



Sustainability in Action

May 3–9: Celebrate International Compost Awareness Week

Every year during the first full week of May, people across the world celebrate **International Compost Awareness Week**, working together to raise public awareness on why we all should be composting our organics and using compost to create healthier soil. This year's theme, "**Compost! Feed the Soil that Feeds Us**," highlights the importance of applying high quality compost to invest in the health of our soil, which provides the food, clean water, and biodiversity that sustains life.

Visit CompostFoundation.org/ICAW/ICAW-Home to learn more about International Compost Awareness Week, and check out the ICAW events page at CompostFoundation.org/icaw-get-involved-events for inspiration, find a local event near you, and share your composting plans to inspire others!

Can't compost at home, but still want to participate? Simply place your yard trimmings and food scraps in your green organics cart, and Republic Services will compost it for you!



Recycling and Composting Reminders



Sorting Your Cardboard

Paper and cardboard should be placed in your brown RECYCLE cart, but only if it's **clean**. Unlined (not shiny) paper and cardboard that is **food-soiled**, such as paper towels, napkins, and pizza boxes, should be placed in your green ORGANICS cart.

** Clean paper and cardboard go in the RECYCLE cart; food-soiled paper and cardboard go in the ORGANICS cart.*



Composting Correctly

Vegetable scraps, fruit peels, and other food scraps that can't be eaten must be composted to comply with Senate Bill ("SB") 1383. Place any food scraps in your green ORGANICS cart, along with your yard trimmings and food-soiled paper products. If you wrap your food scraps, use only newspaper, paper bags, or BPI-Certified compostable bags (marked "Compostable: BPI–Meets ASTM 6400 Standard").

** Remember to place yard trimmings, food scraps, and food-soiled paper products inside your ORGANICS cart.*

Landfill



Recycle



Compost



Empty, Clean, and Dry

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 Textiles
- No Carpet
- No Food
- No Green Waste
- No Hazardous Waste
- No Styrofoam®

Recyclables should be loose (no bags). A second recycle cart is available for an additional fee. Call Customer Service 925.685.4711 to request one.



- 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.

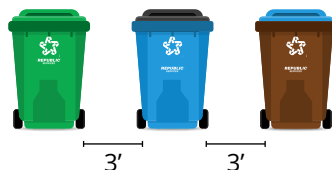


Not sure how to correctly dispose of an item? Visit Resource.Stopwaste.org to get answers and nearby reuse, repair, recycling, and safe disposal options.



Regular Cart Service Reminders

- Carts should be ready for service by **6 a.m.**
- Make sure that the lids on all carts **are completely closed.**
- Set carts next to the curb and **at least three feet away** from other carts and vehicles.



Memorial Day Holiday Service

Wishing you a safe holiday! Please note that your Republic Services recycling and waste service will **not** be affected by the upcoming Memorial Day holiday. **Our drivers will be servicing as normal on Monday, May 25, 2026.** Please have your carts at the curb by 6 a.m. to ensure service.



Call customer service to schedule a pickup.
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