

Using Your Green Organics Cart, The *Right* Way!

Help your community compost the right way by following these best practices for using your green organics cart:

- Compost only yard trimmings, food scraps, and food-soiled paper (paper towels, paper plates, pizza boxes)
- No plastic (including plastic bags, plastic food packaging, and containers), metal, or glass
- No pet waste
- If you wrap your food scraps, use only newspaper, paper bags, or BPI-Certified compostable bags (marked "Compostable: BPI-Meets ASTM 6400 Standard")



GOOD JOB!

Remember to place not only yard trimmings inside your organics cart, but also food scraps and food-soiled paper products (such as paper towels, paper plates, and pizza boxes)!



ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

Keep your green organics cart free of plastic and pet waste!



Time for Lid Flippin'!

SB 1383 requires local jurisdictions to monitor contamination and proper sorting of organics and recycling by performing route audits and contamination checks. Republic Services employees may be in your neighborhood throughout the year performing "lid-flips" and looking into all 3 of your carts—landfill, recycle and organics—for proper sorting. They may leave an educational "OOPS" tag if something should have gone into a different cart; if you receive an "OOPS" tag for contamination, you will be contacted to discuss how your sorting could be improved.

If you see an auditor in your neighborhood, feel free to say hello and ask any questions about what goes where, where you can take hard to recycle items, and any suggestions to make sorting easier and cleaner!

Remember: Proper Sorting is Important!

Here are a few things to know about the audit process:

- No bags are opened.
- No contents are touched.
- Educational tags ("OOPS" tags) may be attached to cart(s).

Here are a few reminders to help with proper sorting:

- **DO NOT BAG recyclables.** If you collect your recycling in bags, please empty the contents into your RECYCLE cart and place the bag in the GARBAGE cart.
- **PAPER PLATES, NAPKINS and PAPER TOWELS** go in the ORGANICS cart, not the recycle cart.
- **No e-waste in any cart.** Call customer service at 925.685.4711 to schedule a pickup.

Landfill



Recycle



Empty, Clean, and Dry

Compost



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

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



- 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 for an additional fee. Call Customer Service 925.685.4711 to request one. Batteries and CFLs can be placed separately in clear bags beside the recycle cart.



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

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Join the Cleaner Contra Costa Challenge!

The Cleaner Contra Costa Challenge is an online platform that helps Contra Costa residents reduce their carbon footprint by providing tips, incentives, and resources. Collect points by taking actions that reduce your household's overall carbon footprint. Earn points to be eligible to receive prizes such as reusable utensils, straws, and bags!

Visit CleanerContraCosta.org to sign up, or for more information.

Got unwanted stuff? Visit Resource.StopWaste.org for nearby reuse, repair, recycling and safe disposal options.



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