

County of Fresno

Recycling, Solid Waste & Organics



Sustainability in Action

State of California Recycling Requirements

SB 1383 and AB 341

Assembly Bill 341 (AB 341), also known as the Mandatory Commercial Recycling (MCR) law, became effective July 1, 2012. AB 341 requires that all businesses that generate four (4) cubic yards or more of solid waste per week and multifamily dwellings of five or more units have a traditional recycling program. State Bill 1383 (SB 1383), also known as California's Mandatory Organics Recycling Law, became effective January 1, 2022. SB 1383 requires all residents, businesses, and apartments to have an organic recycling container. The container will include food waste and yard waste. For more information about AB 341 and SB 1383, please contact **559.250.1939**.

Unpacking Joy: Breaking Down Boxes for the Holiday Season

During the busy holiday season, it is important to manage your recycling bin effectively. Republic Services suggests breaking down, cutting, or folding recycled boxes into smaller pieces before placing them in your recycling bin. This helps prevent overloading and makes sure there is no leftover plastic or packaging materials.

To maximize space and minimize mess, consider tying cardboard together. This keeps your recycling bin organized and leaves more room for other recyclables. Keep in mind that corrugated cardboard and paperboard, like pizza boxes and food-contaminated containers, may not be recyclable if contaminated. If these items are soiled,

please dispose of them in the trash. Thank you for helping us keep recycling efficiently and effectively!



Welcome to a Greener Holiday Season!

- ✓ Opt for Eco-Friendly Gifts: Give loved ones sustainable gifts, like reusable products or handmade gifts.
- ✓ Plan Meals Wisely: Prepare the right amount of food for your gathering, and get creative with leftovers to avoid organic waste. Have a compost bin for food scraps from holiday gatherings available to collect organic waste.
- ✓ Recycle gift packaging, such as cardboard, gift boxes, gift paper and holiday cards.
- ✓ DIY Decor: Gather pine cones or branches to create natural and beautiful holiday decor. Avoid using plastic decorations. Shift to using sustainable decor made from wood, fabric or glass.
- ✓ Energy-Efficient Lights: LED Christmas lights help save energy and last longer, making them capable of being reused in future holiday seasons.
- ✓ Earth-Friendly Christmas Trees: Choose to buy a potted tree that you can plant and keep after the holidays.

Residential Collection Day: Dos and Don'ts

Have you observed bins overflowing on collection day, their lids open with trash or recyclables nearly reaching the sky? You may have encountered this situation at your own residence. Beyond the unsightly litter they generate, it is important to note that such overfilled bins can occasionally hinder our trucks from completing their collections.

Our automated collection system utilizes a mechanical arm that extends from the truck to lift bins smoothly and efficiently. When lids are securely closed, the arm effortlessly raises the bin above the truck's top. Subsequently, the arm tilts the bin in a controlled motion, akin to tilting a drinking glass, allowing gravity to facilitate the emptying process. However, if bins are excessively filled, and lids are left open, protruding items may spill onto the ground or become entangled during lifting, potentially causing spillage.

To maintain a tidy neighborhood, here are some helpful tips:

Do:

- ✓ Close the lids on all your containers.
- ✓ Bag trash that will be placed in your trash container.
- ✓ Toss only LOOSE recyclables into the recycling container.
- ✓ Place only recyclables into the recycling container.
If you are not sure what is recyclable, visit [RecyclingSimplified.com](https://www.RecyclingSimplified.com)
- ✓ Break down and flatten boxes.
- ✓ Empty food and beverage containers. Wipe or rinse out food residue, as needed.
- ✓ Place containers three (3) feet away from objects or each other, and six (6) feet away from all vehicles.
- ✓ Roll containers to the curb by 6 a.m. on your collection day.
If you are not an early riser, set your container out the night before collection. Be sure to remove your container from the curb by 10 p.m.

Do not:

- ✗ Leave the container lids open.
- ✗ Place bagged trash on top of your container.
- ✗ Bag your recycling.
- ✗ Overfill containers. Should you need additional containers, please contact customer service.
- ✗ Place plastic bags in the recycling cart. Instead, bundle them together, and return them to your local grocery store, or place them in your trash cart.

Republic Services Holiday Tree Curbside Pickup

Republic Services will offer free Christmas tree collection to residential customers during the first three (3) weeks following the holiday. Follow the steps below so we can compost your tree.



Green Organics Cart: Remove all decorations, lights, and tree stands. Cut the tree into 2-foot sections, so it fits loosely inside your green cart, so the lid can close completely. Place the bin at the curb on your scheduled collection day. Remember flocked trees are not compostable.

Holiday Schedule

As a rule, if your regular service day falls on an OBSERVED HOLIDAY (Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, New Year's 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.

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