

RECYCLING AND RE-USE GUIDE



(Supplement to the SBC Phone Book Recycling Guide)

THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING! THROUGH YOUR EFFORTS, SLO COUNTY ACHIEVED A RECORD 62% RECYCLING RATE IN 2004!



Nipomo Residents: Your solid waste hauler is South County Sanitation. For questions about solid waste service and billing: call (805) 489-3534 or (805) 489-4246.

For more information about pollution prevention, water conservation and recycling call:
Nipomo Community Services District at (805) 929-1133.



THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE <u>ALLOWED</u> IN THE CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM: Please remove any caps, lids, can ends, and contents from your recyclable items. All paper and cardboard must be clean and dry. Do not overfill your blue bin.

ALUMINUM: Empty cans, bread tins, pie pans and clean foil.

METAL CANS: Aluminum, tin and steel cans. Fully empty aerosol cans.

CARDBOARD: Please break down clean, dry boxes and bundle if they do not fit loose in your

container. NO WAXED or greasy (pizza) boxes.

CHIPBOARD: Cereal and dry foods boxes.

GLASS: Wine and beverage bottles, clean glass food jars: ketchup, sauces, jelly jars.

JUNK MAIL: All paper mail okay; Remove plastic, metal or vinyl covers and inserts.

MIXED PAPER: Magazines, mixed office paper, dry newspaper, envelopes, phone books, books (hard cover removed). Place shredded paper is a clear bag. No paper plates or towels.

MOTOR OIL; USED: for a free curbside oil recycling container call (805) 489-3534. Once container is full you must call to arrange free pick up.

PLASTICS: #1, 2,3,4,5, 7 are recyclable. (NO STYROFOAM / # 6). No plastic wrap, bags or plant containers. See listing inside this flyer.

GREEN WASTE: Garden and yard trimmings can be recycled using your green container. Please, NO kitchen food waste, NO rocks, NO soil, NO building materials, NO concrete.

Did You Know?

In addition to recycling at home and at work, individuals and businesses can help "close the loop" by purchasing products made from recycled materials. Your purchases create consumer demand and markets for recyclables, which in turn, help create new jobs, preserve natural resources and conserve energy and water.



THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE <u>NOT ALLOWED</u> IN THE CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM: Placing these items in the recycling containers can result in an extra charge for the customer.

NO AEROSOL CANS: Partially full cans must be disposed of at the Nipomo Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Site. See listing inside this flyer.

NO BATTERIES: All batteries must be taken to the HHW site. See listing inside this flyer.

NO CERAMICS: Place in trash.

NO COAT HANGERS: Recycle at dry cleaners.

NO GREETING CARDS: Place in trash. (Musical cards go to HHW site: battery inside).

NO FLUORESCENT TUBES: Must be taken to the HHW site.

NO FOOD SERVICEWARE: No used plates, cups or utensils. Place in trash.

NO LIQUIDS; NO CHEMICALS: Must be taken to the HHW site.

NO MIRRORS: Place in trash.

NO PAINT; NO CONTAINERS WITH PAINT IN THEM: Empty cans can go in trash.

Partially full cans; donate for reuse or take to HHW site. See listing inside this flyer.

NO PLANT CONTAINERS: Place in trash. 1 gallon or larger: recycle at local nurseries.

NO **PLASTIC BAGS**: Newspaper bags, sandwich bags, plastic wrap are not recyclable. Place in trash.

NO PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS: Return to grocery store.

NO PVC PIPE: Though marked recyclable as #3 – PVC is not recyclable. Place in trash.

NO PACKING PEANUTS: See listing inside this flyer.

NO RUBBER BANDS: Place in trash.

NO STYROFOAM /POLYSTYRENE: Often marked as recyclable plastic: #6. NO coffee cups, plates, egg cartons, meat trays, utensils. Place in trash.

NO SCRAP METAL: For large amounts contact a scrap dealer. See listing inside this flyer.

NO TISSUE; NO WRAPPING PAPER: Gift Wrapping is not recyclable. Place in trash.

NO WINDOW GLASS; NO DRINKING GLASSES. Place in trash.

