

# Fresno County

Newsletter



Sustainability in Action

## California Recycling Legislation: Assembly Bill (AB) 341, Assembly Bill (AB) 1826 & Senate Bill (SB) 1383

- ▶ **AB 1826 (Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling):** Effective April 1, 2016, this legislation mandates that businesses that generate 2+ cubic yards of solid waste per week and multi-family dwellings with 5+ units establish an organic waste recycling program.
- ▶ **AB 341 (Mandatory Commercial Recycling):** Effective July 1, 2012, this law requires businesses generating 4+ cubic yards of solid waste per week and multi-family dwellings with 5+ units to implement a recycling program for traditional recyclables.
- ▶ **SB 1383 (California's Mandatory Organics Recycling Law):** Effective January 1, 2022, this legislation requires all residents, businesses and multi-family properties to provide designated organic waste containers, including for food and yard waste.

## Summer Safety: Tips for a Safe and Enjoyable Season

Summer is a time for travel, outdoor fun and holiday celebrations! With increased activity on roadways, Republic Services wants to share important safety tips to help you and your family stay safe—while also being mindful of sustainability.

### Truck Safety on Service Days

Keep children supervised near roadways, especially on pickup days. Always maintain a safe distance from waste collection trucks.



### 4th of July Celebration Safety

**Fireworks disposal:** Do not place extinguished fireworks, barbecue briquettes or ashes in your carts. Submerge used and unused fireworks in water before disposing of them.

**Charcoal ashes:** Let charcoal cool completely before discarding. To speed up the cooling process, pour water over charcoal, wrap cooled ashes in aluminum foil, and dispose of them in the trash.

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# Recycling & Organics: What Goes Where?

Keep your recycling clean and free of contamination! Here's what belongs in your carts:

## ✓ Accepted in the Recycling Cart (Empty, Clean and Dry)



**Paper:** Paperback books, flattened boxes, carbonless paper, cardboard (must fit in cart)



**Metal:** Aluminum cans and foil, clean food and steel cans



**Glass:** Rinsed bottles, jars, CRV beverage containers (any color)



**Plastic:** Rinsed containers, detergent bottles, CRV beverage containers, food containers (no Styrofoam™)

If non-recyclables contaminate the cart, we may have to service it as trash—which could mean extra charges!

## ✓ Accepted in the Organics Cart



**Yard waste:** Leaves, grass, weeds, brush, flowers and tree trimmings (twigs and branches less than 4 ft.)



**Food scraps:** Fruits, veggies, dairy, bread, grains, pasta, meat and seafood (including bones), processed foods (remove packaging)



**Untreated wood**

✗ **Not Allowed in Organics:** Pet waste, diapers, plastic, glass, metal, treated wood, ashes, compostable plastics, rocks, dirt and sand

Avoid misleading environmental claims—items labeled biodegradable or bio-based are not always truly compostable. Additionally, compostable plastics **cannot** be recycled and should be disposed of in the trash.