

**THANKS!**

Your cooperation and assistance are greatly appreciated. When you take the time to reduce, reuse or recycle, you help extend the life of our landfill, which saves your taxpayer dollars. Recycle at:

- CARC/Rainbow , 103 E. Greene St. (corner of E. Greene and S. Main)
- Lamont Recycling Station (behind Northgate Shopping Center at Lamont and Blodgett)
- Tractor Supply Co., 3127 National Parks Highway
- La Huerta Chevron, 1401 N. Canal (corner of Orchard and Canal)

Check us out! We are now on Facebook—**Carlsbad Recycles!** or tweet us—**cbadrecycles** on Twitter!



## Lend A Hand



**Reduce—Reuse—Recycle**

City of Carlsbad

Solid Waste Department

1702 W Fox Street

P O Box 1569

Carlsbad, NM 88221

Visit us on the web at:

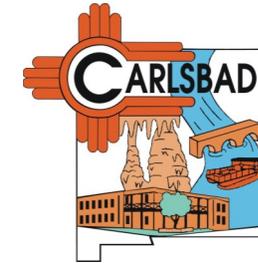
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Hours of Operation: 7 am—4 pm, Monday—Friday



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## REDUCE

### Reduce

When we purchase items with less packaging or no packaging, we reduce the demand for raw materials used in manufacturing packaging and save ourselves a few cents on each item.

Reusable grocery bags come in a variety of colors to suit your taste or décor, but ultimately they are all “green” and reduce the number of shopping bags in the landfill.

If you do have an excess of plastic shopping bags, Albertson’s, La Tienda and Walmart in Carlsbad accept them for recycling.



Many cities now assess a “shopping bag” tax on plastic bags. If we get in the habit of using our own grocery bags instead, we may be able to avoid that tax!

## REUSE

### Reuse

To put it simply, use an item more than once.

There are many items and many creative ways to reuse things. Remember how your mom or grandmother reused things around the house? Research for other ideas to extend the life cycle of goods.

Take, for example, Mason jars.

There are entire web sites that are devoted to the virtues of drinking “sweet tea” from a Mason jar.



Of course, if you can fruits & vegetables, you know that these jars are sturdy and can be used over and over. You can probably think of 50 more things that you can use more than once.

### Repair or donate for Reuse

 Part of the “reuse” philosophy is simply to mend or repair an item to extend its service or donate it. Obviously, anything beyond repair is ready to be recycled or discarded. Things you no longer want or need might be just the ticket for someone else! Yard sales, flea markets and thrift stores succeed on this premise. Even charitable organizations are glad to accept your donations—for example, the Lions Club accepts donations of eyeglasses. You may deposit your old pair in the special bin at the Walmart Vision Center.

## RECYCLE

### Recycle

Once a product has served its purpose, it’s time to recycle. Collect cans, plastic bottles, paper and corrugated cardboard! Take them to Rainbow Recycling, one of the recycling stations or place them in your blue curbside bin.



Hazardous household waste events are held twice a year.

This is the time to bring in your solvents, chemicals or long fluorescent tubes for safe recycling. If you have any

burned out compact fluorescent lamp (CFL) bulbs, they may be recycled at Lowe’s.

Rechargeable batteries are found in household electronics such as cordless telephones, cordless power tools, cell phones and camcorders. When the battery is no longer rechargeable, recycle it at McCoy’s in Carlsbad.

Radio Shack recycles ALL kinds of electronics, including laptops, video games, game consoles, MP3 players, cameras and of course, batteries!