

City of Placentia

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Sustainability in Action

Know What Goes Where

Keeping recycling clean is one of the simplest ways to protect the environment and make local programs more effective. While it may seem like a small detail, contamination has wide-reaching impacts. When non-recyclable items are placed in recycling carts, they can spoil entire loads of otherwise usable material. Instead of being turned into new products, those materials are often redirected to landfills, which reduces the overall success of recycling efforts and adds pressure to already limited disposal space. Similar issues can occur in organics and trash streams, where placing the wrong materials in any cart can interfere with proper processing and disposal. Contamination also creates real challenges at recycling and organics facilities. Items that do not belong, especially



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hazardous materials or sharp objects, can put workers at risk and damage sorting equipment. These disruptions can lead to costly repairs and delays in service, affecting the entire system. Materials like plastic bags, flexible plastic film, candy and chip wrappers, bubble wrap and Styrofoam™ should be placed in the trash rather than recycling, since they can tangle machinery and are not accepted in most programs. Animal waste and palm fronds should also go in the trash, as they are not suitable for organics processing.

At home, a few simple habits can make a meaningful difference. Clearly labeling bins helps everyone remember what belongs in each cart and reduces confusion. Recycling should always be placed loose in the cart rather than bagged, which allows it to be sorted properly at the facility. Containers should be empty, clean and dry before being recycled, with caps placed back on to keep materials together. Keeping food residue off recyclables is especially important, since items like greasy pizza boxes or soiled containers can contaminate otherwise clean materials.

Understanding what belongs in each cart is key to avoiding common mistakes. Clean paper, cardboard, metal cans, glass bottles and jars, along with plastic bottles and jugs,

Customer Recycling Is Mandatory for Food Service Businesses

Under Assembly Bill (AB) 827, limited-service restaurants in California must now 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. Full-service restaurants need to provide separate containers for use by employees. This law also applies to food courts and any other businesses that sell food for on-site consumption. You can download container and cabinet labels from RecyclingSimplified.com/business-resources.



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.

Join Us for the Next National Night Out

The Placentia Police Department invites the community to National Night Out, a free community-building event featuring family-friendly activities, public safety information, giveaways and more! This exciting event will take place on Tuesday, August 4, at Tri-City Park.

National Night Out is an annual event that brings neighbors, law enforcement and community partners together to promote strong community relationships and public safety awareness. Residents are encouraged to attend and enjoy an evening of fun while connecting with local police officers and fellow community members. For more details, please visit the City of Placentia's website or follow the City and Placentia Police Department on social media.

are all accepted in most recycling programs when prepared properly. Items that are dirty or contaminated, such as diapers or heavily soiled materials, should be kept out of recycling. In the organics cart, food scraps and food-soiled paper like napkins, paper towels and paper plates are accepted, but compostable plastic bags are not allowed by Republic Services. Instead, residents can use paper bags or wrap organics in newspaper or paper products to help manage moisture.

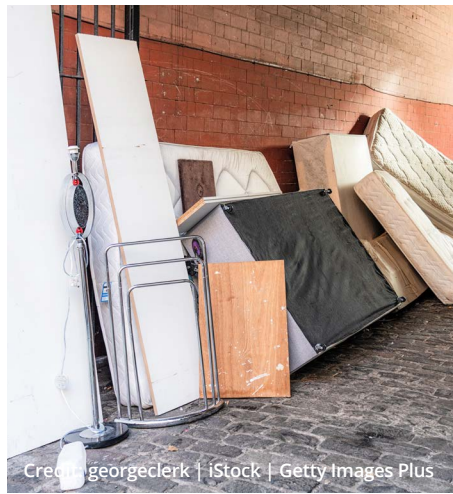
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Help Keep Placentia Clean

Not only are illegally dumped items unsightly, but they can also create health and safety hazards and decrease property values. Here's what you can do to help prevent and clean up illegal dumping.

- When you see litter, pick it up. An area that is clean and clear of litter is more likely to stay that way.
- Use appropriate carts for all organics, recycling and trash.
- Don't set large items that need to be disposed of, such as appliances or furniture, outside until after you make a call to schedule a bulk item pickup.
- When 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 and/or vehicle, as well as the license plate number. Call the Police Department's non-emergency number at **714.993.8164** to report this activity.
- Take part in community cleanup programs to help keep your city looking good for residents and visitors.



