

City of Fairfield

Recycling, Organics and Waste Services



Sustainable Tips to Celebrate Earth Day All Year Long!

✓ Reduce

There are many ways to reduce your waste disposal. Here are three easy everyday ideas on how to reduce waste.

- Say no to single-use plastic items, like straws, plastic utensils, disposable coffee cups, and shopping bags. These items are designed to be used once and thrown away. Instead, opt for reusable alternatives. Plastic doesn't truly decompose; instead, it breaks into smaller and smaller pieces called microplastics. Microplastics are harmful to the environment and pose risks to the ecosystem.
- When buying online, reduce packaging by selecting shipping items together.
- Enroll on paperless billing when possible to save paper.



✓ Reuse

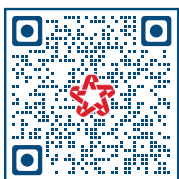
Before discarding an item, consider if it can be repaired or repurposed. You might also consider donating it to a local nonprofit or thrift store.



✓ Recycle

Rinse bottles, cans, and jugs before placing them in your curbside recycling cart. Empty, clean, and dry recyclables are sorted, processed, and turned into new products. Recycling helps save energy, conserve natural resources, and reduces pollution.

Please do not place recyclables in plastic bags; they can't be processed properly and contaminate the other material.



Please scan for a complete list of recyclable materials that can be placed in the blue curbside cart.

✓ Prevent Food Waste at Home

Here are tips to help you reduce your food waste:

- Prevent food waste by organizing your pantry and refrigerator so you are aware of what you have and use items that are going to expire first.
- Plan your meals, and make a list of items that you need.
- Monitor your food leftovers, and find out if you can prepare less.
- If you have a lot of leftovers, consider freezing some to extend their life.



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✓ Compost Food Scraps, Food-Soiled Paper, and Yard Waste

You can place food scraps, yard trimmings, and food-soiled paper materials in your organics cart (gray body with a green lid). These organics materials will be taken to a compost facility, where they decompose and create a nutrient-rich soil mix that you can add to your garden or lawn.



Please scan for a complete list of organic materials that can be placed in the curbside organics cart.



SB-1383 Monitoring Contamination

State law, Senate Bill (SB) 1383, requires local jurisdictions to monitor waste contamination and the proper sorting of organic and recyclables by performing annual route audits. In April and May, Republic Services' employees may be in your neighborhood performing lid flops and looking into your waste carts. If employees find improperly sorted material, employees will leave an educational tag to let residents know that this material is not allowed. Keeping organics waste streams clean will help ensure that the organic material can be processed and composted. Reducing contamination will also help sustain markets for recycled products.

Please Help Us Serve You Better

Please place carts at least 2 feet apart and 6 feet away from other objects, such as cars, mailboxes and light poles.

