

Orange County Waste & Recycling

Residential How-To Guide

Service guide for residential recycling, solid waste and organics recycling collection



Organics



Your current organics cart (formerly yard waste) color is brown. Replacement organics carts will reflect the state-defined color scheme of a gray body with a green lid.

New organics recycling program

In partnership with Republic Services, Orange County Waste & Recycling (OCWR) has launched a new residential recycling program, as required by SB 1383. Residents must place organic waste, such as food scraps and yard trimmings, in their existing **brown** yard waste cart.

FOOD WASTE



FOOD-SOILED PAPER



YARD WASTE



Important Reminder

Products such as paint, cleaners, pesticides, batteries and light bulbs require special handling when disposed.

Orange County residents can dispose of these and other household hazardous waste items for FREE at 1071 N. Blue Gum Street in Anaheim, Tuesday through Sunday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

For more information about household hazardous waste, call **714.834.4000**.

Organics Recycling Is the Law

State law

California Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) requires reduction of organic waste in landfills as part of a greater plan to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants. SB 1383 establishes targets to achieve a 75% reduction in statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2025.

What does it mean?

Your yard waste cart is now your organics cart! Starting July 1, 2023, place food waste, food-soiled paper and yard waste in your **brown** organics cart.

What are the benefits?

Recycling organics helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions, creating less air pollution.

What happens to the organic waste once I sort it?

Republic Services will collect the organic waste and transport it to a composting facility, which will turn the organic waste into nutrient-rich fertilizer.

Contamination

SB 1383 requires contamination monitoring of residential carts to ensure program success. Contamination occurs when you place incorrect items in recycling and organics carts. If contamination is found in your carts, a courtesy pickup notice will be left on your cart. On the subsequent occasions of reported contamination, fees may be assessed.



800.700.8610
RepublicServices.com

Sustainability in Action

Helpful Tips for Organics Recycling

Yes to paper bags!

Paper bags are allowed and can be used to collect food scraps. You may place a paper bag in the **brown** organics cart.



No plastic bags or compostable utensils

Plastic bags of any type are not acceptable, even if they are labeled as compostable or biodegradable. Compostable cups, plates or utensils are also not acceptable.



No fats, oil or grease

Fats, cooking oils and grease are not acceptable in the **brown** organics cart. Cooled fats, oil or grease in a sealed container is acceptable in your **black** trash cart.



Recycling

Ensure all items are empty, clean and dry.



Your current recycling cart color is green. Replacement recycle carts will reflect the state-defined color scheme of a gray body with a blue lid.

PAPER & CARDBOARD



METAL CANS



PLASTIC & GLASS



Trash



Your current trash cart color is black. Replacement trash carts will reflect the state-defined color scheme of a gray body with a gray lid.

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TOYS



FATS, OIL & GREASE



GARDEN HOSES



NON-RECYCLABLE PLASTICS



DIAPERS & PET WASTE



DISHES & MIRRORS



Cart Placement

Place carts out by 7 a.m. on your collection day. Drivers have until 7 p.m. to service the carts.

Weekly

All 3 carts are emptied on the same day, but not by the same truck. Carts for different materials may be serviced at different times throughout the day.



Cart Location

On your regular collection day, place carts for collection in the street gutter, against the curb, in front of the premises or adjacent to the premises in the alley or easement in the rear of the premises before 7 a.m., with the lid opening facing toward the street.

Place carts in a visible location at least 3 feet apart and 6 feet away from mailboxes, trees, basketball hoops, cars or other stationary objects.