Bulk Item Pickup

Furniture and old appliances are among the most common items illegally dumped along roadways, in parks and on vacant lots. This is unsightly and can create safety concerns in our community. The City of Placentia and Republic Services provide a convenient pickup option for bulk items and electronics. To schedule this service, simply call Republic Services Customer Service at **714.238.3300**.

If you live in a multi-family complex, check with your property manager about proper disposal of furniture and other large items.



Holiday Collection Schedule

- Labor Day – Monday, September 7, 2026 (service delayed one day)
- Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 26, 2026 (service delayed one day)
- Christmas Day – Friday, December 25, 2026 (service delayed one day)
- New Year's Day – Friday, January 1, 2027 (service delayed one day)



Do Not Trash Household Hazardous Waste

You can help reduce the risk of fires and protect our soil and waterways by properly disposing of all household batteries, hazardous waste and electronics. Here's what you need to do:

- When you remove batteries from devices and prepare to properly discard them, tape over the terminal ends with clear packing tape. Bag your batteries in a sealable plastic bag.
- Separate household hazardous chemicals, including pesticides and fertilizers, oil-based paint, automotive fluids, pool chemicals and similar items, from other waste. Set aside old electronic devices, such as computers, televisions, laptops, tablets, smartphones and wireless speakers.
- Do not place any of these items into your recycling, yard waste or trash carts or dumpsters! Deliver batteries, household chemicals and electronics to one of Orange County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers. These items are accepted at no charge for Orange County residents. For additional details, visit [OCLandfills.com/hazardous](https://www.oclandfills.com/hazardous) or call **714.834.6752**.

Orange County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers

Hours: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday (closed on major holidays and during rainy weather)

Locations:

1071 N. Blue Gum St., Anaheim, 92806

17121 Nichols Ln., Gate 6, Huntington Beach, 92647

6411 Oak Canyon, Irvine, 92618

32250 Avenida La Pata, San Juan Capistrano, 92675

Self-Hauling Options in Placentia

In California, it is required by law for all residents and businesses to have a recycling program in place, including the provision of a designated recycling container. This mandate, part of the state's efforts to reduce waste and increase recycling, ensures that recyclable materials such as paper, glass, plastics and metals are properly separated and processed. If you do not have a recycling container at your residence or business yet, please contact Republic Services to implement a recycling program. Alternatively, recyclables can be self-hauled to a participating recycling facility. Documentation, such as weight tickets or receipts, is required for proof of diversion.



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Back-to-School Savings

As the back-to-school season approaches, it's time to gear up for another academic year. However, this doesn't mean you'll have to break the bank. With proper planning and smart choices, you can navigate back-to-school shopping while saving money and reducing waste.

- Take inventory of what you already have. Many items, like backpacks, binders and calculators, can be reused from previous years, saving you money and reducing unnecessary purchases.
- Shop secondhand. Thrift stores and online marketplaces are treasure troves for affordable and gently used school supplies. From clothing to textbooks, buying secondhand not only saves money, but it also reduces the demand for new production.
- Invest in durable, high-quality items that will last longer. While they may have a higher upfront cost, they will save you money in the long run by eliminating the need for frequent replacements. Look for products made from sustainable materials, like recycled paper.
- Take advantage of sales and discounts by planning your shopping in advance. Start looking for deals early, and consider bulk-buying essentials, like pencils and notebooks, to save both money and packaging waste.
- Try DIY. Get creative, and make your own school supplies whenever possible. From decorating plain notebooks to sewing your own pencil case, DIY projects are not only fun, but they are also eco-friendly and budget-friendly.
- Pack a waste-free lunch. Invest in reusable containers, water bottles and utensils to pack your lunch. Not only does this reduce single-use plastic waste, but it also saves money compared to buying pre-packaged meals every day.
- Be a mindful consumer. Before making a purchase, consider if you really need it.

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://www.oclandfills.com/hazardous-waste/medication-and-sharps-disposal).



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Small Habits Add Up

Small actions repeated every day can make a big difference for your home and the environment.

- Refill first, buy less. Carry a reusable water bottle and coffee mug to cut down on disposable cups and bottles.
- Recycle right. Only place clean, empty and dry items in the recycling bin, and know your local guidelines for what is accepted.
- Choose reusable over single-use. Swap disposable bags, utensils and straws for long-lasting alternatives.
- Buy with care. Select products with minimal packaging or packaging that you know can be recycled locally.
- Repair when possible. Fix clothes, electronics and household items instead of tossing and replacing them.

Each of these simple habits does not require dramatic effort. However, over weeks and months, they accumulate into less waste generated.



