



“One Person’s Trash...”

Your guide to reducing, reusing and recycling



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Recycling: You’ve Done Your Part, What Happens Next?

City of Torrance residents enjoy the convenience of placing all of their recyclable materials in one container. These commingled items are collected in a “single stream.” But how is that possible? Have you ever wondered what happens to all of those paper, plastic, metal, and glass items you place into bins? Where do they go?

For Torrance residents, the answer is a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) operated by Potential Industries in Wilmington. The 10-acre site also contains the headquarters of the company, which was established in 1975. Here, recyclables from Torrance join with recyclables from much of the Los Angeles region. Potential Industries receives approximately 10,000 tons per year of recyclable materials from Torrance residents. This material is sorted at the MRF in Wilmington, which is located near the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, the busiest container port complex in the world. The location facilitates shipping recyclable materials overseas. While all sorts of products are imported through the port, recycled commodities fill many of the containers as they leave. In fact, paper fiber (waste paper, scrap paper, and paperboard) is the number one commodity shipped out of the port in containers — 20 million metric tons in 2013 alone. Most of this paper is destined for paper recycling plants in Asia. Potential Industries is among the top three exporters of waste paper in the United States.

Before these commodities can be shipped, they have to be sorted. According to company Vice President, Daniel J.

Domonoske, “Potential’s MRF relies on equipment for the primary sorting tasks. This includes mechanical screens, magnetics, air streams and Near Infra-Red optical scanning devices. Other work is done by workers who remove contaminants from the recyclable commodities.”

Near Infra-Red is a relatively new technology. Optical scanners send a beam of light through the material and evaluate its molecular structure as the beam returns to the scanner. Then, a blast of air sends the item flying sideways, out of the main stream and into a bin for that specific material. Containers need to be empty in order for this technology to work effectively. Domonoske encourages residents to “only place clean and dry recyclables in their collection cart. In particular, they should avoid placing any liquids, scrap metal or batteries in their cart.”

Once the materials are sorted, they are compressed into large rectangular bales to create a dense, stackable product that can be loaded into trailers, rail cars, and shipping containers. In addition to being exported to Asia, recovered materials are also sent to end users in Southern California and throughout the southwestern United States.



Aluminum cans are endlessly recyclable, often becoming new cans and returning to store shelves within 60 days. Using old cans to create new aluminum products saves a substantial amount of energy in manufacturing.



Clear plastic jugs are separated from colored jugs for different end users.

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A Look at Torrance Residential Recycling in 2016

In 2016, Torrance delivered about 10,000 tons of recycling to Potential Industries. The chart here shows what percentage of the materials collected were paper, plastic, glass, and metal. Of the total picked up and processed, just under 7 percent was non-recyclable residue, mostly trash, food waste, and items that aren't accepted for recycling. This material had to be sorted from the recycling and landfilled. Please be sure to keep your grey or blue recycling bin contaminant-free!

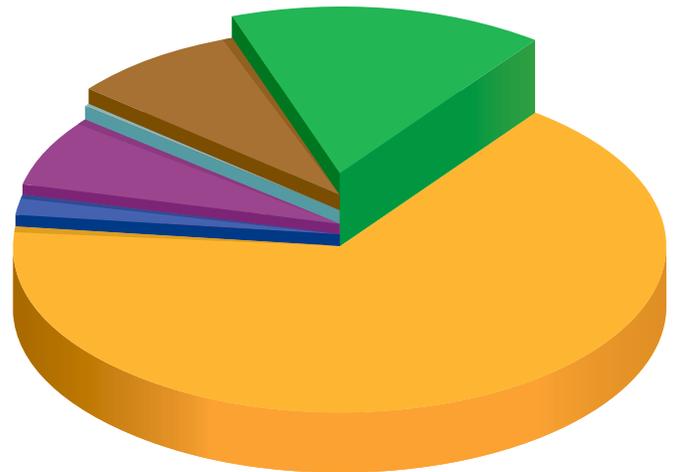
All containers should be emptied, rinsed, or wiped out as needed, and allowed to drip-dry before you place them into the cart. This helps keep paper products and other recyclables clean. Place these items into your grey or blue bin for recycling:

