

# Martinez

Residential Recycling & Waste Solutions



Sustainability in Action



## Back-to-School, Sustainably: Smart Ways to Reduce Waste This Semester

The back-to-school season often means a flurry of shopping and preparation—but it's also a great opportunity to adopt sustainable habits. With a little planning and creativity, families can reduce waste, save money, and teach kids the importance of caring for the planet. Read on for some simple ways to make this school year greener.

- 1. Plan Ahead:** Before hitting the stores, make a detailed list of needed supplies to avoid impulse buys. Sticking to essentials prevents excess clutter and reduces unnecessary waste.
- 2. Repurpose First:** Raid last year's backpack, desk, and pencil case before buying new items. Gently used notebooks, binders, and art supplies often get a second life with a little creativity.
- 3. Choose Recycled:** When shopping is unavoidable, look for supplies made from recycled materials, like paper, pencils, or binders.
- 4. Ditch Single-Use:** Pack drinks in a reusable water bottle or thermos instead of disposable juice boxes. If milk cartons or other recyclables are used, rinse and recycle them properly.
- 5. Pack Waste-Free Lunches:** Use reusable containers, cloth napkins, and stainless steel utensils for packed lunches. A durable lunchbox eliminates the need for disposable bags.
- 6. Start or Join a School Recycling Program:** Team up with teachers or administrators to launch a recycling initiative if your school doesn't have one. Student involvement fosters long-term eco-awareness.
- 7. Recycle Right:** Always empty, clean, and dry recyclables like yogurt cups or juice bottles before tossing them in the bin. Compost food scraps and food-soiled paper (like napkins and pizza boxes) in your organics container to comply with Senate Bill ("SB") 1383.



## Free Compost Giveaway\*

Saturday, Aug. 23, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Martinez Yacht Club Parking Lot

111 Tarantino Drive, Martinez (City of Martinez Marina)

**Appointments are required.** For instructions and to sign up go to: [RepublicServices.com/MartinezCA](https://RepublicServices.com/MartinezCA)



## What to Do to Collect Your Compost

Customers will fill their own containers. Limited staff will be on hand to assist those who need help. Five-gallon buckets work best. (*Limit is 40 gallons per household.*)

### Reminders:

1. Bring a shovel, containers, and gloves.
2. Wear closed-toe shoes.
3. Bring five-gallon buckets or other strong containers that you can lift yourself. No bags or truck beds.

## Questions? Contact:

[SustainabilityAdvisors@RepublicServices.com](mailto:SustainabilityAdvisors@RepublicServices.com)

\* Please bring a driver's license or other government-issued ID with Martinez address. Event is for Martinez residents only.

## Landfill



- No Food
- No Paper
- No Green Waste
- No Recyclable Material
- No Hazardous Waste



## Recycle



Empty, Clean, and Dry

- No Liquids
- No Textile
- No Carpet
- No Food
- No Green Waste
- No Hazardous Waste
- No Styrofoam®

Recyclables should be loose (no bags) or placed in a clear bag only. A second recycle cart is available at no charge. Call Customer Service 925.685.4711 to request one. Batteries and CFLs can be placed separately in clear bags beside the recycle cart.



## Compost



BAGS: Compostable BPI (meets ASTM 6400 Standard); Paper Bags; No Bags

- No Metal
- No Glass
- No Plastic
- No Hazardous Waste
- No Compostable Utensils Or Cups
- No Pet Waste

Organics should be loose (no bags) or in compostable or paper bags only. No plastic bags. A second green cart is available at no charge. Call Customer Service 925.685.4711 to request one.



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## National Night Out Martinez

Join your neighbors to meet some of our finest law enforcement and first responders as part of National Night Out! This free event will be held on **August 5<sup>th</sup> at the Martinez Waterfront Park, 245 N. Court Street, from 6-9pm**. Live music, food trucks, safety demos and other displays and vendors (including kid's entertainment like face painting and animal petting zoo) make this a great time for the whole family to have fun and meet our first responders! This event is **FREE!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
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