

Think 'Environment'  
For Our Children's Quality of Life



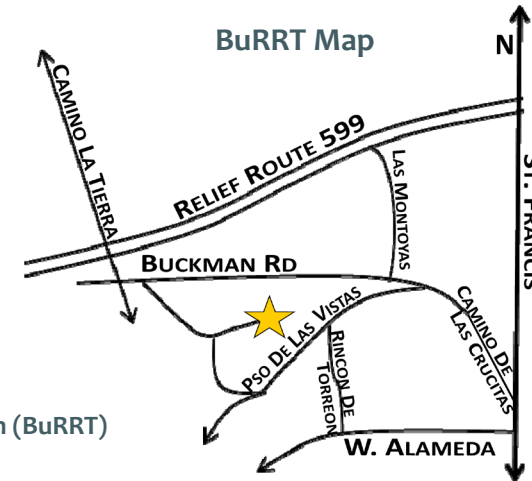
### Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

Paints, cleaners, pesticides...  
Disposing HHW down the drain, sewer, or trash can cause chemicals and toxins to pollute our environment and harm our community. Some HHW, like paint, can be disposed of in the trash if it is solidified with kitty litter or sand and left out to dry. Other HHW can be properly disposed of at local retailers (depending on the item) or at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility at BuRRT. Visit [www.SantaFeRecycling.org](http://www.SantaFeRecycling.org) or call (505) 820-0208 for more information on the HHW Facility hours of operation. Check with your neighbors to see if they need any paints or cleaners before you dispose of your HHW. You can also reduce or eliminate HHW by using less toxic alternatives.

For more information on how to purchase safer HHW alternatives go to:  
[www.EPA.Gov/osw/conserve/materials/hhw.htm](http://www.EPA.Gov/osw/conserve/materials/hhw.htm)

Contact Us!  
To support you in rethinking your waste!

- (505) 955-2200 City of Santa Fe Environmental Services Division  
1142 Siler Road  
Sustainable Santa Fe  
Keep Santa Fe Beautiful
- (505) 955-2262
- (505) 955-2215
- (505) 992-3068 Santa Fe County Solid Waste and Recycling
- (505) 424-1850 Santa Fe Solid Waste Management Agency  
149 Wildlife Way  
Caja Del Rio Landfill  
Buckman Road Recycling & Transfer Station (BuRRT)  
2600 Buckman Road
- (505) 424-1850
- (505) 820-0208



## Trash and Recycling Service

### County Residents:

Santa Fe County residents have the option to obtain a solid waste permit through the County and take their trash and recycling to the nearest County Transfer Station. Recycling is free at all Transfer Stations whether or not you have a permit. For more information visit: [http://www.santafecountynm.gov/public\\_works/solidwaste](http://www.santafecountynm.gov/public_works/solidwaste) or call (505) 992-3010.

Recycling guidelines are the same for both City and County residents.



### City Residents:

The City of Santa Fe collects solid waste and recycling from the curb for residential customers. Trash cans should be retrieved and stored out of sight by the following morning. To start recycling or replace missing or broken bins, visit the Environmental Services Division at 1142 Siler Road.

Large Item Pick Up Service:  
The City of Santa Fe will pick up large items for a fee and subject to some limitations. To schedule a large item pick up or for any other waste or recycling information call 955-2200.

Examples of acceptable Large Pickup Items include furniture, household appliances, and yard waste. For more information:

<http://www.SantaFeNM.gov/environmentalservices>



For more information and useful links please go to:

[www.SantaFeRecycling.org](http://www.SantaFeRecycling.org)



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Rethink Our Waste

# Santa Fe



# Recycles



## Rethink. It's a mind-set

Reduce. Reuse. Recycle...Environment.

## We Invite You to Rethink Your Waste. We Are...

300 MILLION POUNDS (approx. 150,000 Volkswagon Beetles) of waste from Santa Fe County are buried in the Caja del Rio landfill every year, while only approx. 16.4 MILLION POUNDS of recyclables are processed at the Buckman Road Recycling and Transfer Station (BuRRT).

The annual operational cost of the trash disposal is a staggering \$5 MILLION.

Guess who pays? We all do.

Rethinking your waste is not just a matter of money...it is a matter of the environment and our community.

It's easy to make a difference, because every small act combined in our community adds up to a big change. Be a part of the difference!

The following information is designed to help you **Rethink** your waste and ensure its proper disposal. Keep your pamphlet handy as you rethink, reduce, reuse, and recycle...

## Think 'Reuse'

Could someone else use this?

### Household Goods

Clothing, toys, furnishings, kitchen items... Practice reuse by donating or selling used items. Most local charities, thrift stores, and donation centers accept used items in good conditions for free. Have a garage sale or post your items on Craigslist.com, FreeCycle.org, or the local paper.

### Construction Material

Doors, hardware, lumber... Some materials left over from construction projects are reusable. Contact Habitat for Humanity's Santa Fe ReStore (505-473-1114) to see if they will take your item. Or post it on Craigslist.com or FreeCycle.org.

