

Placentia Recycling & Waste Newsletter



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Organics Recycling Update

California Senate Bill (SB) 1383, which was signed into law in 2016, establishes a goal of reducing the volume of organic waste disposed of in California landfills by 75% by 2025. SB 1383 builds on and expands the requirements of Assembly Bill (AB) 1826, which affects all businesses that generate 2 or more cubic yards of waste per week and multi-family properties with five or more units. Under SB 1383, all residential properties and all businesses, regardless of size, will be required to participate in organics recycling programs. At this time, there is no change to the current bin setup or waste disposal process for Placentia single-family residents. Please continue placing only yard waste in the organics container, as food waste is not yet accepted.

Residents

- Recycle all clean, dry paper in your recycling cart or dumpster. This includes cardboard and other boxes, envelopes, junk mail, magazines, newspaper, office paper, school papers, paperback books, paper grocery bags, shredded paper (bagged)



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and wrapping paper with no metal. Also, recycle metal cans, glass bottles and jars, and plastic bottles, jugs and containers in the same cart.

- Reduce landscape debris by letting grass clippings drop back onto the lawn as you mow and composting in your backyard. In addition to landscape trimmings and leaves, you can also compost fruit and vegetable scraps. Compost helps create healthier soil that uses water more efficiently, leading to beautiful and productive gardens.
- Use your yard waste cart for limbs, branches, leaves, grass clippings, weeds, other plant material and small scrap wood (no painted or treated wood). Branches and wood must be no more than 4 inches in diameter and no more than 4 feet long. Palm fronds, cacti and other succulents, rocks, soil, pet waste, recyclables and trash are not accepted in the yard waste cart.

The City of Placentia and Republic Services continue to work on developing a new organics recycling program to meet the State requirements. Once a program is approved, further information will be provided to residents.

Businesses

- Commercial businesses generating 2 cubic yards or more of solid waste per week

are required to divert organic materials. Please contact Republic Services to implement a food waste recycling program at **714.238.3300**. Green waste should be back-hauled by landscapers or self-hauled to a composting facility. Documentation, such as receipts or weight tickets, is required as proof of diversion.

- Republic Services offers recycling service for cardboard and paper products. Alternatively, cardboard and other recyclables can be self-hauled to a participating recycling facility. Documentation is required for proof of diversion.
- The three-bin system requires businesses to have trash, recycling, and organics (yard trimmings, food, and food-soiled paper). For assistance on setting up a three-bin system, please contact Republic Services at **714.238.3300**.
- Provide education and information on how to properly sort and dispose of materials to employees, tenants, customers and contractors. Resources (such as flyers, letters, email, signage and brochure templates) can be found on CalRecycle's website: Calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial/organics/prtoolkit/. You can also contact the City at **714.993.8148** or Recycling@Placentia.org.

Upcoming Events in Placentia

Shred & E-Waste Recycling Event – October 4, 2025

The City of Placentia will host a Shred and Electronic Waste (E-Waste) Event at the Placentia Civic Center parking lot, 401 E. Chapman Ave. Join us on Saturday, October 4, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. This event is open to Placentia residents only.

Heritage Festival & Parade – October 11, 2025

Don't miss one of Placentia's favorite annual traditions on Saturday, October 11. The Heritage Festival kicks off with a festive parade, followed by a full day of fun at Tri-City Park, including live entertainment, food and craft vendors, a classic car show, and family activities.

Tamale Festival – December 10, 2025

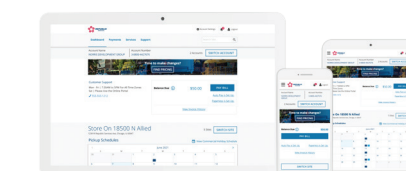
Celebrate the season at the Tamale Festival on Wednesday, December 10 in Old Town Placentia.

For more information and event updates, follow the City of Placentia on social media or visit Placentia.org.



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Edible Food Recovery



To reduce food waste and help address food insecurity, Senate Bill (SB) 1383 requires that California recover or rescue 20% of surplus edible food to feed people in need by 2025. SB 1383 requires food-generating businesses to recover the maximum amount of their edible food that would otherwise go to landfills and to maintain records of their food donation activities. SB 1383 places mandated food donors into two tiers. Large food businesses, such as wholesale food vendors, distributors, food service providers and grocery stores, are required to have a food donation program in place. Additional businesses, such as cafeterias, restaurants and venues, are required to comply as well.

Here are a few organizations that support food recovery efforts in Orange County:

- Abound Food Care, 200 N. Tustin Ave., Santa Ana, 92705, **657.335.4480**, **Aboundfoodcare.org**
- Bracken's Kitchen, 13941 Nautilus Dr., Garden Grove, 92843, **714.554.1923**, **Brackenskitchen.org**
- Community Action Partnership of Orange County (CAPOC), 11870 Monarch St., Garden Grove, 92841, **714.897.6670**, **Capoc.org**
- Whitten Community Center, 900 S. Melrose St, Placentia, 92870, **714.986.2333**, **Placentia.org/84/Neighborhood-Services**
- Senior Center (for adults aged 60+), 143 S. Bradford Ave, Placentia, 92870, **714.986.2332**, **Placentia.org/339/Senior-Center**

Break Down Your Boxes

Please break down and flatten all cardboard and paperboard boxes. First, it will save a lot of room in your recycling cart. Second, it keeps items from getting caught inside the box. At the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), staff members and machines work together to identify and sort materials as they travel rapidly over and through equipment. When other recyclables are inside boxes, they aren't visible and can't be separated by category, leading to contaminated bales of boxes and lost recyclable containers.



