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Residential Recycling & Waste Solutions



Sustainability in Action

# **Celebrating Earth Day 2025**

Earth Day, celebrated every April 22, is a global movement dedicated to protecting the environment and addressing urgent challenges like climate change. Since its start in 1970, Earth Day has grown into a worldwide event, uniting over a billion people in support of a healthier planet. 2025 marks the 55th anniversary of Earth Day with the theme **Our Power, Our Planet**, shining a spotlight on the critical role of renewable energy in building a sustainable future; visit **EarthDay.org** to learn more.



### **Taking Action for Earth Day**

This Earth Day, let's focus on actions that support the transition to renewable energy and help build a cleaner, more sustainable future. Here are some impactful ways to get involved:

## Power Your Home with Renewables

Start by making your home a beacon of clean energy. Install solar panels or join a community solar program to harness renewable power. Switch to a green energy provider that sources electricity from wind, solar, or other sustainable options. Upgrading to energyefficient appliances, LED lighting, and smart thermostats can also reduce your energy use and lower your carbon footprint.

### Support Renewable Energy Projects

Renewable energy thrives on community effort. Support clean energy initiatives by donating to or volunteering with organizations that advance solar, wind, or geothermal projects. Advocate for renewable energy adoption in local schools, businesses, and government buildings. You can also join community-led energy cooperatives to help bring shared clean energy resources to your area.



#### Educate and Inspire Others

Education is key to driving the renewable energy movement. Share the benefits of clean energy with friends, family, and your community through conversations or social media. Host or attend workshops on topics like solar panel installation or energy efficiency. By organizing events or campaigns, you can inspire others to take action and amplify the message of Earth Day.

### Interested in Community Composting? Check Out This Guide!

If you are interested in expanding composting, a community-scale composting program is a terrific way to increase local resilience, build sustainability awareness, and provide quality soil amendments for local use. Food scraps and yard trimmings can easily be turned into beneficial compost for your community garden or local urban farm. It has the potential to reduce waste generation while benefiting the earth by returning nutrients to the soil. Your program can also engage and enhance your community or a local school with a fun educational experience. There are many aspects to a sustainable community-scale composting program. For more information on how to start a program, check out Community Composting Done Right: A Guide to Best Management Practices by The Institute for Local Self Reliance (ilsr.org/articles/composting-bmp-guide).



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#### Landfill Recycle Compost BAGS: Compostable BPI (meets ASTM 6400 Empty, Clean, and Dry Standard) or Paper Bags; No Plastic Bags No Liquids Recyclables should be loose (no bags) or in a clear bag only. Place household Organics should be loose (no bags) or in compostable or paper bags No No Food Metal batteries and CFL's in baggies on only. No plastic bags. A second green top of recycle cart. Recycle motor cart is available for an additional fee. No No Glass No oil in clear plastic containers with lid Call Customer Service, 925.685.4711, Textile Paper secured and drain oil filters and put in to request one plastic bag, curbside. No Carpet No Plastic No Green Waste No **No Hazardous** No Recyclable Food Waste Materiál No Green No Compostable Utensils Or Cups No Hazardous Waste **BI-WEEKLY BI-WEEKLY** Waste No Hazardous No Pet Waste Waste

## SB 1383: Progress on California's Climate Fight

When food scraps, yard trimmings, and other organic materials end up in landfills, they break down and release methane, a harmful greenhouse gas. California Senate Bill (SB) 1383 aims to reduce methane emissions and fight climate change by reducing organic waste in landfills, with targets of 75% less organic waste sent to landfills and 20% of unsold, still-edible food sent to food recovery organizations by 2025. By reaching SB 1383's recycling and food rescue targets, 3 million cars' worth of climate pollution will be cut.

Since SB 1383 took effect in January 2022, over 90% of communities in California report having residential organic waste collection programs in place. 100% of communities have also expanded programs to send still-fresh, unsold food from large food businesses to Californians in need, with 217,042 tons of unsold food recovered by local programs in 2023. While significant progress has been made in cutting organic waste sent to landfills, we can all continue to do our part to reduce landfilled organic waste by ensuring all yard trimmings are placed in the green organics cart instead of the landfill cart.

Call customer service to schedule a pickup. 925.685.4711



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