Waste Disposal and Recycling Sites for Nipomo, California

Nipomo Transfer Station

The Nipomo Transfer Station is located one-half mile west of Highway 101, at 325 Cuyama Lane (Highway 166) in Nipomo. The transfer station is open Monday through Saturday from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM (closed Sunday). Recyclables accepted at the transfer station include: Newspaper, Cardboard, Aluminum, Tin Cans, Glass Bottles, Plastic Containers, Appliances, (fee applies), Green Waste (fee applies), Tires (fee applies). For more information call (805) 922-9255.

Nipomo Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Site at 509 Southland Avenue, Nipomo. Open Saturdays, 11 am–3 pm and located approximately 1 mile south of Tefft Street, access off Frontage Road. Call (805)782-8530 for information.

Cold Canyon Landfill is located about 6 miles south of the City of San Luis Obispo on Edna Road (Highway 227). CCL hours of operation are 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday through Sunday, closed major holidays. For more information about Cold Canyon Landfill, please call (805) 543-0280 or 549-8332.

Santa Maria Landfill is located at 2065 East Main Street in Santa Maria, CA. Open 7 days a week, 7 am – 4 pm. For recycling, tipping fees information call 925-0951 (ext. 7270)

<u>California CRV Recycling Buy-Back Centers</u>: **Vons** 520 West Tefft Street, Nipomo (909) 796-2210. Pays California Redemption Value (CRV) for aluminum cans, glass and some plastic bottles. Open Weds.-Sat. 10 am - 4:30 pm; Closed for lunch: 1 -1:30 pm.



HOW TO RECYCLE THOSE "HARD TO RECYCLE" ITEMS:

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Agricultural Drip Tape: Large volumes only - can be recycled at Cold Canyon Landfill. Call (805) 543-0280.

<u>Appliances</u>: Home Appliance Center, 951 East Grand Avenue, Arroyo Grande, will take washer, dryer, freezer, and fridge working or not. Fees apply. Call (805) 481-5000.

Joseph Larson, Appliance pick-up service. Will pick up anywhere in SLO County. Fees apply. (805) 550-8278.

Nipomo Transfer Station, 325 Cuyama Lane, Nipomo. Fees apply. Open Monday - Saturday 7:30am – 4 pm. Call for details (805) 922-9255.

Cold Canyon Landfill, Edna Road (Hwy.227) San Luis Obispo. Fees apply. Open 8 am -3 pm Daily. (805) 549-8332.

RES Recycling & Environmental Services, Inc. 950 Orcutt Road, San Luis Obispo, (805)541-5865. Accepts washers and dryers for a fee and will pick up your item for an additional fee. Call for pricing. Open Mon.-Fri. 8 am-5 pm, Sat. 8-12 noon.

<u>Batteries</u>: All types of batteries can be recycled at the Nipomo Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Site at 509 Southland Avenue, on Saturdays, between 11 am – 3 pm, *OR* - 7 days a week at Cold Canyon Landfill.

Rechargeable battery drop boxes are available at the NCSD, 148 S. Wilson Street (929-1133) or at, the Nipomo Library on East Tefft Street.

Rite Aid and Circuit City stores, nationwide, accept rechargeable batteries and cell phones for recycling.

Rechargeable tool or household batteries can be recycled at Ace Hardware, 551 West Tefft St. in Nipomo. (805) 929-1122. Ace Hardware does NOT accept REGULAR Alkaline batteries.

<u>Cell Phones</u>: Working cell phones can be donated for re-use through SLO County's Women's Shelter program. The phones are pre-programmed to call 911 and are given to women and children at risk of domestic abuse. Drop off the cell phone donation at Morin Bros. Automotive - 4090 Broad Street, SLO - or call (805) 541-2407.

Phones, in any condition, working or not, can be recycled at the NCSD, 148 S. Wilson Street (929-1133), or at, the Nipomo Library on East Tefft Street.

Phones, mobile and household, can be recycled at the Nipomo Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Site at 509 Southland Avenue, on Saturdays, between 11 am–3 pm, or at Cold Canyon Landfill, 7 days a week.

<u>Bicycles:</u> SLO County Sheriff's department accepts bicycles and tricycles. Honor Farm inmates repair the bikes which are distributed to low income kids during the Christmas Bicycle program. Call (805) 781-4643.