- Newspaper, cardboard, and mixed paper, such as newspaper and inserts, catalogs, magazines, junk mail, computer paper, milk and juice cartons, juice boxes, soup cartons, empty paper towel and toilet paper tubes, books, clean fast food wrappers, clean burger and French fry boxes, clean pizza and bakery boxes, clean paper plates and cups, and cardboard (including corrugated shipping boxes, shoe and gift boxes, and cereal and cracker boxes with plastic liners removed)
- Shredded paper: bag the shreds in paper or recyclable plastic bags. Staple or tape paper bags closed; tie recyclable plastic bags shut.
- Aluminum, tin, and metal cans and foil, such as drink cans, soup, pet food, fruit and vegetable cans, empty aerosol cans, clean aluminum foil and trays, wire hangers and dry, empty paint cans
- Plastic containers, including plastic bottles, bags or containers with a number (1-7) in the recycling arrows triangle, such as soda bottles, milk jugs, shampoo bottles, butter and yogurt tubs, shopping bags (bagged together), and Styrofoam pieces (cup size or larger)
- Glass bottles and jars, such as drink bottles and food jars

Other than shredded paper and shopping bags, all items should be loose in the cart. Don't bag any other recyclables.

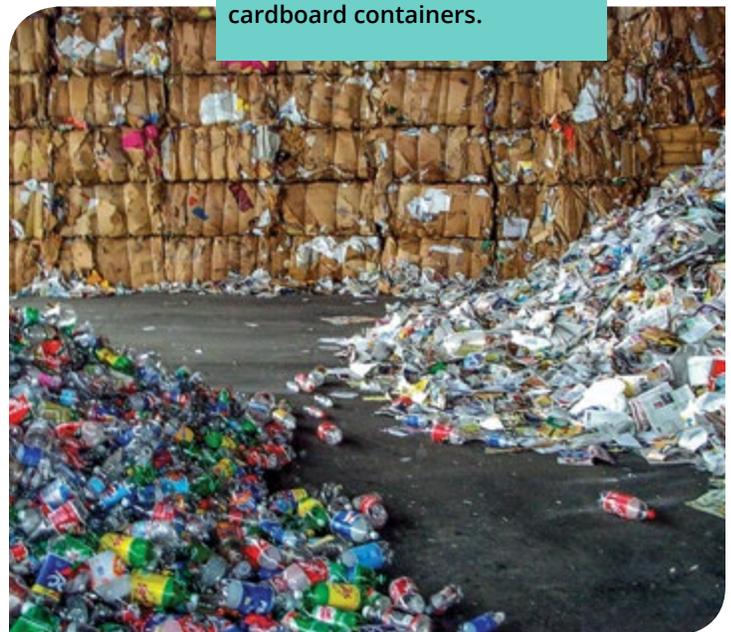
Please keep contaminants out of your recycling container! The following items are NOT accepted: liquid or food waste, napkins and paper towels, tissue paper, food-soiled paper or boxes of any kind, photo print paper, blueprint and carbon paper, small Styrofoam pieces (such as "popcorn" or "peanuts"), plastic without a number in the recycling arrows triangle, dishes, light bulbs, mirrors, ceramic mugs, drinking glasses, porcelain, window glass, pots and pans, propane or helium tanks, scrap metal from plumbing, or construction materials.

For more details, visit TorranceCA.Gov/ResidentialCollection.



- ◆ 66.58% Paper, Cartons & Cardboard
- ◆ 15.37% Glass
- ◆ 8.78% Plastic
- ◆ 2.09% Steel
- ◆ 0.21% Aluminum
- ◆ 6.97% Non-recyclable Residue

Plastic water and soft drink bottles and newsprint are sorted and ready for baling in front of a stack of baled cardboard containers.



City of Torrance EARTH DAY Recycling Event Saturday, April 29, 2017 8 a.m. to noon Free Paper Shredding and Electronic Recycling ONLY!

Toyota employee parking lot
(off Toyota Way, south of the
intersection of 190th and Van Ness)

- **Free Paper Shredding Drop-Off**

Limit of 8 boxes or bags per vehicle (secure information only—no books, 3-ring binders, large clips or magazines).

