

FOR INTERESTED ARTISTS - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT SCRAP

What is the SCRAP program?

The Santa Cruz Recycled Art Program (“SCRAP”) is a program of the City of Santa Cruz—a collaboration between City Arts and Public Works. The program challenges artists to find materials at the City’s Resource Recovery Facility, known as “the dump,” and create art over a 4 month period—culminating in a final showcase at a local gallery. Throughout the 4-month ‘residency’ artists talk with elementary school tours of the facility and help us educate the public about our growing landfill problem. The SCRAP program is loosely based on a similar and highly successful program in San Francisco called “Recology,” which has been operating for 25+ years.

What percentage of my work needs to come from the dump?

We ask that MOST, 90% of the work you create for the SCRAP show come from what you glean at the dump. We understand that there are assemblage issues that may call for purchased materials and that is fine. That said, if you find that your concept would benefit from additional materials, we ask you to contact the Program Coordinator and discuss your intentions. Ask yourself, "Am I doing my best to tell the story? Is this representing SCRAP?"

Can I use materials I have already acquired?

Again, mostly the answer is no. We ask that the work for the show be gleaned during the duration of your time with SCRAP. The program is for you to tell the story of our refuse center and to promote your message through the work you create. The program is NOT to discard the pile you may have already on hand. We find that our most successful work and stories are from artists who immerse themselves on the process and not simply the outcome.

Can I bring friends?

You may bring one additional person on any given trip. We ask you to be mindful that they are there for you and not gleaning for themselves. They must check in and sign a waiver. They must acquire a vest and gloves. They need to stay with you at all times. If we find that it becomes an issue we will revoke permissions to any artist that does not comply. This is a privilege, we are at the City's workplace and need to be safe and give them room to work. If at any time we abuse this, our right to be there and SCRAP can not continue.

I'm not a trash artist, can I apply?

YES! We have had some fabulous contributing artists who had not previously worked with trash bring great work to the show. In applying we encourage you to photograph what it is you do, whether art related or not, and convey your ideas to us. There is tremendous opportunity to grow in this program, to stretch your creative self. The art is all in the process, in the growth from pushing our concepts of what is an art object and where does it come from.

Can I have access to the dump after my show?

Generally not. SCRAP is new and always evolving so we do envision one day having positions open. Please let us know in what capacity you see yourself assisting in that growth. We will also extend the webpage so as to list positions



available. Understand that each show gathers more artists and if everyone continued to glean we would certainly overrun our welcome. Again, our mission is in sharing our environmental message through art and for that we thank you. We would not be able to do that if we loose access however.

Can I do an installation that is not for sale?

Absolutely. We have had several installs that told really powerful stories. Each show we do is curated to carefully blend artists that compliment one another. We actively look for installs alongside the work that is for sale. The more prepared you are with a concept the better so let us know what you'd like to contribute to the show.

For additional questions or information:

Visit [www. SantaCruzCityArts.com](http://www.SantaCruzCityArts.com) or contact staff at scrap@citysantacruz.com or 831-420-5154 for information.