<u>Building Materials:</u> Habitat for Humanity's "ReStore" of North Santa Barbara County, accepts everything from lumber to lighting fixtures. Useable windows, flooring, roofing material, sheetrock, fencing, paints can all be donated for reuse in a Habitat for Humanity house, or for resale in their store at 2053 Preisker Lane in Santa Maria (across from the Holiday Inn). Store hours are Tuesday 10 am – 1 pm; Friday 10 am – 4 pm and some Saturdays. Call 928-5399 or www.nsbhabitat.com. There is also a ReStore in Templeton at 320 La Cruz Way. Call (805) 434-0486 or visit: hfbsloco.org/restore/index.html.

<u>Construction Debris/ Hardscape</u>: Gator Crushing & Recycling -2363 Willow Road (Highway 1), Nipomo, accepts porcelain toilets, concrete, asphalt, rock and brick. Open Mon. –Fri., 8am - 4 pm. Call (805) 995-1097. Fees apply.

Computers:

Working computers, (PCs with a 300 MHz or higher processor and Microsoft Windows 98-compatible) are refurbished by volunteers at the Central Coast Exploration Station, 867 Ramona Street in Grover Beach. They reformat each donated computer, refurbish it and load it with useful software. The computers are distributed to in-need individuals and families, along with a monitor, floppy disk drive and speakers. Call (805) 473-1421.

TechExpress Inc. works with the local YMCA to repair and distribute donated computers to the community. Call (805) 541-4400 or visit www.c4konline.org.

Computers, printers, scanners and monitors can be recycled at the Nipomo Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Site at 509 Southland Avenue, on Saturdays, between 11 am – 3 pm - OR - 7 days a week at the Cold Canyon Landfill.

Coat Hangers: Nipomo Cleaners, 671 West Tefft St., Mon-Fri. 9am-6pm; Sat. 9am-4 pm. (805) 929-4766.

Eyeglasses: National Vision 1168 West Branch St. (inside Walmart) accepts glasses for redistribution, Open 7 days a week. Call (805) 474-0880. Lenscrafters and Sunglass Hut Stores accept use glasses which will be cleaned, repaired and distributed in developing countries. Visit www.givethegiftofsight.org. Local civic organizations also offer seasonal eyeglass drives.

Food: Food for the Needy, 192-B South 9th Street (rear building) Grover Beach (805) 481-2877, Accepts non-perishable food. Open Mon.-Fri. 2 - 4 pm.

Food Bank, 1820 Railroad Street, Oceano (805) 481-4652. Accepts all non-opened food items and produce excluding homemade items. Open Mon.-Fri. 9 am -1 pm.

Harvest Bag, accepts all food donations. 921 South 4th Street, Grover Beach (805) 489-4223. Open Mon.-Fri. 7:30 -10:30 am.

<u>Foam Packing Peanuts</u>: Most pack-and- ship stores will accept clean, used peanuts for reuse. Some peanuts are now made of corn or potato starch, and will they dissolve in water. The Boxx Express, 1250 Grand Avenue, Arroyo Grande accepts foam peanuts and other packaging materials. Mon- Fri. 9- 5. (805) 481-2699.

<u>Formal and Evening Wear</u>: Cinderella's Closet offers evening gowns for rent to local high school students who can't afford to drop hundreds on that perfect prom dress. Programs at Atascadero, Nipomo and Paso Robles high schools regularly swap dresses to make sure the selection varies. Contact Jim Johnson at Nipomo High (474-3300, ext. 3242)

<u>FreeCycle</u> is an online network that connects willing givers to needy recipients. There are no sales, no advertising. Everything, from furniture to clothing to livestock, is free. Freecycle has only a few limits: no guns, no prescription medicine, nothing illegal. Posted items can range from brand-new plasma TVs to broken lawnmowers – offered with the hope that someone will fix them. Go to www.freecycle.org, to sign up for the SLO County group.

<u>Furniture</u>: Thrift Stores accept many good used items for resale. Grass Roots II, 3220 South Higuerra, Suite 222, accepts good used furniture for redistribution to low income families in need. On site pickup available. Call ahead to arrange a drop off - (805) 544-2333.

