

# Why Recycle Green Waste

## Required By San Diego County Solid Waste Ordinance Section 68.570

The County is required to meet a State Mandated 50% diversion rate from the landfill. Recycling green waste and other designated recyclable materials increases the life of local landfills.

# GREENWASTE



Sec 68.570 : Designated Recyclable Material

The designated residential recyclable materials include green waste.

"Green waste" includes leaves, grass, weeds, shrubs, tree branches, tree trunks and other wood materials from trees.

San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinance Section 68.570

# Recycling Assistance



For a list of waste and recycling companies in your area, please contact our recycling hotline at (877) 713-2784 or visit online at

[www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dpw/recycling/pdf/](http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dpw/recycling/pdf/)

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# Green Waste Recycling

## IMPLEMENTING THE MANDATORY RECYCLING ORDINANCE

## A GUIDE FOR APARTMENT & CONDOMINIUM OWNERS AND MANAGERS



# How To Get Started

## Step 1: Conduct a waste audit

- Determine how your green waste is managed. Ask your contractor how they recycle green waste. Check trash dumpsters to make sure green waste is not placed inside.

## Step 2: Choose from the options below

- Have landscapers leave green waste onsite to improve soil and conserve water (e.g. grasscycling and mulching)
- Require in your landscape maintenance contract that the contractor recycle materials offsite.
- Request a green waste recycling bin from your hauler.
- Have your landscape maintenance staff take green waste materials to a recycling facility. (Refer to link below for locations and more info)

<http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dpw/recycling/composting.html>

# Ways To Reduce Your Green Waste

## Appropriate plant selection

Choose plants that matches the microclimate, soil conditions, and available space.

## Proper pruning

Proper plant selection for the location minimizes the need to prune and keeps green waste to a minimum.

## Make your own mulch

Leaving plant debris on the soil or chipping it and distributing evenly on the surface recycles organic matter and nutrients while nurturing soil organisms, reducing water needs, and suppressing weeds.

# Landscape Ordinance

Water Efficient Landscape Design Manual

The Water Conservation Act of 2006 required all local governments to update their existing landscape ordinances to use water more efficiently. The County of San Diego's Water Efficient Landscape Design Manual explains how to comply with the new ordinance and how to create beautiful landscapes while using water efficiently.

For more information please visit website at the bottom of the page below.