Customer Recycling Is Mandatory for Food Service Businesses

Under Assembly Bill (AB) 827, limited-service restaurants in California must provide customers with visible, clearly marked and easily accessible containers for recyclables and organics (uneaten food scraps, soiled paper and similar items) adjacent to trash bins. Limited-service restaurants include all food vendors who provide food for on-site consumption, including food courts, food trucks and restaurants where customers collect their own food and bus their tables. Full-service restaurants need to provide separate bins for use by employees. You can download container and cabinet labels from **RecyclingSimplified.com/business-resources**.



Bulk Item Pickup in Placentia

The City of Placentia and Republic Services provide residents with a convenient pickup option for bulky items.

Single-Family Units: By appointment, Republic Services offers curbside pickup for large items. Placentia residents may request up to three bulky item pickups per calendar year at no charge. Each pickup is limited to 10 items. Additional bulky item pickups are available throughout the year for a fee. To schedule this service, simply call Republic Services Customer Service at **714.238.3300** at least 48 hours before your regular collection day. Once your appointment is confirmed, a truck will be scheduled to collect your bulky items on your next regular collection day.

Multi-Family Units: Residents in multi-family communities should check with their homeowners association, property management, or property owner for specific instructions regarding bulky item disposal.



Recycling Requirement Reminder

In California, all residents and businesses are required by law to have a recycling program in place, including a designated recycling container. This State mandate is part of ongoing efforts to reduce waste and increase recycling, helping ensure that recyclable materials such as paper, glass, plastics and metals are properly sorted and processed.

If you do not yet have a recycling container at your home or business, please contact Republic Services at **800.700.8610** to implement a recycling program.

RECYCLE

Acceptable Items (empty, clean and dry)

Paper & Cardboard*

Metal Cans

Plastic & Glass

Unacceptable Items

Dishes & Mirrors

Garden Hoses

Toys

Carpet & Rugs

Tires & Auto Parts

Hazardous Waste

Yard & Food Waste

Furniture & Appliances

Diapers & Pet Waste

Construction Waste

Clothing & Bedding

Plastic Bags & Styrofoam™

*Break down and flatten all boxes.

See Something? Say Something!

If you spot an illegal dump site, don't ignore it. Instead, note the location, and report it to the City of Placentia via the iPlacentia app ([Placentia.org/iPlacentia](https://www.placentia.org/iPlacentia)). If you see someone dumping illegally, do not confront them. If possible, discreetly take a photo of the activity. Write down a description of the person, as well as vehicle make, color and license plate number. Call the Police Department's non-emergency number at **714.993.8164** to report this activity. Working together, we can keep our city looking good for residents and visitors.



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Properly Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste

Household hazardous waste (HHW) is any product in your home that could be poisonous or dangerous if thrown into the trash. HHW includes car and lawn care products, paints and paint thinners, cleaning supplies and more. Never toss HHW into the trash. HHW can endanger children or pets, result in spills in your neighborhood, or cause fires if it is placed into curbside carts.

Dispose of HHW at no charge Tuesday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at one of the four Orange County HHW Collection Centers. (Please note, they are closed on major holidays and on rainy days.) You can also dispose of batteries and old electronic devices at these centers. The nearest location for Placentia residents is 1071 N. Blue Gum St., Anaheim, 92806. For a list of accepted materials or more information, visit [OCLandfills.com/hazardous](https://oclandfills.com/hazardous).



Medication Disposal

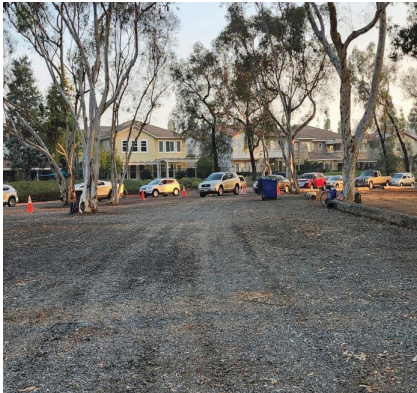
Unused or expired medications left in your home can lead to accidental poisoning or allow access for misuse of the medications. Many local drugstores accept medications for proper disposal. You can quickly search online for "medication disposal near me" to locate permanent disposal locations nearby. For more details, visit [OCLandfills.com/hazardous-waste/medication-and-sharps-disposal](https://oclandfills.com/hazardous-waste/medication-and-sharps-disposal).



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Compost Giveaway Recap

On February 1, 2025, from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m., the City hosted a compost giveaway event at 2301 N. Kraemer Blvd. in Placentia. This early morning community event drew 700 residents from the surrounding area to Tri-City Park. The event featured the distribution of 20 tons of loose compost, which was made available to attendees on a first-come, first-served basis. A single 40-yard roll-off container was used to transport and store the compost on-site. To ensure the process ran smoothly, eight temporary employees were present throughout the morning. Staff members assisted with both the distribution of compost and provided loading support for residents who brought their own containers.



Contact Us

Trash Collection Service
714.238.3300

Household Hazardous Waste
714.834.6752

Public Disposal Center
800.700.8610

Billing
800.700.8610

To Report Storm Drain and Sewer Issues:

City of Placentia Public Works
714.993.8148
Placentia.org
Facebook.com/PlacentiaCA

RepublicServices.com/municipality/placentia-ca



Contamination Monitoring

In accordance with state law, Republic Services staff will be conducting annual contamination monitoring reviews. Representatives, in clearly identified safety vests, will be in the community reviewing the contents of organics, recycling and trash carts and dumpsters. If contamination is found, a tag will be placed on the cart or dumpster identifying the incorrect items. Please note that these reviews are mandated by state law and will occur on an annual basis. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.