- **Free Electronics Recycling Drop-Off**

TVs, monitors, cell phones, small appliances and other electronics for safe and responsible recycling.

Do not bring any hazardous materials to this event.

Hazardous waste includes items such as paint, batteries, medications, glues, fluorescent bulbs and chemicals such as pesticides, cleaners and insect repellents. These types of items will not be accepted at this event.



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We will be holding a second event like this in the fall.
Watch RecycleTorrance.Org for details.

Refuel Your Fun!

Four million disposable 1-pound propane cylinders are sold every year in California alone. Consumers spend around \$4 per disposable cylinder, just to be able to use the 30 cents of propane gas inside. When the camping trip is over, some folks sneak them into their garbage bins (where they don't belong) or deliver them to a Household Hazardous Waste event or facility. Some people buy adapters to refill them, which is extremely dangerous as they are not manufactured to be re-pressurized. Many others simply leave them behind at the parks where they used them. When they are left at parks, state and local governments, as well as private campgrounds, pay around \$2 to \$3.50 per cylinder for a special waste company to pick up and properly dispose of them.

There has to be a better alternative! Fortunately, Flame King and Manchester Tank offer a solution. Using refillables will save you money and hassle, as well as reduce pollution. If you're a camper, BBQ cook or tailgate party chef, choose the refillable option.

Refillables are currently available at all 126 California U-Haul locations that dispense propane, 200 West Marine locations in the U.S., select REI and other outdoor equipment and sporting goods stores, and online through REI, West Marine, Home Depot and Walmart. For a list of locations, go to RefuelYourFun.Org. If you have any questions or would like to help in recruiting retailers, please contact Jordan Wells at Jordan@CalPSC.Org.



What You Can Do to Help:

1. Like and share posts on the Refuel Your Fun Facebook page (Facebook.Com/RefuelYourFun).
2. Ask your local store that sells disposables to carry refillables!
3. Buy, use and refill propane cylinders — and thank your local store for carrying refillables!
4. Tell your friends and family about refillables!



Cutting Food Waste in Half by 2030

Food loss and waste accounts for about 40 percent of the overall food supply available to U.S. retailers and consumers. The loss of that 133 billion pounds annually impacts food security, resource conservation and emissions.

Reducing food losses by just 15 percent would provide enough food for 25 million Americans every year, helping to reduce food insecurity. U.S. food loss and waste at the retail and consumer levels totals \$161 billion annually.

Food is the single largest component of disposed U.S. municipal solid waste and a primary cause of methane, a potent greenhouse gas, in landfills. Landfills are the third largest source of methane, producing 18 percent of total U.S. methane emissions.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Agriculture have set a goal of reducing food waste 50 percent by 2030. The federal government is partnering with non-profits, the private sector and state, local and tribal governments to reduce food loss and waste in order to improve overall food security and conserve our nation's natural resources.

Learn more at FurtherWithFood.Org.

BRING A USED OIL FILTER AND GET A NEW ONE FOR FREE!*



O'Reilly Auto Parts
4900 W. 190th St.
Torrance, CA 90503

SATURDAY

May 20, 2017

9:00am - 1:00pm

*Residents may receive up to 2 new filters in exchange for 2 used filters.
While supplies last.



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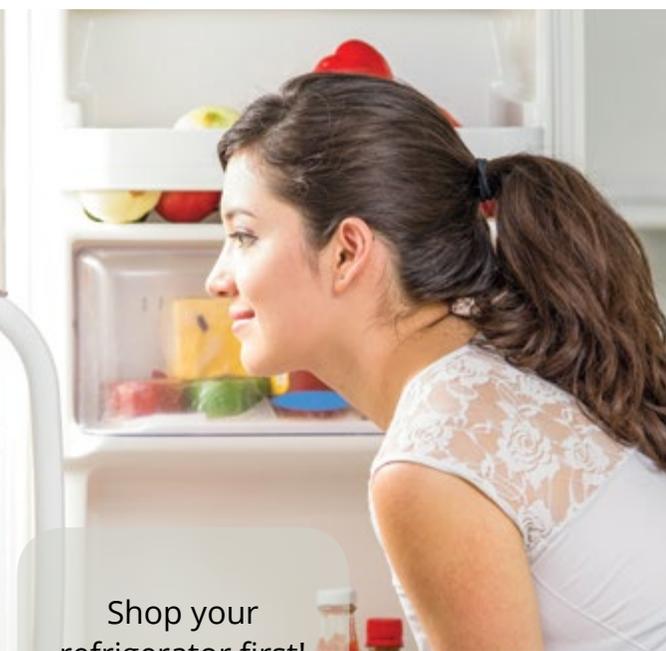
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We host Used Oil Filter Exchange events four times each year
at local certified used oil collection centers.
Watch RecycleTorrance.Org for future dates and locations.

