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Organics Recycling in Placentia

The City of Placentia, along with Republic Services, recently launched an organic waste recycling program, in compliance with California Senate Bill 1383. Placentia residents should place their organic materials into their existing yard waste cart to comply with SB 1383. Those who do not have an organics cart (formerly yard waste) will receive one in the coming months. Republic Services will provide additional notices and information as the program rolls out.

To make collecting food scraps in your kitchen easier, the City is offering free kitchen pails to Placentia residents, while supplies last. Kitchen pails provide a convenient way to collect food scraps indoors before emptying them into your green organics cart. Residents may pick up one kitchen pail per household at City Hall. Organics recycling services are also available to businesses.

To enroll, please contact the City's exclusive hauler, Republic Services, at **714.238.3300**. To learn more about Senate Bill (SB) 1383, visit the City's website: **placentia.org/sb1383**.

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.

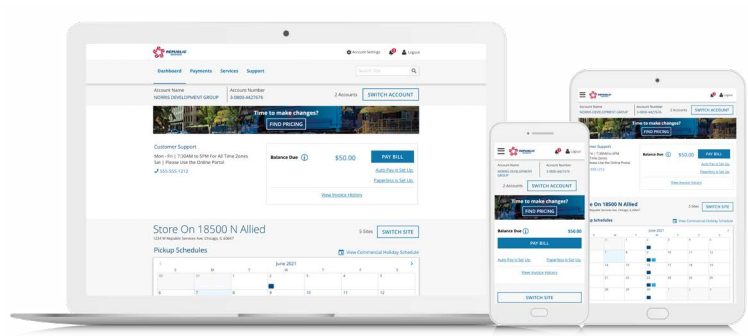
Upcoming Events in Placentia

Shred & Electronic Waste Recycling Event – October 24, 2026
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 24, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. This event is open to Placentia residents only.



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How Does Trash End Up in Our Ocean?

Ever wonder how trash ends up in our waterways and oceans? You don't have to look far for the source. In fact, 80% of the trash found in the ocean comes from land sources, such as littered packaging. The top marine pollutants are cigarette butts, food wrappers, bottle caps, plastic straws, water bottles, bags and cutlery.

If someone litters, the trash can end up in our storm drains. The storm drain system is not treated, so any trash that makes it to the drain will pollute our creeks, rivers and the ocean. When recycling and trash carts are not properly closed, waste can be blown away by the wind. This is especially true for lightweight items, like plastic bags and food wrappers. Once these items are in the environment, rain or runoff can drag them into our storm drains and eventually our ocean.

The most effective way to prevent trash from polluting our oceans and waterways is to stop it at the source. Here are some easy ways to get started:

- Always secure the lid on recycling and trash carts.
- Bring your own to-go containers when dining out.
- Pack a waste-free lunch with reusable baggies or food containers.
- Bring a reusable water bottle wherever you go.
- Recycle and reuse products whenever possible.
- Always throw cigarette butts in a designated ash tray.
- Spread the word! Talk to your friends and family about how you can stop pollution in your everyday life.



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Give Good Food a Second Life

- Practice FIFO (first in, first out): consistently check to make sure that you are rotating food based on expiration dates.
- Sign up for food apps that discount food items, such as Too Good to Go and Flash Food. Repurpose cosmetically imperfect but safe produce (and other extra food) into fruit bowls, deli items, juices or prepared meals.
- Order smart: consider what is in season and historical patterns.
- Participate in internal food donation programs –
  - If you have a business, consider giving extra food to your employees.
  - If you hosted an event or made extra food at home, bring these goodies to your work for others to enjoy so nothing goes to waste.
  - Join local Facebook or Nextdoor groups to give perfectly good food to others in your local community.



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Christmas Tree Recycling

Real holiday trees will be accepted at the curb by Republic Services from January 4-22, 2027. Be sure to take off all lights, ornaments, tinsel and garlands, as well as the metal or plastic stand. Set the bare tree at the curb or next to the dumpsters in your complex. If your tree is more than 6 feet tall, please cut it in half for safe and easy collection. No flocked trees will be accepted for recycling.

If you don't take your tree down until after January 22, 2027, please cut it into pieces that will fit into your yard waste cart or dumpster with the lid closed. You can also recycle holiday wreaths and greenery in your yard waste cart or dumpster. The wreaths and greenery must also be bare, so please remove all wires, hooks, bows and other decorations. Collected trees and greenery are turned into mulch, compost and ground cover.

