

Mt. View Sanitary District

Residential Recycling & Waste Solutions



Sustainability in Action

Assembly Bill AB 660:

Simplifying Food Date Labels

Have you ever thrown away food because the date on the package had passed? California's food date-labeling requirements changed on July 1, 2026, to make labels easier to understand and help reduce food waste. Under Assembly Bill ("AB") 660, consumer-facing "sell by" dates are no longer allowed on most products. Instead, qualifying products use standardized terms that tell if you a date relates to food quality or food safety. A **quality date** generally indicates when food is expected to have its best flavor or quality, while a **safety date** tells you when food should be used or frozen by for safety.

Senate Bill ("SB") 1383 is an ongoing statewide effort to reduce organic waste disposal and food waste. With a proper understanding of food date labels and their meanings, you can help contribute to this effort and reduce food waste by preventing perfectly edible food from being thrown out.

Manufacturers Food Date Labels:

- **"BEST if Used By" or "BEST if Used or Frozen By":** Quality dates that indicate peak freshness (or quality) of a food item
- **"USE By" or "USE By or Freeze By":** Safety dates that indicate when a food item is no longer safe to eat



World Food Day 2026

Every year on **October 16**, people from more than 150 countries come together to celebrate World Food Day, joining forces to raise global awareness and take action to end hunger and ensure healthy diets for all. You can do your part to help create a more sustainable world with simple actions such as planning your meals carefully, using creative recipes to minimize food waste, donating and sharing food, or composting fruit and vegetable scraps in your backyard composting system.

To learn more about World Food Day, visit [FAO.org/world-food-day](https://www.fao.org/world-food-day)

Landfill



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



Recycle



Empty, Clean, and Dry

- No Liquids
- No Textiles
- No Carpet
- No Food
- No Green Waste
- No Hazardous Waste

Recyclables should be loose (no bags). Batteries and CFLs can be placed separately in clear bags beside the recycle cart. Recycle motor oil in clear plastic containers with lid secured and drain oil filters and put in plastic bag, curbside.



Compost



BAGS: Compostable BPI (meets ASTM 6400 Standard) or Paper Bags; No Plastic 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 for an additional fee. Call Customer Service, 925.685.4711, to request one.



Not sure how to correctly dispose of an item? Visit Resource.Stopwaste.org to get answers and nearby reuse, repair, recycling, and safe disposal options.



Upcoming Holiday Service

Wishing you a safe holiday! Please note that your Republic Services recycling and waste service will not be affected by the upcoming Columbus Day, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving Day holidays.

Have your **carts at the curb by 6 a.m.** to ensure service.

Our drivers will be servicing as normal on these days:

- **Columbus Day:** Monday, October 12, 2026
- **Veterans Day:** Wednesday, November 11, 2026
- **Thanksgiving Day:** Thursday, November 26, 2026



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