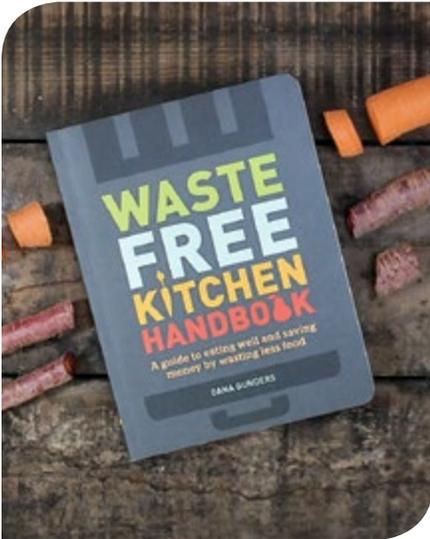
A Checklist to Reduce Food Waste

Did you know the U.S. wastes about 40 percent of its food every year? This is in large part because Americans are not well-educated on food-date labeling and don't realize how much food they're actually throwing away. In an effort to help our country reach its goal of reducing food waste 50 percent by 2030, follow this checklist to avoid food waste in your home:

- ✓ **Make a meal planner each week.** Plan your meals so that you know exactly what ingredients you'll use. Make sure a "leftovers night" is included.
- ✓ **Eat leftovers.** Always eat what you have at home before buying more of something.
- ✓ **Know your stock.** What foods have been in the cabinet for months? What do you throw away the most? What items are about to expire? What is sitting in your refrigerator unused? Organize your meals around your knowledge of your pantry and fridge.
- ✓ **Store food correctly.** Keep fruits and vegetables in separate drawers. Don't put quick-to-spoil foods, like milk and eggs, on the refrigerator door. Keep bananas and apples away from all other fruits.
- ✓ **Be creative.** Look at the three or four ingredients you need to use, and then search for recipes online that use what you already have at home. Or try to come up with something yourself!
- ✓ **Use everything.** Keep the skin on fruits, like apples and pears, and vegetables, like cucumbers and potatoes. Use broccoli stems in soup. Turn stale bread into croutons or French toast.
- ✓ **Freeze what you don't eat.** Put items that might spoil before you can eat them in the freezer. Almost any meal or ingredient can be frozen until you're ready to use it — just pack items tightly. This is especially helpful if you're only cooking for one or two people.
- ✓ **Canning is your friend.** Too many fresh fruits or vegetables? Preserve them by canning. You can also turn those tomatoes into marinara sauce or salsa or extra strawberries into jam.
- ✓ **Learn about use-by, sell-by, and expiration dates.** They don't mean "throw out by this day." Check out the United States Department of Agriculture's "Food Product Dating" article at Goo.gl/Z7r2ji.
- ✓ **Eat out the smart way.** Split a dish at a restaurant, or take home your leftovers with a specific plan for when you'll eat them. At buffet lines, don't take too much or large helpings of a food you don't know whether you'll like. Take smaller portions and go back for more if you are still hungry.
- ✓ **Compost.** If you've missed a bunch of fresh thyme or just can't bear to puree those bananas, make a compost pile to turn them into nutrient-rich soil. You can learn more about composting at the Smart Gardening workshops or at the Learning Center located at Columbia Park, 4045 190th Street, Torrance. Learn more at SmartGardening.Com or TorranceCA.Gov/Composting.



Shop your refrigerator first! Cook or eat what you already have at home before buying more.