### Plastic Bags

Dry cleaner bags, grocery bags... Plastic Bags – Over one million plastic bags are used every minute worldwide. Most end up as trash or litter, but they are reusable and recyclable. Clean #2 & #4 plastic bags can be recycled at your local grocery or big-box store. Use a reusable cloth bag, or opt out of a bag for single items.

## Think 'Proper Disposal'

To Keep Our Community Clean and Healthy

### Tires

Roughly one tire per person per year is generated in the USA. Tires are banned from the landfill but can be recycled for a small fee at most tire service centers, BuRRT, and all County Transfer Stations (except for Tesuque and Rancho Viejo).

### Auto Fluids

Transmission fluid, brake fluid, oil, antifreeze... New Mexico law prohibits dumping used oil on land into storm drains or waterways and at any landfill. Most auto service centers will collect small quantities for recycling. You can also take it to the Household Hazardous Waste HHW facility at BuRRT. Never mix fluid types because it is dangerous and renders it not recyclable.

### Automotive Batteries (Lead Acid)

Discarding or improperly disposing of lead-acid batteries is illegal in New Mexico. You can recycle them at BuRRT, Capital Scrap Metal (505-471-0740), or Mr. G's Recycling (505-474-6969).

### Electronics (e-waste)

Computers, cell phones, printers, televisions... If it still works, consider donating it. When it no longer works, anything with a cord or battery operated can be recycled at BuRRT, except TVs. Best Buy will accept TVs under 32" for free, old cell phones, cables, rechargeable batteries, & ink cartridges. Check with local office supply retailers to see if they can recycle your e-waste.

### Phone Books

Residents can opt out of phone books at <https://SantaFe.catalogchoice.org> or [www.YellowPagesOptOut.com](http://www.YellowPagesOptOut.com). Look for seasonal collection drives to recycle your phone book, or take them to BuRRT anytime. Look for the separate phone book recycling bin at the drop off area.

### Green Waste

Brush, leaves, tree branches... Keep it out of the landfill by taking it to BuRRT or the El Dorado, Jacona, and Stanley County Transfer Stations (County residents only) to have it mulched. You can pick up free mulch at BuRRT. Transfer stations accept yard debris as well. Or, start a compost pile at home; download the "Backyard Composting" brochure at <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swb/pdf/Compost%20Brochure%20Updated.pdf>

### Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLS)

CFLs are more energy efficient than incandescent bulbs but contain a small amount of mercury and must be disposed of properly. Home Depot, Ace Hardware and Lowe's accept CFLs in limited quantities. BuRRT accepts all mercury containing lamps for free.

### Large Appliances, Scrap Metal

Stoves, dishwashers, dryers, refrigerators... All bulky metals and appliances can be recycled at BuRRT, Capital Scrap Metal (505-471-0740), Mr. G's Recycling (505-474-6969), and all County Transfer Stations (except for Tesuque and Rancho Viejo). Refrigerators must have the Freon removed before recycling at all locations except at BuRRT. BuRRT will accept any Freon bearing appliance for a small fee. To see if you qualify for PNM's refrigerator rebate program, go to <http://www.pnm.com/rebates/fridge.htm>

### Batteries

Found in everything from hearing aids, remote controls, cameras, laptops, to cellular and cordless phones...Batteries are toxic and should be recycled, not thrown in the trash. Local retailers such as Radio Shack, Home Depot and Lowe's accept rechargeables, while BuRRT accepts all rechargeable, single use, and auto batteries.

### Sharps, Hypodermic Needles

These can pose a life threatening risk to the community when put in your recycling bin or improperly thrown in your trash can. Sharps should be collected in a sturdy plastic container (i.e. laundry detergent bottle) with a screw lid, labeled, and then disposed of ONLY in the trash.

## Think 'Reduce'

Can I Get The Same Thing With Less Packaging?



You can eat more healthily and save on packaging by buying food at Farmer's Markets and at stores that have bulk items, including beans, rice, flour, cereals, etc. Look for products with less packaging (tools, fresh produce, dry goods). Sometimes you can take your own plastic, glass or other containers to the store to be filled directly with bulk goods. Bring your own bags when you go to stores.

## Start Now!

### Ask Yourself...

Do I Really Need This?

How Long Is A Product's Useful Life?

Purchase items that are made to last and keep them for a lifetime.

Could It Be Creatively Reused?

Old barn doors make great headboards and scrap metal can be re-designed as a lamp shade.

If Its Broken, Can It Be Fixed?

Repair your item when possible instead of buying a new one.

## Think 'Recycle'

Curbside Service for Santa Fe City Residents

### Bin 1 Contains:

**Glass Bottles and Jars Only**  
Glass of any color.

No Pyrex, bakeware, drinking glasses, or lightbulbs.



### Bin 2 Contains:

**Aluminum & Tin**

EMPTY food and drink cans, pie tins and aluminum foil.



### Plastic Bottles

EMPTY water, soda and juice bottles, laundry/milk jugs, and jars. Look for #1 and #2 on the bottom of the bottle; color does not matter. No #3-7 plastics, clamshells, plastic bags, to-go containers.

### Mixed Paper

Junk mail, office paper, catalogs, newspapers and magazines.

### Cardboard

Flattened, corrugated cardboard boxes and brown paper bags. No 6-pack containers or cereal/tissue/pizza boxes.