

# **COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS**

## **Curbside Recycling**

### Recycle Right.

- Make sure items are clean rinse out food or liquid.
- Flatten cardboard boxes.
- Items should always be loose and never in bags of any kind.
- Although an item may have a recycle symbol on it, it may not be accepted in the SWMD program.
- If there is any doubt about whether an item can be recycled, put it in the BROWN trash cart.
- Blue carts are available in 96 gallon and 48 gallon sizes.

#### Avoid a Violation Fee.

- Unaccepted items in the blue cart is called contamination. Customers will incur a fee when their cart is contaminated.
- Fees are placed on your CPS Energy account.
- Most violation fees are \$25 for the unaccepted items on page 7.
- The violation fee for diapers is \$50. NEVER place baby or adult diapers in the blue or green carts. They are trash. Put them in a bag and place them in the BROWN trash cart.

# **Curbside Organics**

### **The Organics Program**

- Accepted items on page 9 can be composted into nutrient-rich soil.
- Green carts are available in 96 gallon and 48 gallon sizes.
- Compost material can be requested for community events at no charge. Schedule at *sarecycles.org*.
- Materials should be either loose or placed in paper bags.

#### **Avoid a Violation Fee**

- When unaccepted items (contamination) are in the green cart, it cannot go to the compost facility and must go to the landfill. Customers will incur a fee when their cart is contaminated.
- Fees are placed on your CPS Energy bill.
- Most violation fees are \$25 for the unaccepted items on page 10.
- The violation fee for diapers is \$50. NEVER place baby or adult diapers in the blue or green carts. They are trash. Put them in a bag and place them in the BROWN trash cart.

## **Curbside Garbage**

#### Use Only for Regular Household Trash.

- Place garbage in plastic bags and secure tightly.
- Make sure the lid can close.
- For an additional pick-up, call **3-1-1**. This is available up to 3 times per year for a small fee.

#### **Never Place These Items in the Brown Cart:**

- Hazardous waste such as paint, motor oil or household cleaners. Take this to a HHW Drop Off Center.
- Hot ashes or coals.
- Construction materials such as metal, lumber and tile. Take this to a Bulky Drop Off Center.
- Medicine and bio-hazardous waste. For information on those, visit saws.org/meddropsa.



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## **Curbside Brush**

Curbside brush collection is provided twice per year. Customers receive notice of their week of collection 7-10 days before collection begins. Please refer to page 14 for accepted and non-accepted materials.

- Brush piles should be no more than eight cubic yards and placed within eight feet of the curb.
- They should be ready for pickup no later than 7 a.m. on the Monday of your collection week.
- Collections are usually completed within the week.
  Trucks drive through the area only once.
- Residents can schedule an out-of-cycle brush collection for a fee.
  - Call 3-1-1 and SWMD will send a representative to determine a cost estimate.
  - After the fee is paid, the SWMD will collect the items within two business days.

## **Curbside Bulky**

Curbside bulky collection is provided twice per year. Customers receive notice of their week of collection 7-10 days before collection begins. Please refer to page 16 for accepted and non-accepted items.

- Bulky piles must be no more than eight cubic yards and placed within eight feet of the curb.
- They should be ready for pickup no later than 7 a.m. on the Monday of your collection week.
- Collections are usually completed within the week.
  Trucks drive through the area only once.
- Residents can schedule an out-of-cycle bulky item collection for a fee.
  - > Call **3-1-1** and SWMD will send a representative to determine a cost estimate.
  - After the fee is paid, the SWMD will collect the items within two business days.

## **Household Hazadous Waste Drop-Off Centers**

Household hazardous waste (HHW) should never be placed inside any cart and always brought to HHW centers. A recent CPS Energy bill and picture ID are required.

- Contents should be kept in the original container.
- If the container is leaking, transfer contents to a leak proof or lined cardboard box.
- Do not mix different materials in the same container or bag.
- Place all items in a box and put it in the trunk or truck bed during transport.
- A technician will unload the HHW materials and return the containers upon request.
- If materials are brought in a non-approved container, it will not be returned.
- Paint and other liquid waste are limited to five
  5-gallon cans and 25 1-gallon cans with a 220 pound limit.