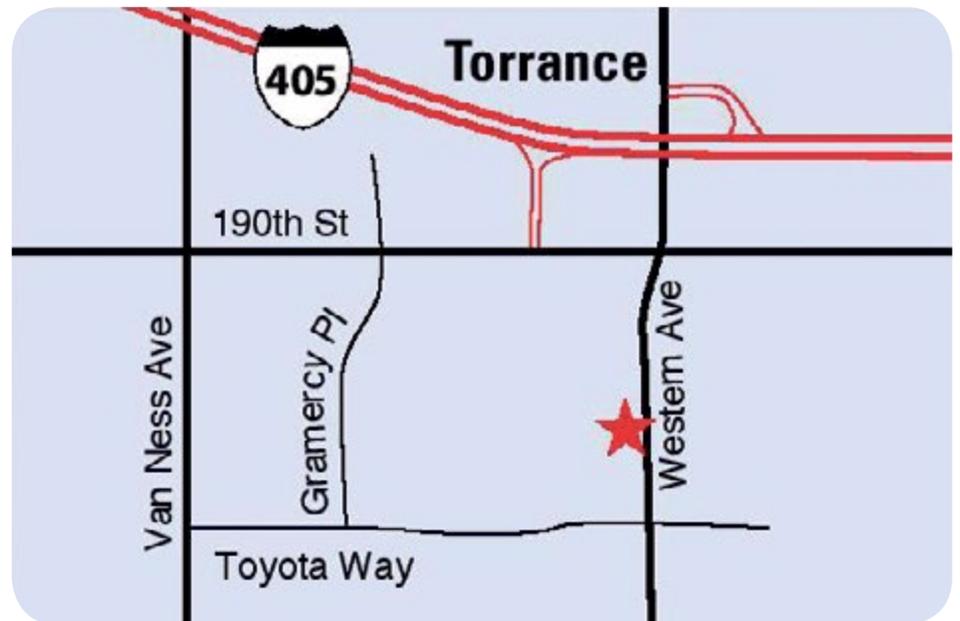
Waste Free Kitchen Handbook

Maybe you're ready to reduce your food waste but aren't sure where to start. Or perhaps you never thought about food waste but want to know why your milk is expiring so quickly. Dana Gunders' book, *Waste Free Kitchen Handbook: A Guide to Eating Well and Saving Money by Wasting Less Food*, is the perfect guide to storing food and shopping smart so that you can save money and waste less on food.

Easy to read and search through, the *Waste Free Kitchen Handbook* can tell you how much food to make per person, what a sample meal plan looks like, and how to turn that old cabbage into Easter egg dye. Curious about compost? That section not only tells you how to start, but also what's happening in your compost pile while you're away. The back of the book is an entire directory of foods, explaining how to store them, when they're the freshest, and what parts you can eat safely. Gunders, a Natural Resources Defense Council staff scientist, even includes 20 recipes that use whatever is left in your fridge or ingredients that often go bad.

Armed with the *Waste Free Kitchen Handbook* and our food-waste checklist, you're ready to create a zero-waste kitchen!

RESTRICTIONS: Open to L.A. County residents. **No tires from businesses, no oversized or tractor tires.** Rims accepted. If you transport more than 9 tires per trip, please obtain a tire transport form a week ahead at (626) 430-5540, Department of Public Health.



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County Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event Comes to Torrance

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On Saturday, June 17, the Los Angeles County Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Collection comes to Torrance. The County's free events won't get any closer than that! From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., residents can drop off unneeded household chemicals and old electronics at no charge at American Honda, 1919 Torrance Boulevard (enter from Harper's Way, off of Van Ness Avenue).

Take this opportunity to rid your home of these and similar products:

- Cleaners with acid or lye
- Pesticides and herbicides
- Household batteries and car batteries
- Pool chemicals
- Mercury thermometers or thermostats
- Used needles and sharps (in a sharps container purchased at a pharmacy or a puncture-proof container labeled "SHARPS")
- Unwanted or expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medications (only non-controlled medications)
- Computers, monitors, laptops, old TVs, cell phones and other electronics
- Motor oil, oil filters, and brake fluid
- Used antifreeze
- Paint, paint thinner, and turpentine

Please keep items in their original, labeled containers. Do not mix chemicals together. There is a transportation limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous waste per trip. Please, NO explosives, ammunition, radioactive materials, trash, tires, business waste of any kind, appliances, or medications considered "controlled substances." Controlled substances can be delivered to one of the L.A. County Sheriff's Department's Safe Drug Drop-Off Boxes. For locations, go to NoDrugsDownTheDrain.Org.