If your family enjoys an artificial tree, pack it up for next year. If you are discarding an artificial tree or wreath or a flocked tree, please place it into the waste cart or dumpster, or schedule a bulk item pickup. Artificial trees and wreaths and flocked trees are not recyclable.

Clear the Clutter This Fall



- Visit your local thrift store to find your next Halloween costume, or reuse your costume purchases from previous years.
- Participate in your local "Buy Nothing" group on social media. Your neighbors may need to re-home their previously used toys, costumes and decorations.
- Properly dispose of fallen leaves, small branches and gourds in your organics container.
- Recycle empty and clean pie tins, aluminum foil, metal cans, beverage containers, glass jars and plastic containers.
- Use the paper bags you receive from the grocery store for disposing of food scraps before placing them in your organics cart.
- Donate your extra shelf-stable food items to a local nonprofit or food recovery organization.



Bulk Item Pickup

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

Single-Family Units: By appointment, Republic Services offers curbside pickup for large items. Placentia residents may request up to four bulk item pickups per calendar year at no charge. Each pickup is limited to 8 items. Additional bulk 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 bulk 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 bulk item disposal.

Help Us Stop Illegal Dumping



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**). 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.

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**.



Dispose of Your Household Hazardous Waste for Free

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, solvents, sharps and more. Never toss HHW into the trash. HHW can endanger children or pets, result in spills in your neighborhood or cause fires in collection trucks if it is placed into curbside carts.

Orange County residents can dispose of HHW for FREE at any of the county's four HHW Collection 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**. Electronic waste items, such as televisions, computers, tablets and cell phones, are also accepted at these centers. Proof of county residence is required.

Homebound seniors and disabled residents of Orange County may qualify for scheduled pickups of HHW. If you need more information about this special assistance, please call **714.834.4000**.

Keep FOG Out of Your Drains



Remember – no grease or food scraps containing fat, oil or grease (FOG) should ever go down your kitchen drain. FOG is the leading cause of sewer blockages, which can result in costly plumbing repairs and sewage overflows that pollute our streets and waterways. To keep your home's plumbing and Placentia's sewer system flowing smoothly, follow these three simple steps:

1. Pour liquid FOG, like oil or grease, into a sealable bag, jar or container, then place it into the trash.
2. Scrape food scraps containing FOG into your organics container.
3. Wipe remaining grease and food debris from dishes and pans with a paper towel, then toss it into your organics container.

Many mealtime favorites, including meat fats, creamy sauces and salad dressings, contain FOG, so stay mindful while cooking. Help protect your home and the environment by keeping FOG out of your drains. Don't clog with FOG!

Cart Placement Tips

Place carts out by 7 a.m. on your collection day. All three carts are emptied on the same day but not by the same truck. Carts may be serviced at different times throughout the day. Drivers have until 6:30 p.m. to service the carts.

- Place carts either in the street gutter, against the curb, in front of the premises or adjacent to the premises in the alley or easement in the rear of the premises.
- Place carts out prior to 7 a.m. on your regular collection day.
- Place carts with the lid openings facing toward the street.
- Place carts in a visible location at least 3 feet apart and 6 feet away from mailboxes, trees, basketball hoops, cars or other stationary objects.

Why Wasn't My Cart Serviced?

These are some of the reasons why organics, recycling or waste may not be collected:

- Cart inaccessible
- Overfilled or overweight cart
- Insufficient space to service cart, such as car blocking cart
- Unacceptable contamination or hazardous waste found in cart
- Organics, recycling or waste placed in the incorrect cart
- Cart lid not closed flat
- Items placed outside the cart, either on the lid or on the ground




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Customer and Employee Access to Recycling in Food Service

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**.

Recycle Your Plastic Bags

When mixed with other recyclables, plastic bags tangle with equipment or other materials at the sorting facility, causing damage and delays. Even worse, they don't get recycled this way. Instead, recycle empty, clean plastic bags, like shopping bags, dry cleaning bags and the plastic wrap from cases of water bottles, at designated take-back bins located in many local retail stores. To find a participating store near you, visit **Plasticfilmrecycling.org**.

Holiday Collection Schedule



- 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)

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