

City of Fairfield

Recycling, Organics and Waste Services



Why Separating Your Organics Matters

Did you know that placing your food scraps and yard trimmings in your organics cart (gray cart with a green lid) helps protect our environment? It's a small everyday action with a big impact!

When you use your organics cart, your waste goes to a compost facility instead of a landfill. There, it's turned into nutrient-rich compost used for farming and landscaping. This helps:

- ▶ Reduce harmful greenhouse gases, specifically methane (which is 84 times stronger than carbon dioxide). According to CalRecycle, these greenhouse gases negatively contribute to climate change. The impacts of climate change are wide-reaching, but include hotter summers, intense wildfires and unpredictable weather patterns.
- ▶ Keep valuable materials out of the landfill.
- ▶ Support healthier soil and local agriculture.

California's Senate Bill (SB) 1383 law requires everyone to separate organics to help reduce climate warming emissions. Thanks to this effort, more than 217,000 tons of edible food were recovered in 2023 and shared with people in need.

By using your organics cart correctly, you're helping create a cleaner, healthier community for everyone. Thank you for doing your part!



It's time to get ready for spring!

Please join us at this free compost giveaway event hosted by the City of Fairfield and Republic Services.

Dunnell Nature Park and Education Center
3351 Hillridge Drive, Fairfield, CA 94534.
Saturday, April 11, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., or while supplies last.

Proof of residency is required. This is a self-serve event, so don't forget to bring a container for your compost. Shovels will be provided. Please note, trailers are **not** allowed.

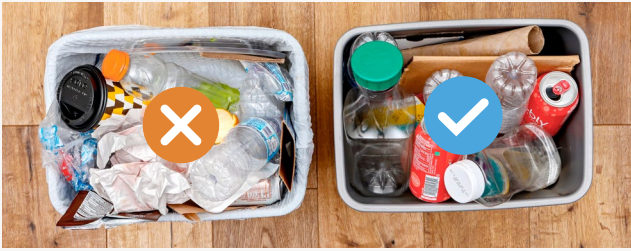
For more details, contact the City of Fairfield Solid Waste Division at **707.428.7528**.

Using Your Recycling and Organics Cart the Right Way!

Help your community recycle and compost correctly by following these best practices for using your **Recycling** and **Organics** carts.

WHAT SHOULD YOUR RECYCLING LOOK LIKE?

Proper sorting is important!



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 organics cart free of plastic and pet waste!



Recycling Cart – What Goes In

- ▶ **Do not bag recyclables.** If you collect items in a bag, empty them loose into the recycling cart, and place the bag in the trash.
- ▶ Paper plates, napkins and paper towels belong in the organics cart, not in recycling.
- ▶ Styrofoam™ and single-use utensils go in the trash.
- ▶ No electronic waste (batteries, electronics, cords) is allowed in any cart.

Organics Cart – Compost Only

Place only the following in your organics cart:

- ▶ Yard trimmings
- ▶ Food scraps
- ▶ Food-soiled paper (paper towels, paper plates, pizza boxes)

Do NOT place:

- ▶ Plastic of any kind (bags, food packaging, containers)
- ▶ Metal or glass
- ▶ Pet waste
- ▶ Painted or treated wood

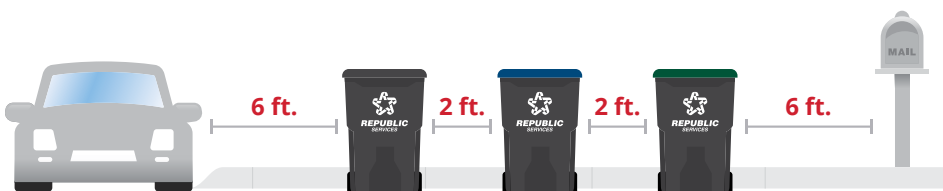
If you wrap food scraps, use only newspaper, paper bags or BPI Certified compostable bags.

To keep our recycling and organics program successful, only place accepted materials in your carts. If your recycling or organics cart is contaminated, a contamination fee may appear in your next bill.

Thank you for helping us keep our community clean and sustainable!

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.



Sustainability in Action