

Recycling & Waste Services Community Newsletter

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Keep Your Green Compost Cart Odor-Free in Hot Weather

Hot weather can cause odors in your green compost cart, but with these simple tips, you can keep it fresh all summer long:

1. Balance wet and dry materials

To prevent odors, add carbon-rich dry leaves and food-soiled paper to nitrogen-rich food scraps and grass clippings. Cover fresh bags of compost with dry materials to minimize smells and deter pests. Try lining the bottom of the cart with newspaper or cardboard. For particularly smelly food scraps, try freezing them until collection day to reduce odors.

2. Store your cart in a shaded area

Keep your green cart out of direct sunlight, which can cause it to heat up and increase odors. Store it in a shaded area, such as your garage or side yard behind a fence, to maintain cooler temperatures and reduce odor buildup.

3. Empty the cart regularly

Set your green cart out each week, even if it is not full. Avoid letting your green cart become too full or sit too long between pickups. Overcrowded carts can lead to odors and slow down decomposition. If you find yourself needing more compost service, consider contacting Republic Services to increase your cart size, or add an extra green cart for only \$5.46 per month.

4. Keep the lid closed, and clean your cart

To deter pests, always keep the lid securely closed. Rinse your cart regularly to remove food particles and moisture that can cause odors. Be sure to empty any dirty water on your landscaping and not in the storm drain.



How to Dispose of Palm Fronds

Palm fronds cannot be composted or turned into woodchips, so they must be treated as trash. Fremont offers two options:



1. Bulk pickup: Schedule a free pickup with Republic Services at **510.657.3500**.

2. Self-haul: Dispose of them for free at the Fremont Recycling and Transfer Station (41149 Boyce Road) with proof of residency.

For more details, or to schedule a pickup, contact Republic Services at **510.657.3500**.



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Follow These Guidelines for Safe and Easy Pickup

- Place carts curbside by 6 a.m. on your collection day.
- Leave 18 inches of space between carts to allow safe access for the truck's mechanical arm to grab the carts.
- Cart wheels should face toward your house.
- Leave extra space when possible to help avoid vehicles, tree branches, mailboxes, lamp posts, utility boxes, etc.
- Place used motor oil curbside only in approved jugs and in clear sight for drivers to see. Do-it-yourself oil changers can request free jugs and filter bags from Republic Services by calling **510.657.3500**.
- Make sure the cart lid fully closes to prevent falling debris and street litter. You can request larger-sized or additional carts by calling **510.657.3500**.



Holiday Collection Schedule

Memorial Day

Service will be provided on Monday, May 26, 2025. The Republic Services administrative offices will be closed.

Independence Day

Service will be provided on Friday, July 4, 2025. The Republic Services administrative offices will be closed.

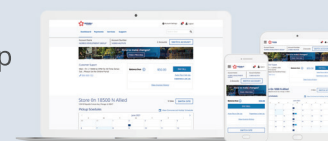
Summer Safety Tips

- Collection trucks keep regular schedules. Know your street's collection days so you are mindful of when they will be in your neighborhood.
- Keep a safe distance from the truck, at least 15 feet. Never climb on the truck when it's parked. Do not play or stand in or around recycling and waste carts.
- Collection trucks make frequent stops and often back up. Whether you are walking or driving near one, don't follow the truck too closely. Stay alert.
- Do not attempt to load or allow children to help with loading any materials into the collection truck. Leave it to the driver.
- Our drivers are highly trained and alert at all times; however, there are places where their visibility is restricted. If you can't see them in the mirror or window, they might not be able to see you, either. Get to a place where the driver can see you.

Download the Republic Services App

Manage your account from home or on the go with the Republic Services app. Visit **RepublicServices.com/Account** to access your account or download the app, so you can:

- Pay your bill
- Schedule a pickup
- Report a missed pickup
- Repair a cart
- Find new products



Contact Customer Service at **510.657.3500** or visit **RepublicServices.com/municipality/fremont-ca**

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