WINTER 2025





# Tips for Reducing Food and Household Waste



## **SB 1383:** Doing Your Part to Reduce Organic Waste

In California, organic waste makes up nearly 18% of total landfilled material. When organic materials such as food and yard waste are sent to the landfill, they rot and emit methane—a powerful Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emission. To reduce methane emissions, California State law SB 1383 (calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/ slcp) aims to reduce methane from landfilled organic waste. The state of California set a goal to reduce the total amount of landfilled organic waste by 50% by 2020 and 75% by 2025 from baseline levels of 2014.

You can do YOUR part by putting food in your green organics cart. Your food scraps will be turned into nutrient-rich soil at our Richmond compost facility.

### ATTENTION CLAYTON GARDENERS!! Free Compost Giveaway

Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

#### Keller House (between City Hall and the Library over the bridge)

Appointments required. Event is for Clayton residents only. Please bring driver's license with Clayton address. For details and registration, visit: RepublicServices.com/ClaytonCA



#### Landfill: Reduce What You Toss

- Avoid single-use items like plastic utensils and straws; switch to reusable alternatives.
- Donate unwanted clothes, furniture, and toys instead of throwing them away.
- Choose products with minimal or no packaging to cut down on waste.
- Repair items instead of discarding them whenever possible..

## New Year, New Habits

It's finally 2025, and the start of a new year is a great opportunity to rethink how you handle waste at home. Many New Year's resolutions can seem intimidating, but here are some small changes you can make to create a big difference for the planet.

#### **Recycle: Make It Count**

- Focus on key recyclables: cardboard, paper, aluminum, and plastic bottles.
- Keep recyclables empty, clean, and dry to avoid contamination; rinse containers and remove excess water.
- Don't bag recyclables; keep them loose for proper sorting at the recycling center.

#### **Organics: From Waste to Resource**

- Start composting your yard waste and food scraps to create nutrient-rich soil for gardening.
- Compost holiday items like pumpkins, wreaths, and natural garlands instead of throwing them away.
- Avoid wasting food by meal planning and freezing leftovers for later use.



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