Grocery Bags: Clean plastic grocery bags, no paper bags, no receipts – Vons, 520 West Tefft St. Nipomo. (805) 931-1850.

<u>Green Waste- Large Tree Limbs</u>: Green waste burning is banned in Nipomo. For large volumes of green waste, contact the Nipomo Transfer Station at (805) 922-9255, or, contact the CDF at (805) 929-3911 to find out about the next chipping event.

<u>Household Hazardous Materials:</u> Aerosol cans, antifreeze, batteries, chemical fertilizers, disinfectants, electrical switches, furniture polish, fluorescent bulbs, hypodermic needles, lamp oil, "light-up" athletic shoes (pre-1997), mothballs, motor oil, nail- polish remover, paint, pesticides, cleaners, solvents, "singing" greeting cards (they contain mercury), spot remover and thermostats can be recycled at the Nipomo Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Site at 509 Southland Avenue, on Saturdays, between 11 am – 3 pm. or at Cold Canyon Landfill on additional days. For a list of all accepted HHW's - see www.iwma.com - or call – (805) 782-8530.

<u>Home Electronics</u>: Telephones, televisions, computer monitors, radios, microwaves, printers, computers, VCRs, stereos, fax machines and other home electronics can be recycled at the Nipomo Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Site at 509 Southland Avenue, on Saturdays, between 11 am – 3 pm, *OR* - 7 days a week at Cold Canyon Landfill. Although recycling most items is free, certain equipment comes with a small fee because it's more difficult to take apart.

<u>Inkjet Cartridges</u>: HP, Dell, Lexmark Inkjet cartridges and <u>Canon Toner Cartridges</u> can be recycled at Office Max, 1130 West Branch Street, Arroyo Grande. Call for details (805) 474-4970.

Junk Mail: Recycle in your curbside container. Remove plastic wrappers.

To Reduce Junk Mail: Visit www.stopjunkmail.org to receive a free stop junk mail kit. The Direct Marketing Association (DMA) is one of the main United States organizations involved in compiling direct mailing lists, and will remove your name from its members' mailing lists if requested. Mail a written request including your name, complete home address and signature to: Mail Preference Service, The Direct Marketing Association, P. O. Box 9008, Farmingdale, NY 11735-9008 - Tel: (212) 768-7277 – or online: www.the-dma.org. Enclose a statement in return postage paid envelopes to get off lists you are already on. Check the labels on your mail to include all variations of your name when requesting that it be removed from marketing lists. Lists are updated quarterly so it may take a while to notice a reduction in your volume of mail.

To Stop America Online CD Advertisement Mailing: To stop packaged CD promotions, a free phone call to AOL Customer Service will remove you from future mailing. AOL subscribers can call 1-800-827-6364 and non-subscribers can call 1-888-265-8002. Just tell the friendly AOL Customer Service representative you want to be removed from their mail list and they will assist you.

<u>Mattresses</u>: Grass Roots II, 3220 South Higuerra, Suite 222,accepts good used mattresses for redistribution to low income families in need. On site pickup available. Please ahead of time to call to arrange a drop off - (805) 544-2333. Mattresses which are in poor condition may be disposed of the landfill, or during the bi-annual community clean up days in Nipomo. Fees apply.

Milk / Juice Square Cartons: Combination paper / plastic cartons are not recyclable. Place in trash.

<u>Miscellaneous:</u> Local Thrift Stores accept many good used items for resale. FREECYCLE is an online network that connects willing givers to needy recipients. There are no sales, no advertising. Everything, from furniture to clothing to livestock, is free. Freecycle has only a few limits: no guns, no prescription medicine, nothing illegal. Posted items can range from brand-new plasma TVs to broken lawnmowers – offered with the hope that someone will fix them. Go to www.freecycle.org, to sign up for the SLO County group.

<u>Motor Oil and Filters</u>: Curbside collection is available for many Nipomo residents and customers of South County Sanitation. Call (805)489-3534 for details on pickup and collection. NAPA, Auto Zone, and Kragen automotive stores accept used oil and filters at their stores throughout California during regular business hours. Used oil and automotive solvents can be recycled at the Nipomo Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Site at 509 Southland Avenue, on Saturdays, between 11 am – 3 pm, or at Cold Canyon Landfill -7 days a week.