In addition to the County's collection event, there are permanent collection centers open year-round to accept household hazardous waste, electronics, sharps and medical waste, fluorescent tubes and bulbs, and similar items. There are two facilities nearby:

- Gaffey Street S.A.F.E. Collection Center, 1400 N. Gaffey Street, San Pedro – Open Saturdays and Sundays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- L.A. County Environmental Collection Center, located at EDCO Recycling and Transfer, 2755 California Avenue, Signal Hill – Open the second Saturday of every month, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There are free recycling drop-offs for specific items, such as used motor oil, medications, fluorescent bulbs, and paint available at retail establishments in Torrance and surrounding cities on a regular basis.

For more information and additional locations, visit TorranceCA.Gov/HazardousWaste.

Electronics Recycling Drop-Off Facility in Torrance

Torrance is home to an electronics recycling drop-off service that is open year-round. WALSER'S, located at 488 Amapola Avenue, 90501, is actually a retail art supply store that accepts these items for FREE recycling:

- TVs and computer monitors
- Computers – desktop, server, laptop
- Rechargeable batteries – laptop, cell phone, etc. (must not be leaking)
- Appliances – refrigerators, air conditioners, microwaves, dish washers, washing machines, dryers, etc.
- Metals of all kinds
- Satellite dishes and antennas made of metal
- Wire and cable
- Uninterrupted power supply (UPS) units
- Cellular phones
- Printed circuit boards
- Laser toner and inkjet cartridges

In addition, Walser's will provide hard drive data destruction and certifications of destruction for a small fee. Also for a fee, they will accept miscellaneous electronics, such as radios, receivers, DVD and VHS players, keyboards and mice, modems and telephones, copiers, scanners, calculators, vacuum cleaners, remotes, audio and video tapes, CDs and DVDs, electronic toys and games and similar items.

Hazardous and toxic materials are not accepted, including single-use batteries, incandescent or fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, CFLs, paints, liquids, chemicals, medicines and medical sharps. Also, paper, plastic, and glass are not accepted.

Drop-off hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday, with the exception of holidays and rainy days. For more information, contact Walser's at (310) 891-3325 or visit their website at Walsers.Com.



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Preserving Our Heritage and Habitat



The Madrona Marsh Preserve is the last remaining vernal freshwater marsh in Los Angeles County. The Preserve provides habitat for birds, insects, spiders, frogs, reptiles and small mammals. It's also an essential part of the wildlife corridor, offering food and rest for migratory birds on the Pacific Flyway.

You can help maintain the Madrona Marsh Preserve. Every Saturday, from 8:45 a.m. to noon, volunteers are needed to remove non-native plants, replace them with native plants, occasionally pick up plant debris, and work in the native plant nursery. Adults and youth of all ages are welcome; children 13 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult. To take part, you must arrive by 8:45 a.m. and wear closed-toe shoes. Snacks and drinks are provided to volunteers at 10:30 a.m. These Saturday events are canceled on rainy days to protect the Preserve.

For more information about volunteering, visit FriendsOfMadronaMarsh.Com or call (310) 782-3989. Volunteers are required to complete a brief application and service learning contract.



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Recycle Those Paper Shreds

It's tax season, and a lot of people are shredding old statements, receipts, and other documents. If you have paper shreds, you can recycle them in your gray or blue recycling bin. However, please follow these instructions:

1. Place paper shreds into a brown paper bag or a recyclable plastic bag.
2. Fill the bag about two-thirds full.
3. Staple, tape, or tie the top of the bag closed.
4. Put the bag into your recycling container.

If you don't have a shredder, you can drop off up to eight boxes or bags of paper for free shredding at the Earth Day Recycling Event (see page 3). We'll hold a second paper shredding event in the fall, so watch RecycleTorrance.Org for details.

