

RECYCLE RIGHT, SANTA FE!

These are the top “yes” and “no” items for the City’s recycling program, but this isn’t everything! If you aren’t certain about something, please check our website, email us, or give us a call and we’ll help you decide where the item belongs.

YES

CANS



Aluminum & Steel Cans
(Empty)

CARTONS



Food & Beverage Cartons
(Empty & Replace Cap)

PAPER



Mixed Paper, Newspaper,
Magazines, & Flattened
Cardboard

PLASTIC



Kitchen, Laundry, Bath:
Bottles & Containers
(Empty & Replace Cap)

NO



No Plastic Bags
(return to retail)



No Tangles
(no hoses, wires, chains,
or electronics)



No Food or Liquid
(empty all containers)



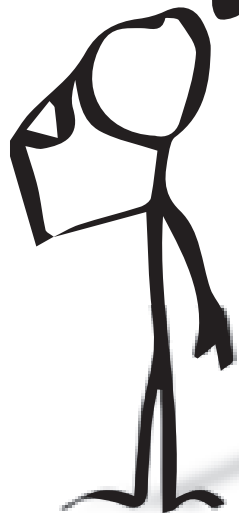
No Clothing or Linens
(use donation
programs)



Do Not Bag
Recyclables

REMEMBER, GLASS SHOULD BE
TAKEN TO A DROP-OFF CENTER!

Not sure if it belongs in your cart? Don't be a “wishful recycler” - improperly recycled items can contaminate everything else in the bin! Contact us to be sure before you toss it in!



Myth or Fact answers:

- 1. Myth:** even if the electricity isn't coming from renewable energy sources, electric cars still reduce your overall carbon footprint.
- 2. Fact:** Aluminum (and glass) can be recycled endlessly without any loss or degradation of material.
- 3. Myth:** Packaging labeled “biodegradable” should NOT go in your backyard compost. It needs high temperatures (like those of an industrial composter) in order to decompose; your home compost just isn't hot enough!
- 4. Myth:** Modern recycling is sorted by complicated machinery. Tangles, like hoses and cords, get caught in the machinery and seriously damage it, costing money and time!
- 5. Fact:** Newer toilets use significantly less water per flush than old ones.

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Earth Day 2019





The City has a goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2040.



Energy

Establish a clean energy landscape with a secure and diversified portfolio that maintains reliable, low-cost, efficient, low water use, and low air and carbon emissions services.



Ecosystems

Enhance the ecological resilience of Santa Fe by restoring native ecosystems' structure and function, and ensuring that urban development supports and restores ecological processes, including carbon sequestration.



Water

Utilize innovative technologies, long range planning, regional planning and proactive approaches to ensure an integrated and resilient One Water approach, optimizing water demand and supply.



Waste

Promote the conservation of natural resources through a Sustainable Materials Management approach enacting programs and practices that encourage all sectors, manufacturers, retailers, and consumers to act consciously to reduce, reuse, and recycle waste.

Earth Day every day

Challenge yourself to complete this sustainability scavenger hunt in 4 weeks or less!

FINISH

Sustainable Santa Fe 25-year Plan

We envision a thriving community where climate impacts are neutralized, natural resources are abundant and clean, and sustainable economic activity is generated through enhancing social equity and the regenerative capacity of the environment.



Download and read the full plan at www.santafenm.gov/sustainable_santa_fe



Myth or Fact:

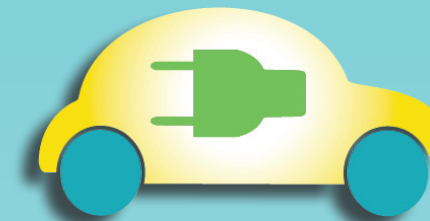
Test your understanding of recycling and sustainability! (Answers are on the back page)



Mission accomplished?

Take a selfie, post it to Facebook with #sustainableSF2040 and tag the City of Santa Fe! We'll choose a random winner to receive a sustainability prize!

Two-for-one bonus: Test drive an electric vehicle OR contact a solar power company for a consultation.



Myth or Fact:

Toilets manufactured after 1998 use up to four times less water than those built 20 years ago or more.

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Help a neighbor, help the environment: offer to bring your neighbor's glass to a drop-off location when you go to recycle your own!

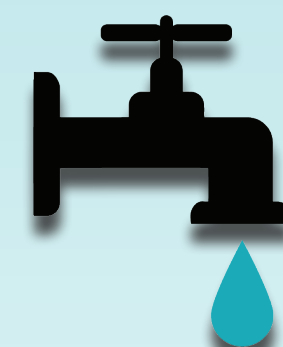
Myth or Fact:

My recycling is sorted by hand, so it doesn't matter if I put hoses, electrical cords or string lights into my blue bin.

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Use a reusable coffee/tea mug and water bottle for one (1) week.



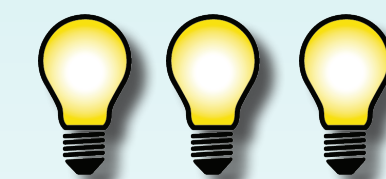
Download the Eye on Water app (santafenm.eyeonwater.com) to monitor your water usage and set alerts for leaks and high consumption.

Myth or Fact:

Aluminum is "closed-loop" or infinitely recyclable material: it can be reused over and over again without degrading.

2

Replace three (3) light bulbs in your house with high-efficiency LED bulbs. Tip: for the most impact, replace the bulbs in lights that are used frequently.



Myth or Fact:

Packaging that is labeled "biodegradable" can and will decompose in my backyard compost pile.

3

Attend an education/training class focused on renewable energy, energy efficiency, water conservation or food production.



Spend a day volunteering with your favorite non-profit dedicated to helping people and the environment (like Keep Santa Fe Beautiful!)



Buy local food: make two trips to a farmer's market or sign up for a local produce box/CSA program!

Myth or Fact:

Driving an electric car doesn't reduce your carbon footprint because the electricity is still produced using fossil fuels.

1

Support your community and reduce carbon emissions: buy three items from a local producer or artisan.



Instead of driving, walk or bike to your destination twice a week!



START



Community Development

Achieve long-term sustainable economic growth and improved social cohesion by stimulating a diverse, innovative economy with high-wage, high impact jobs alongside jobs with living wages that enable community reinvestment.



Built Environment

Adopt building and land use practices that minimize the use of natural resources and enable low carbon and healthy lifestyles for all community members.



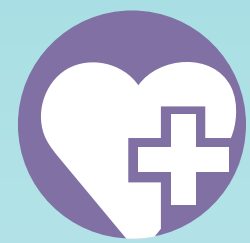
Transportation

Plan for and invest in a safe, modernized transportation system that supports low-emission, active, and equitable mobility options for all users.



Education & Training

Encourage schools and vocational organizations to incorporate sustainability related topics and hard skills in their curriculum and share the information through targeted community outreach to develop the capacity to address sustainability issues.



Health & Wellness

Improve community health and well-being by implementing services, programs, and policies that support positive health outcomes for people of all ages and backgrounds



Food Systems

Support and strengthen the connections between and within local food systems by working with producers, processors, marketers, and consumers to enhance sustainable practices, support a thriving local food economy, and ensure food security.



Social Equity

Empower participation in the implementation of the Sustainable Santa Fe 25-Year Plan while acting to increase equity community-wide by actively engaging and attempting to meet the needs of underserved and underrepresented populations.