



"Reduce – Reuse – Recycle"

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Shining Brighter at Sun Street

Striving to continually increase services to the community, Salinas Valley Recycles has recently completed improvements to their Sun Street Transfer Station in Salinas. As more members of the community have discovered the value of using the Sun Street Transfer Station, Salinas Valley Recycles has responded to make the experience of recycling and disposal better than ever.

The drive up convenience for dropping off sorted materials for recycling has improved by reorganizing the available space for recycling to help the flow of traffic through the facility.

Friendly, bilingual staff is available to answer questions, while signs help visitors find the right places to recycle their sorted glass, plastics, metals, electronics, appliances, paper, cardboard, and more. The expanding lists of items that are accepted for free recycling now includes up to 5 mattresses or box springs per trip.

The Household Hazardous Waste facility operates six days a week for residents, and five days a week for businesses, accepting toxic and hazardous products for safe recycling and disposal.

A new demonstration garden has been developed to help visitors learn about sustainable gardening, and how to recycle their own food scraps and yard trimmings at home into compost. The site will be home to free compost workshops taught by our Master Composter personnel.

While recycling and composting are important parts of meeting the State's goal for diverting 75% of all waste from landfills by the year 2020, reuse is even more eco-friendly. Clothing and shoes are currently accepted for donation, to benefit the Clothing Closet in Gonzales, while Salinas Valley Recycles is negotiating with a charitable organization to accept reusable items in good condition, such as furniture, sporting goods, housewares, and books, to help make Sun Street Transfer Station a one-stop drop off for recycling and reuse. News on this new partnership will be announced soon.

Despite an ongoing uncertainty for a permanent recycling and disposal center to serve Salinas and the northern communities of the Salinas Valley, the growing popularity of the Sun Street Transfer Station has demonstrated the need for a sustainable and easily accessible solution. Salinas Valley Recycles will continue to support your needs, and help the community realize the value of a future without landfills.

The Sun Street Transfer Station is operated by the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority at 139 Sun Street in Salinas. It is open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. For directions and information about what is accepted for recycling, reuse and disposal, please visit www.SalinasValleyRecycles.org, or call (831) 775-3000.