Is Your Business or Multi-Family Property Recycling Organics?

About 40 percent of the material that Californians send to landfills annually is organic waste, such as food scraps and yard debris, and much of that comes from businesses and multi-family complexes. To reduce the amount of organic waste heading to landfills, a state law (AB 1826) phases in a requirement that businesses and apartment complexes which generate organic waste must arrange for organic waste recycling. Already affected are those that generate 4 or more cubic yards of organic waste per week. As of Jan. 1, 2019, all businesses and apartment complexes that generate 4 or more cubic yards of solid waste per week will be required to recycle organics.

Organic waste includes food waste, food-soiled paper, landscape and pruning waste and nonhazardous wood waste. However, apartment complexes and other multi-family complexes will only be required to have a landscape and pruning waste recycling program and will not be required to provide food waste or food-soiled paper recycling.

To learn more about AB 1826, please visit CalRecycle.CA.Gov/Recycle/Commercial/Organics or TorranceCA.Gov/OrganicRecycling. You may also contact your current trash and/or recycling hauler for assistance or select from any of the licensed haulers operating in Torrance (list available at TorranceCA.Gov/PDF/HaulerListings.pdf).



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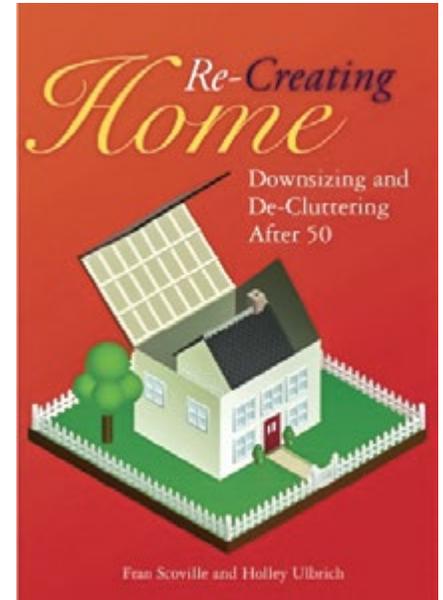
Making a life with less

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Re-Creating Home: Downsizing and De-Cluttering After 50

by Fran Scoville and
Holley Ulbrich



Tiny houses are all the rage now. Tiny houses are all about people living small to reduce their ecological footprint, simplify their life, and save money. This is not a book about tiny houses. It is about fully exploiting a life transition most of us face sooner or later — downsizing. Downsizing presents us with many opportunities. Reducing expenses, responsibilities, and environmental impact are just a few of the potential benefits.

We all spend the first part of our lives growing up and learning about the world we live in. Most of us are able to experience this with the loving support of older family members with whom we live. Hopefully, toward the end of this stage, we acquire the skills necessary to branch out on our own and become self-supporting. During the second stage of life, we find our place in the world, earn a living, and, in most cases, form families of our own. The second stage of life is quite busy and we often do what is necessary to get through the day with little chance to gain perspective. The challenges of work and family life are immediate and, seemingly, never-ending.

The third stage of life presents us with a potential do-over. A fresh start for a new chapter of life. An opportunity to define what life will look like. With planning and effort, we can shape a life that gives us enjoyment and mitigates the challenges brought about by our current living arrangements. Whether it is due to an empty nest, retirement or changing health, most people will need to re-evaluate their living arrangements at some point after age 50. For those choosing to move, the type, style, surroundings and maybe even the climate of a new home are open for discussion. In most cases, however, the new space will be smaller and de-cluttering is part of the process. Even those who decide to remodel and age in place can gain new appreciation for their existing space through de-cluttering.

This book is part teacher and part coach. While the authors provide plenty of ideas on how to accomplish this transition, they also provide you with tools to get the job done. The obstacles are real. They write, "The psychological or emotional obstacles include feeling overwhelmed, knowing how to start, keeping yourself motivated, and letting go of your attachment to places and objects and the memories they bear or their monetary value. The cultural obstacles are living in a society that is very focused on consumption and possessions as part of our identities."

