



"Reduce – Reuse – Recycle"

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Donate Before You Dump at Sun St Transfer Station

A bright new addition at the Sun Street Transfer Station in Salinas brings potential to reduce the amount of waste going to the landfill and reduce costs for disposal. Welcome the Goodwill Donation Trailer! The partnership between Goodwill Central Coast and Salinas Valley Recycles has established a home for a donation trailer at the Sun Street Transfer Station, allowing residents to donate useful items in lieu of recycling or disposal, while helping the Salinas Valley to achieve its waste diversion goals.

Since 2005, the Sun Street Transfer Station has consistently increased its services to help the residents of Salinas and surrounding areas conveniently and safely dispose of waste and recover resources through recycling. With the addition of the Donation Trailer, residents can now choose between donating, recycling and disposal, all with one-stop convenience in the heart of town.

On the road to zero waste, the first and most impactful step is "Reduce." That means reducing the amount of waste we generate by choosing reusable items over single-use disposable versions, repairing, repurposing, making, or buying things gently used instead of new.

Next up the road is "Reuse" which covers everything from using reusable bottles and mugs for our daily water and coffee breaks, to salvaging a useful door from a construction demolition or remodeling project. Reuse reduces the carbon footprint of consumer goods including manufacturing and production, packaging, transportation and delivery.

"Recycle" is the last stop before "Disposal," where we recover materials from products that have no more to offer, and use those materials to make new goods. Recycling is better than disposal, but still requires a great deal of resources to market and process materials into something useful and requires consumers to purchase products made from recycled materials. Separating recyclable items from landfill disposal allows you to reduce disposal fees.

The new Goodwill Donation Trailer at Sun Street allows you to further reduce your waste disposal with donations. Giving useful items in good condition a second chance at a meaningful life is important to reduce the amount of waste in our community, and provide affordable options for the purchase of household goods. Without the alternative to donate, many reusable items that don't fit into a recyclable category – things like sofas, chairs, dishes, paintings, toys, clothes and curtains – end up in the landfill instead of making someone's life a little more comfortable. Donating reusable items to Goodwill Central Coast funds training programs and workforce programs for those people in the community with barriers to employment, helps you to reduce and reuse, and supports your local economy! For more information on acceptable donation items visit salinasvalleyrecycles.org.



Remembering to reduce, reuse and recycle (in that order) is another important step toward a Salinas Valley future without landfills.

