catalogs with glue bindings).

Electronic Components:

Electronic components contain hazardous material, such as lead, mercury, arsenic and cadmium. The Rio Rico Landfill accepts cell phones, computers, keyboards, printers and TV's.

Do Not Recycle:

Plastic bags; tissue paper; paper towels; carbon paper; photographic paper; paper plates and cups; paper ream wrappers; blueprints; glued binders; plastic binders; plastic wrapping or packaging; phone books; plastic chairs, blinds, gutters, toys, etc; newspaper with twine, straps or rubber bands; auto parts; electronics or batteries; window glass, mirrors, ceramics or crystal; medical supplies or containers; construction

and finishing materials and products; herbicide, pesticide, automotive, chemical or other hazardous product containers; green (yard) waste; food waste.

FACTS ABOUT RECYCLING:

FACT: Santa Cruz County currently recycles only 3% of its total waste.

FACT: The Rio Rico landfill is getting full. When it closes, we'll have to find another option for our garbage.

FACT: We can do a better job of recycling in Santa Cruz County, but we need your help!

FACT: The average American generates 4.4 pounds of garbage every day. Approximately half of that could be recycled.

FACT: The energy saved by recycling one aluminum can, can run a TV set for three hours or light a 100 watt bulb for 20 hours.

FACT: Americans throw away enough aluminum every three months to rebuild our entire commercial air fleet.

FACT: A ton of paper made from recycled paper instead of virgin fiber saves 17 trees.

FACT: TV's and computers can contain an average of four pounds of lead, as well as other substances, such as chromium, cadmium, mercury, beryllium, nickel, zinc and borminated flame retardants.

FACT: The average American will throw away more than 15 pounds of electronic waste each year.

Here's what you can do...

- ✓ Identify the recycling sites nearest you (see list inside).
- ✓ Collect glass, plastic, tin, aluminum, and newspapers; don't put them in the garbage.
- ✓ Take these items to a Residential Drop-Off site so they can be recycled.
- ✓ Deliver hazardous waste, computers, electronics, and old tires to approved facilities—or local collection day drop-off. points

TIPS FOR REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF GARBAGE BURIED

Beyond recycling, the best way to reduce waste is to create less of it. Use these tips to consume less and reduce waste in your household.

- ◆ Be a conscious consumer; buy only what you really need.
- ◆ Opt for brands that use minimal packaging.
- ◆ Repair old things instead of buying new.
- ◆ Rent, lease or share items with friends or neighbors.
- ◆ Make double-sided copies.
- ◆ Invest in cloth instead of paper napkins.
- ◆ Use old rags instead of paper towels.
- ◆ Take reusable beverage cups to the coffee shop to avoid disposable cups.
- ◆ Find new uses for glass jars and plastic containers.
- ◆ Invest in rechargeable batteries.
- ◆ Use cloth instead of disposable diapers.
- ◆ Give unwanted items to charity.
- ◆ Buy brands made from recycled materials especially items such as toilet paper, plastic, and office paper.
- ◆ Encourage the stores you shop in to stock products made from recycled materials.