The authors break the process into manageable stages which correspond to sections of the book: commitment, de-cluttering, choosing, transitioning and settling in. "All five of these stages are about making and implementing decisions — decisions about staying put or relocating, decisions about dealing with clutter, decisions about where you will move and what kind of home you will have." Within those sections, each chapter ends with a homework assignment to keep the reader's decision process moving along. The homework is important because, as they note, "Decisions are hard work.... Often, the action is easier than the deciding!"

Special attention is given to knowing the strengths and weaknesses of your own character and that of your spouse or partner. "Downsizing alone is both easier and more difficult than downsizing with a partner." They recognize that all of the decisions may be complicated when two people's attachments must be addressed with each decision.

One section deals particularly with the details of getting rid of stuff — from family heirlooms to hazardous waste. The authors explore in some detail choosing what to keep, what to sell, what to give to family members and what to donate, as well as how to recycle and dispose of the remainder.

While the book contains no single narrative, there are little vignettes of other peoples' stories to illustrate concepts. At 152 pages, this book doesn't clutter your time. A quick read from beginning to end, it gives you a feel for the subject and provides a nice overview. For anyone approaching this stage of life, it is an excellent workbook to make the most of the process.

Recycling at Work

Ready to expand your eco-friendly habits to your workplace? You are not alone! Across California, businesses of all types are meeting the requirements of AB 341, the mandatory commercial recycling law, by providing recycling for office paper, cardboard, bottles and cans, off-spec materials, process waste and much more. Recycling is mandatory for businesses that generate 4 or more cubic yards of trash per week and for all multi-family dwellings. Review the AB 341 requirements at TorranceCA.Gov/CommercialRecycling.

Recycling at work can seem like a challenging activity to implement, but don't worry — here are 10 tips to get you started!

1. Identify recycling champions and enlist their help.
2. Assess how your workplace currently handles trash and recyclables.
3. Create a written plan that includes specific goals, such as recycling new materials or improving recycling rates.
4. Make sure the people responsible for emptying recycling and trash bins understand and embrace the plan. Address their concerns about how the changes will affect their work.
5. Clearly mark all of your recycling and waste containers so people know where to put trash and where to put recyclables.
6. Use appropriately sized bins for your goals. For example, if you know 75 percent of your waste could be recycled, make the container for recyclables bigger than the one for trash.
7. Avoid contamination of recyclables by locating waste and recycling bins together.
8. Convenience is key to successful recycling. Think about making recycling as easy as possible when you decide where to place your bins, how big they should be, how often they will be emptied and so on.
9. Make it fun. Encourage coworkers to recycle with a contest or other incentives.
10. Celebrate your success. Be prepared to measure your progress and congratulate your staff for their efforts.

There is no need to reinvent the wheel. For additional tips, visit RecyclingatWork.Org or DPW.LACounty.Gov/epd/sbr. Your hauler can assist you in establishing, expanding or improving your workplace or multi-family recycling program. For the list of licensed haulers operating in Torrance, go to TorranceCA.Gov/PDF/HaulerListings.pdf.



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Mowing Down Air Pollution



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The South Coast Air Quality Management District's Electric Lawn Mower Exchange Program has recently been redesigned to be available year-round and also provide the public with the opportunity to purchase a cordless, battery-electric lawnmower from a variety of eligible manufacturers. Consumers can purchase their new mower from a local retailer or an online distributor. The program will provide after-purchase rebates for \$150, \$200, or \$250, depending on the retail cost of the new electric mower (excluding accessories, delivery and sales tax). Residents of Torrance are eligible to participate in the program. An online application, list of mower manufacturers, list of authorized scrapping facilities and easy to follow instructions will be available on the website in late April. For more information, visit AQMD.Gov/LawnMower, email LawnMower@AQMD.Gov or call (888) 425-6247 (Tuesday-Friday).

Cleaning Out Your Closets?



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If you have been busy doing spring cleaning, don't forget to donate gently used clothing, bedding, towels and shoes, as well as other usable household items, to Goodwill, The Salvation Army, Sisters of Charity or other charitable organizations.

If you have unwanted furniture, fixtures, appliances or surplus building supplies, you can donate them to the Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Torrance. If you have donation questions, please call the Torrance ReStore at (310) 323-5665, or visit HabitatLA.Org/Restore.

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