<u>Multimedia:</u> Whether you're clearing out your DVD collection or switching to an iPod, local schools and libraries are the perfect recipients for used CDs and DVDs in good shape. If the media is beyond re-use - NCSD sponsors "Techno-Trash Cans" at the Nipomo Library and the NCSD office for the recycling of old videocassettes, diskettes and data cartridges, batteries and some computer components. The Lacerta Group, based in Boston, also takes old videocassettes, diskettes and data cartridges. Visit www.greendisk.com and www.lacerta.com/ recycling/competec.htm for information about shipping off your damaged discs.

<u>Pallets</u>: Recyclable at Nipomo Transfer Station, or at, Bedford Enterprises 1940 West Betteravia Road, Santa Maria. (805) 922-4977 or 1(800) 542 8884. Open M-F 8:30-4:30; Sat. 8 -12.

<u>Plant Containers</u>: Nipomo Old Town Nursery 323-A West Tefft Street, Nipomo. Accepts 1 gallon and larger containers. Mon. - Fri. 9 am – 6 pm; Sat. & Sun. 9 am – 5 pm. (805)929-1084.

Miner's Ace Hardware, 186 Station Way, Arroyo Grande. Accepts 1 gallon and larger containers. Open Mon. – Sat. 8 am -6 pm; Sun. 9 am -5 pm. (805) 489-9100.

<u>Scrap Metals</u>: RES Recycling & Environmental Services, Inc. 950 Orcutt Road, San Luis Obispo (805) 541-5865. Buys all types of metals (aluminum, brass, steel, copper, etc.). Accepts washers and dryers for a fee and will pick up your item for an additional fee. Call for pricing. Open M-F 8 am -5 pm, Sat. 8 am-12 pm.

Bedford Enterprises 1940 West Betteravia Road, Santa Maria. (805) 922-4977 or 1(800) 542 8884. Buys/Accepts: Buys all types of metals (aluminum, brass, steel, copper, etc). Open M-F 8:30-4:30; Sat. 8 -12.

<u>Shoes:</u> Just don't fit and still in good shape, then just take them to Goodwill or some other thrift store. Are your sneakers really old? Nike has teamed up with the National Recycling Coalition to recycle old athletic shoes. Through the Reuse-A-Shoe program, ground-up sneakers become new soccer and football fields, basketball and tennis courts, running tracks and playground surfaces. All athletic shoes are accepted as long as they contain no metal parts like eyelets or cleats. Locally, the closest shoe drop-off point is the Gold Coast Recycling Center, 5275 Colt St. in Ventura. Call 642-9236 or visit www.nike reuseashoe.com for more information. You can also mail shoes to: Nike Recycling Center, c/o Reuse-A-Shoe, 26775 SW 95th Ave., Wilsonville, OR 97070.

<u>Toys:</u> Dolls, stuffed animals and other childhood favorites are always in demand, especially at thrift stores. SLO County Economic Opportunity Commission accepts toys through its Head Start and child care programs based in San Luis Obispo. Call Paula Tripp at 544-4355.

<u>Tires</u>: Can be recycled at the Nipomo Transfer Station at 325 Cuyama Lane (Highway 166). Open Mon.-Sat., 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. Fees apply. For more information call (805) 922-9255. Tire retailers also recycle, for a fee.

<u>Tree Limbs</u>: Green waste burning is banned in Nipomo. For large volumes of green waste, contact the Nipomo Transfer Station at (805) 922-9255, or, contact the CDF at (805) 929-3911 to find out about the next chipping event.

<u>Vehicles</u>: Goodwill Industries accepts vehicle donations at its county headquarters - 880 Industrial Way in SLO, 7 days a week between 8 am- 4 pm. Bring the vehicle title or other DMV proof of ownership. Tax credit available. Contact David Alberti at (800) 549-5920.

Cars 4 Causes,1-800-766-CARE (2273), Online at: www.cars4causes.net. Call to set up an appointment for pick up for any non-profit; indicate the charity to share the proceeds with, which includes schools and churches, when calling. Open Mon.-Sat. 8am -5pm

Lifesteps Foundation, (800) 530-5433. Call to set up an appointment for pick up. Open M-F 8am-5pm.

