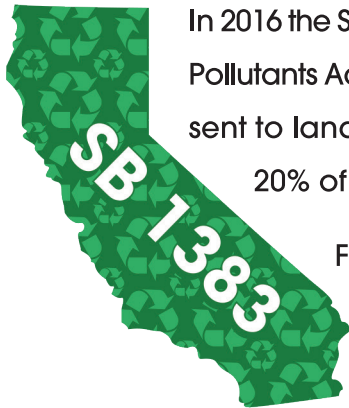


# Organics Recycling

## What you need to know



## Organic Waste Recycling Laws



In 2016 the State of California adopted Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383), the Short-Lived Climate Pollutants Act, into law. SB 1383 requires all cities in California to reduce organic waste sent to landfills by 75% by January 1, 2025. SB 1383 also sets a target of rescuing 20% of edible food currently disposed of in landfills.

Furthermore, SB 1383 sets and regulates maximum levels of contamination found in each waste and recycling stream, which ensures materials are disposed of in correct containers and properly processed. As such, the City of Temecula is encouraging all residents to participate in your recycling program to minimize landfill disposal and to comply with State Law.

## Environmental Benefits

When organic wastes such as food scraps and green waste are disposed of in landfills, they decompose and produce methane, a greenhouse gas (GHG) that is 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide. SB 1383 requires all cities in California to not only provide organic waste collection services to all residents and businesses, but also requires monitoring of items sent to the landfill for disposal.

SB 1383 requires organic materials to be recycled using technologies such as Anaerobic Digestion, a process that creates biofuel and high grade compost.

Minimizing landfill disposal will reduce GHGs and extend landfill capacities for future generations.



# Organics Recycling Is Easy!

## Filling Your Organics Cart

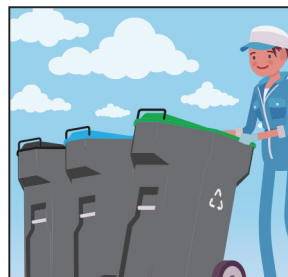
Instead of placing food scraps and food-soiled paper in your trash cart, please place them in your green organics cart. Place yard trimmings and food waste directly in the organics cart.

**Always keep glass, plastic, and all other non-organic material out!**



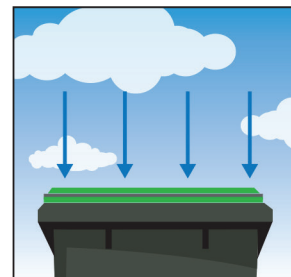
### STEP 1

Place food scraps, food-soiled paper and yard trimmings in your green organics cart.



### STEP 2

Set your green cart at the curb next to your trash and recycling carts by 6 a.m. on your regular collection day.



### STEP 3

Make sure everything fits in the green cart with the lid closed. Keep the lid closed at all times.

## What Goes In The Green Organics Cart?

Organic waste includes food waste, green waste, landscape materials, pruning waste, and non-hazardous wood waste. These materials can all be mixed together in your green organics cart.

### Acceptable Kitchen Waste Items Include:



Fruits & Vegetables



Meat (No Bones) • Fish • Dairy



Breads & Grains



Fats, Oils, Grease & Food Soiled Paper

### Acceptable Yard Waste Items Include:



Flowers • Branches • Grass • Leaves (No Palm Tree Materials)



**Unacceptable Items Include all trash & recyclables.**

**Examples Include:**

- |            |                   |           |
|------------|-------------------|-----------|
| • Aluminum | • Dirt            | • Liquids |
| • Clothing | • Glass           | • Metals  |
| • Diapers  | • Hazardous Waste | • Plastic |

**HAZARDOUS WASTE  
RECYCLABLES  
LANDFILL ITEMS**

# Collecting Your Food Scraps



Collect food scraps using a kitchen food scrap pail or container. Scrape food prep scraps and leftovers from your plate or cutting board into your container. Spoiled or stale food from your fridge and cupboards can also be placed in the container. When the kitchen food scrap pail is full, empty your organics in your green organics cart. Your cart will be collected on a weekly basis on your normal collection day.

**DO NOT place the kitchen food scrap pail outside for collection.**

## **Optional Kitchen Caddies Are Available**

A kitchen caddy is a designated container specifically for the internal collection of organics in your home. Any reusable container can be used as a kitchen caddy. Food caddies are available at CR&R at the Perris Facility. Food caddies may also be available at City Hall.

## **Can I Use Plastic Bags For Organics, Even If They Are Biodegradable Or Compostable Plastic?**

**No, do not use any kind of plastic bags.**

*All organic material must be placed loosely inside the green organics cart for collection. Please mix your food and green waste together in your green organics cart!*



## **Some suggestions to help reduce odors, moisture and pests in your green organics cart:**

- Start with yard trimmings such as leaves or grass clippings at the bottom to prevent food scraps from adhering.
- Alternate layers of food scraps and yard trimmings to help keep your cart clean.

**Do NOT use plastic bags of any kind please,** as they cannot break down in the anaerobic digester process.

- If you don't use a food caddy, you can also keep your food scraps frozen and place them directly into your green cart the night before your collection day.

## **Keep your organics cart clean:**

- Rinse your cart with mild soap and water when necessary.
- Sprinkle baking soda in your cart.
- Keep your cart in a shaded area.





# On Collection Day

**1** The carts should be placed at the curbside no later than 6:30 a.m. on collection day and removed from the curbside within twelve (12) hours after service.

**2** The carts should be placed with the handles and wheels facing towards your home.

**3** Place carts side-by-side approximately two (2) feet apart and at least three (3) feet from any obstruction (e.g., vehicles, fire hydrants, trees, or mailboxes).

**4** Items placed outside of cart will not be collected.

To schedule a bulky item pickup go to our website at [crrwasteservices.com](http://crrwasteservices.com) and use the Online Scheduling Service link for residents.



## From Green Cart To Anaerobic Digestion

CR&R will collect organics from your green organics cart and transport it to our state-of-the-art anaerobic digestion facility in Perris, CA.

### Anaerobic Digestion

is a series of biological processes in which microorganisms break down biodegradable material such as food waste, green waste, fats, oils and greases - in the absence of oxygen. One of the end products is biogas, which can be combusted to generate renewable natural gas (RNG). The separated solids are utilized as a high grade compost material.