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BATTERY BEWARE

TAKE CHARGE. STAY SAFE.

Dangers of Lithium Batteries




Organics Recycling in Placentia

California Senate Bill (SB) 1383, which was signed into law in 2016, established 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 businesses and multifamily properties that generate organic waste. Under SB 1383, all residential properties and businesses are required to participate in organics recycling programs.

All residents and businesses are required to have access to a three-container system consisting of recycling, organics and trash service. If you do not have all three carts or dumpsters, contact Republic Services at **714.238.3300** to request service.

Beginning in July 2026, Placentia residents should place organic materials into their existing organics cart (formerly known as the yard waste cart). Residents who do not currently have an organics cart will receive one in the coming months. Republic Services will provide additional notices and information as the program rolls out.

To help prepare for the transition, please follow these guidelines:

Residents

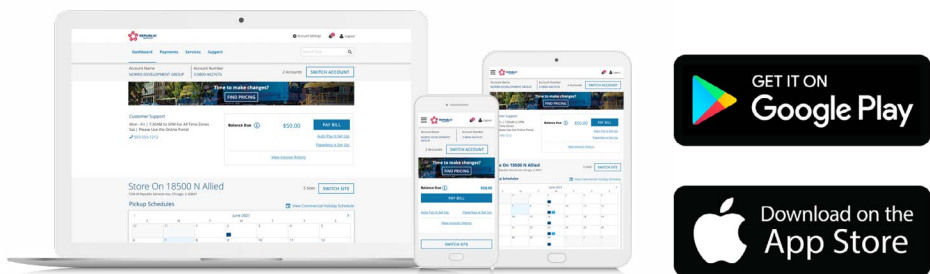
- Beginning in July 2026, place food scraps and yard trimmings in your organics cart. Acceptable materials include fruits, vegetables, meat, bones, dairy products, bread, coffee grounds, tea bags, leaves, grass clippings, weeds, branches and other plant material.
- Do not place food waste in plastic bags. Instead, use paper bags or wrap food scraps in newspaper to help keep materials contained.

Join the Republic Services Family

Republic Services is always looking for talented, hardworking employees. If you would like to stay close to home and advance in a well-paying career, consider joining our team. Available jobs in our region include drivers, equipment operators, mechanics, shop technicians, material sorters, laborers, customer service specialists, dispatchers, recycling coordinators, sales representatives, office support staff members and more. To see and apply for open positions, visit **RepublicServices.jobs**.

Download the Republic Services App

Republic Services gives you one simple tool to manage your account needs. Visit **RepublicServices.com/account** to sign up or download the app.



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Trash Collection Service
714.238.3300
Household Hazardous Waste
714.834.6752

Public Disposal Center
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- Keep cart lids closed to help prevent pests such as rodents, raccoons and insects from accessing the contents.
- Consider using a small kitchen container to collect food scraps indoors before transferring them to your organics cart.
- Palm fronds, cacti and other succulents, rocks, soil, pet waste, recyclables and trash are not accepted in the organics cart.
- Recycle all clean, dry paper in your recycling cart. This includes cardboard and other boxes, envelopes, junk mail, magazines, newspapers, office paper, school papers, paperback books, paper grocery bags, shredded paper (bagged) and wrapping paper without metallic coatings. Metal cans, glass bottles and jars, and plastic bottles, jugs and containers should also be placed in the recycling cart.

Businesses

- Organics recycling services are available to businesses now. To enroll, contact Republic Services at **714.238.3300**.
- Ensure you have properly sized carts or dumpsters and the appropriate collection frequency to meet the requirements of AB 341, AB 1826 and SB 1383. Businesses should have recycling, organics and trash collection service.
- Provide education and information on proper waste sorting to employees, tenants, customers and contractors. Clear signage and ongoing training can help reduce contamination and improve recycling efforts.
- Recycle clean, dry paper and cardboard in your recycling dumpster or cart. Many businesses and multifamily properties are already required to recycle paper, plastic bottles and jugs, glass bottles and jars, and metal cans. To learn more about SB 1383 and organics recycling requirements in Placentia, visit **placentia.org/sb1383**.

Recycling

Acceptable Items

Paper & Cardboard

Plastic & Glass

Metal Cans

Unacceptable Items

Dishes & Mirrors

Carpet & Rugs

Hazardous Waste

Garden Hoses

Tires & Car Parts

Toys

Clothing & Bedding

Construction Waste

Appliances

Furniture

Diapers & Pet Waste

Yard & Food Waste

Plastic Bags & Styrofoam™

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