Wood: Recyclable at Nipomo Transfer Station: unpainted dimensional lumber, OSB, chips, pallets, plywood, wood siding. Not recyclable: painted/stained wood, MDF, sawdust, particle board, pressure treated wood.

Still Can't Find the Information You Need? Visit: www.iwma.com, See the Recycling Guide in the SBC Phone book, or Call the Hot Line!

Sponsored by SLO County Integrated Waste Management Authority, the Recycling Hotline provides information on waste reduction, recycling, household hazardous waste, composting and other information related to integrated waste management. **Call 1-800-400-0811 or (805) 782-8530 for more information.**

PROPER DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The Nipomo Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Site is located at 509 Southland Avenue, Nipomo. Open Saturdays, 11 am – 3 pm. It is located approximately 1 mile south of Tefft Street, access off South Frontage Road. Info: (800) 400- 0811. Most items accepted in small volume no charge.

Household Hazardous Waste	Proper Disposal
aerosol spray cans - empty	pput in curbside recycling
aerosol spray cans - partially full	take to HHW drop off facility
air conditioning Freon	take to HHW drop off facility
ammonia based cleaners	take to HHW drop off facility
ammunition	contact SLO County Sheriff's department
batteries, all household/alkaline	take to HHW drop off facility
batteries, button or hearing aide	take to HHW drop off facility
batteries, Nickel Cadmium	take to HHW drop of facility
cell phones & telephones	donate or recycle at HHW drop of facility
chemical fertilizers	take to HHW drop off facility
computers & printers	donate or recycle at HHW drop of facility
disinfectants	take to HHW drop off facility
drain cleaners	take to HHW drop off facility
flea repellant, powder	take to HHW drop off facility
floor and furniture polish	take to HHW drop off facility
fluorescent bulbs & tubes (under 20 per visit)	take to HHW drop off facility
glue (if solvent based), epoxy	take to HHW drop off facility
kerosene or lamp oil	take to HHW drop off facility
lighter fluid	take to HHW drop off facility
medical and infectious waste	IWMA Home Generated Sharps Disposal Program
metal polish	take to HHW drop off facility
microwave ovens	take to HHW drop off facility
moth balls	take to HHW drop off facility
oven cleaner	take to HHW drop off facility
nail polish remover	take to HHW drop off facility
paint cans, empty	put in trash
paint cans, partially full	take to HHW drop off facility
paint, oil and latex based	take to HHW drop off facility

paint thinner, stripper, etc.	take to HHW drop off facility
p. c. monitors	donate or recycle at HHW drop of facility
photographic fixer	take to HHW drop off facility
photographic developer	take to HHW drop off facility
pesticides (herbicides, insecticides, etc.)	take to HHW drop off facility
pesticide container, empty	put in trash – do not recycle
poisons (rat, mice, slug, bug, etc.)	take to HHW drop off facility
pool chemicals, acid	take to HHW drop off facility
propane, nonrefillable cylinders	take to HHW drop off facility
printers & computers	donate or recycle at HHW drop of facility
rust remover	take to HHW drop off facility
shoe polish dye	take to HHW drop off facility
smoke alarms/detectors	take to HHW drop off facility
spot remover, rug cleaner	take to HHW drop off facility
telephones & cell phones	donate or recycle at HHW drop of facility
televisions	donate or recycle at HHW drop of facility
thermometer, broken mercury	take to HHW drop off facility
thermostats	take to HHW drop off facility
VCRs	donate or recycle at HHW drop of facility
wine bottle lead foil	put in trash

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:
NCSD Conservation Specialist
Nipomo Community Services District
148. S. Wilson Street
Nipomo, CA 93444
www.nipomocsd.com
(805)929-1133

Did You Know?

100 years - that's the lifespan of an aluminum can that gets tossed into the trash instead of a recycling bin.

700 years - that's how long a trashed plastic bottle will sit in a landfill refusing to degrade.

1 Million Years - Put a glass bottle in a landfill and that's how long it'll sit there doing nothing.