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County of Fresno Solid Waste, Recycling and Organics Newsletter

State of California Recycling Requirements: SB1383 & AB341

Assembly Bill 341 (AB341), also known as the Mandatory Commercial Recycling (MCR) law, became effective July 1, 2012. AB341 requires that all businesses who generate four (4) cubic yards or more of solid waste per week and multi-family dwellings of five or more units have a traditional recycling program.

Senate Bill 1383 (SB1383), also known as California's Mandatory Organics Recycling Law, became effective January 1st, 2022. SB 1383 will require all residents, businesses, and apartments to have an organics recycling container. The container will include food waste and yard waste. For more information about AB341 and SB1383, please contact (559) 250-1939.

Erase Food Waste

Fresno County residents: do your part at the green cart! Food waste is the most significant waste stream in California. Each year, more than 6 million tons of food waste are disposed of into landfills.

What is organic waste?

Organic waste is food waste like vegetable and fruit peelings, meat scraps, eggshells and nutshells, bread and grains, pasta and rice, as well as yard waste, like plants and flowers, grass trimmings, and tree and shrub prunings.

By 2025, California must reduce the amount of organic waste disposed of in landfills by 75%!

Organic waste is turned into compost!

- Recycling organic waste keeps it out of landfills and prevents super pollutants, such as methane.
- Preventing methane pollution improves air quality in the Central Valley.
- Compost has many benefits, including soil and crop improvement, water conservation, erosion control and more.

Waste prevention is best

- Develop a meal planning routine.
- Prepare more accurate portion-sized meals.
- Organize food storage in your home.
- Track expiration dates on food labels.
- Use leftover food in future meals.

To help you get started, the County is providing every residential solid waste customer a kitchen pail to use at home.

Here's how it works:

- **Food prep:** Place any vegetable and fruit peelings, eggshells, meat scraps, and other food prep waste into the kitchen pail.
- **After meals:** Place any leftover scraps into the kitchen pail, as well.
- **Full pail:** Take your pail out to your green cart, and empty it.

Prevent pests, odors and messes!

- Use a paper towel or paper bag to line your kitchen pail.
- Sprinkle baking soda in your kitchen pail to reduce odors.
- Empty your kitchen pail into your green cart outside regularly and just before collection day.
- Wash your kitchen pail regularly. Handwashing recommended.
- Store smaller items in a Ziploc bag, and store them in your refrigerator or freezer until collection day.

Outside your home!

- Put some yard trimmings in your green cart before and after adding your scraps.
- Place the green cart out for collection every week, even if it's not full.
- Rinse your green cart as needed, and sprinkle baking soda in the bottom of the cart.

Remember: **NO BAGS OF ANY KIND** in the green cart!



For questions about the program, call **559.600.4259**, visit **Cleanupfresnocounty.com** or email **solidwaste@fresnocountyca.gov**.

Staying Safe while enjoying the Summer Season

As we continue into the summer, we find that roadways are busier during this time of year as many families are traveling or enjoying outdoor activities. Republic Services would like to offer you and your family tips on how to stay safe on your service day and during summer holiday celebrations.

Truck Safety

- During summer break, be sure to supervise children in roadways, especially on pickup days.

4th of July Celebration Safety Tips and Sustainability

- **DO NOT** place extinguished fireworks, BBQ briquettes, or ashes inside your carts.
- The safest way to dispose of both used and unused fireworks is to submerge them in water before disposal.
- After your cookout, be sure to allow charcoal ashes to safely cool. NEVER place hot ashes directly into the trash. Carefully pour water over charcoal to accelerate the cooling process. Once completely cooled, wrap charcoal in aluminum foil and dispose it in the trash.
- Careful meal planning and grocery shopping can help curb food waste and limit trips to the store during the hot, summer months.
- Use washable serve ware whenever possible. If you must use disposable dishware, take the time to look for environmentally friendly products made from renewable, biodegradable, or recycled materials.



Recycling Guide

Trash	Recycling	Organics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Styrofoam® ▶ Clothes ▶ Diapers ▶ Animal Waste ▶ Plastic Bags 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Hoses ▶ Hangers ▶ Plastic Silverware ▶ Toys ▶ Furniture (must be cut into small pieces) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Aluminum Cans ▶ Tin Cans ▶ Cardboard ▶ Phone Books ▶ Junk Mail ▶ Water and Juice Bottles ▶ All Glass Bottles and Jars
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Magazines ▶ Shredded Paper ▶ Office Paper ▶ Milk Jugs ▶ Dairy Containers ▶ Shampoo/Conditioner Bottles ▶ Detergent Containers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Yard Waste ▶ Untreated Wood ▶ Breads and Grains ▶ Pasta ▶ Rice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Fruits and Vegetables ▶ Eggshells and Nutshells ▶ Cooked Meat/Poultry/Fish
<div> <h3>Helpful Tips!</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Place all items in the recycling cart in an empty, clean, and dry state. ▶ All recyclable and organic products must be disposed of loosely inside your recycling/organic cart; no plastic bags. ▶ To ensure a safe pickup of your bin/cart, do not overload your cart. The lid must be able to close. </div>		

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HHW Facility

**The Fresno County Environmental Compliance Center (ECC) accepts many hazardous materials including yard chemicals, pool chemicals, cleaning chemicals, automotive fluids, and chemicals, and many more. The Facility is located at 1327 W. Dan Ronquillo Dr, Fresno, CA 93706, and is open on most Fridays and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Facility also accepts materials from qualifying small businesses by appointment only. Small business customers only pay the cost of disposal. For more information, please visit the County's website at www.cleanupfresnocounty.com, or contact the Resources Division at (559) 600-4259. Small business customers can make appointment by contacting 1-877-235-3005.

Holiday Schedule

As a general rule, if your regular service day falls on an **OBSERVED HOLIDAY** (*Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, New Years Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day*) your service day will be delayed one day. For example, if the holiday falls on a Monday, Monday's routes will be run on Tuesday, Tuesday's routes will be run on Wednesday, and so forth through Saturday. However, if the **ACTUAL HOLIDAY** falls on a **Saturday** or **Sunday**, there will be *no change* to your regular service day.