

City of La Cañada Flintridge

Recycling & Waste Newsletter



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Organics Recycling Tips for Residents

Kitchen Tips

- **Separate Your Waste:** The first step in Senate Bill (SB) 1383 compliance begins in your kitchen. Separate your waste into three distinct categories: organic waste (food scraps and food-soiled paper), recycling and trash. Use designated containers for each. Talk to your family members about proper sorting.
- **Use Paper Bags:** Consider using paper bags to collect food scraps. These bags can be placed directly in your organic waste cart and will break down alongside your food waste.
- **Get a Kitchen Pail:** Use a container with a lid or a kitchen scrap pail to make collecting food scraps more convenient. Empty the pail into your organic waste cart regularly to keep your kitchen smelling fresh and minimize the chances of attracting pests. You can store the container or pail in the refrigerator or line it with a paper bag or newspaper to further reduce odors. Rinse it thoroughly and let it air-dry after you empty it.
- **Minimize Food Waste:** Reducing food waste is not only great for SB 1383 compliance but also for your wallet and the environment. Plan your meals, store food properly, and use leftovers creatively to avoid waste.



Cart Set-Out Tips

- **Properly Set Out Your Cart:** Place your organic waste cart curbside for collection on the designated day. Be sure to do this the night before or the morning of your collection day.
- **Layer With Yard Waste:** When disposing of moist organic materials, place a layer of dry yard waste, such as leaves or twigs, at the bottom of the cart. This acts as a natural absorbent and helps prevent liquids from accumulating.
- **Keep the Lid Closed:** To prevent pests and odors, always keep the lid of your organic waste cart closed. Make sure nothing is sticking out of the top of the cart to keep pests out and avoid complications during pickup.
- **Clean the Empty Cart:** If needed, you can clean your organics cart. Simply attach an automatic shut-off spray nozzle to your hose, and use a high-pressure stream to spray the bottom and then the inside walls of the cart. Allow the water to sit for an hour. Then, drain the water out onto your lawn or another landscaped area (don't drain the water onto your sidewalk or driveway or into the gutter). Let the cart air-dry in the sun before filling it up.
- **Store Your Cart Properly:** Store your cart or dumpster in the shade with the lid closed.

To learn more about organics recycling, read and download the City's handy guide at CityofLCF.org/introducing-sb-1383-organics-recycling.

Bulk Item Pickup

Republic Services will pick up large items, such as old furniture and appliances, as well as electronics, at the curb. However, you must call **800.299.4898** at least 24 hours before your regular collection day to request a special bulk item pickup. Why do you need to make the call? It's simple — we send out a different truck and crew to pick up large items and electronics. If you don't make the call, Customer Service doesn't know to send out the truck. You can also request a bulk item pickup with the Republic Services app or online at **RepublicServices.com/Account**.

Single-family residential customers may request two pickups per year free of charge for large items and electronics. Additional pickups are available for a fee. Please don't place large items or electronics at the curb unless you have called to schedule a pickup!

If you live in a multi-family complex, check with your property manager to find out how to dispose of large items.

The City of La Cañada Flintridge and Republic Services also offer citywide spring and fall cleanups.



See What Happens to Collected Organics

Instead of going to landfills, collected organics are now turned into compost, mulch and renewable energy, creating beneficial products and reducing methane emissions. If you'd like to see how this process works, we can help. Republic Services has videos about how residential and commercial organics are processed after collection. Check them out!

- Residential Organics: **Bit.ly/3vW07Ci**
- Commercial Recycling: **Bit.ly/3ZjbT70**



Holiday Collection Schedule

There will be no recycling, organics or trash collection services on Labor Day (Monday, September 2). All collections will be delayed by one day on and after the holiday during that week.

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