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# **Suisun City**

# Recycling, Organics and Waste Services



Sustainability in Action

# California Law SB 1383: Why is it so important to compost our organics?

State law, Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383), mandates that all residents must participate in the City's recycling and organics collection program. SB 1383 requires that residents separate all organic waste and recyclables from trash to ensure this material is diverted from the landfill. When organic materials, like food waste and yard waste, are landfilled, they break down and generate methane gas, a climate pollutant. Methane is a type of greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change. According to CalRecycle, Californians have already experienced the effects of climate change: hotter summers, devastating fire seasons and extreme changes in weather patterns. CalRecycle reported that landfills are the third-largest source of methane in California. CalRecycle also reported that organic waste accounts for more than a third of the material in California's waste stream. However, when



organic waste is composted, instead of landfilled, the volume of greenhouse gases generated is significantly less. If everyone helps do their part by placing organic waste in the organics cart, we can help our environment and be more sustainable. We need your help to reduce the amount of organics going to the landfill. It may take some time before we see the positive effects of composting our organics, but we need to start now. Identify materials that can be recycled or composted that you may currently be placing in the regular trash.



## What can **ALWAYS** be placed inside your organics cart:



#### YARD DEBRIS

Flowers, grass cuttings, leaves, weeds, small tree and brush trimmings, yard trimmings



#### **FOOD SCRAPS**

Fruit, vegetables, bones, coffee grounds, tea bags, dairy products, egg shells, fish, meat, grain products and baked goods



#### **FOOD-SOILED PAPER**

Pizza boxes, paper plates, paper towels, paper napkins, paper cups and waxed paper



## Do not place in your organics cart:

- × Aluminum foil
- × Bamboo
- ★ Burn materials/ ★ Lawn sod ash
- × Dead animals
- × Dirt
- × Diapers
- × Foil-lined food wrap
- × Trash

- × Hazardous waste
- × Liquids
- X Manure/pet waste
- × Palm fronds
- × Plastic bags
- × Plastic wrap/ straws

- × Oleanders
- × Recyclable materials
- × Rocks
- × Sand
- × Polystyrene foam
- × Wood (coated, treated or painted)



### Suisun City Residents: Don't Forget to Schedule Your FREE 2025 Bulky Waste Pickup

Each household is offered one free bulky waste pickup per year. The free bulky waste pickup includes:

- ▶ Up to 3 cubic yards of trash.
- Two bulky waste items (sofas, mattresses, large appliances).
- Bulky items may be collected by different trucks, depending on the materials you need to dispose of. For example, if your pickup consists of one mattress and one appliance, you will have two different trucks picking up these items.
- There is a charge for Freon® removal and for cathode ray tubes (CRTs).

#### It is Easy to Schedule!

- Have everything ready: small or loose items need to be placed in a bag or box, or be bundled for collection, and must weigh less than 50 pounds.
- Call Republic Services at 707.437.8900 to schedule your free bulky waste pickup.
- Place items on the curb before 6 a.m. on the designated collection date.

### **Please Help Us Serve You Better**

Please place carts at least 2 feet apart and 6 feet away from other objects, such as cars, mailboxes and light poles.



### **How to Keep Your Organics Cart Clean**

Here are some tips to keep your organics cart clean:

- Wrap your food waste in newspaper, or place it inside a paper bag.
- Please your used paper towels and napkins with your food waste. This will help to reduce moisture and odors.
- You can also keep your food scraps in the freezer and place them in the green waste cart before your collection day.
- You may use compostable bags, but they must meet Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) standards and show the BPI symbol on the bag and box.

# Free Compost Giveaway Events (Two Per Year)

Free compost is available to Suisun City residents at compost giveaway events. These events are held annually in April and September. The next Suisun City compost event is Saturday, September 6, 9 a.m. – noon.

**Where:** The Boat Launch Parking Lot 1250 Kellogg St. (south end of Kellogg St.)

\*Proof of residency is required.

This is a self-serve event. Compost will be in bags.

### Appliance Events (White Goods)

Republic Services will accept appliances from Suisun City residents with a valid residential waste account on the following Friday and Saturday dates in 2025: June 13-14; July11-12; August 8-9; September 12-13; and October 17-18.

**Drop-off location:** Republic Services, 2901 Industrial Court, Fairfield, CA

Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (closed 11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.) and Saturday, 9 a.m. – noon.

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