

Tips for Collecting Organics



STEP 1

Place your compost pail in a convenient location in your kitchen.



STEP 2

Toss all food scraps and plate scrapings into your compost pail.



STEP 3

Empty your pail into your food waste cart or bin.

Kitchen Pail Tips

- ✓ You can line your pail with newspaper, paper towels, cardboard or paper bags to contain food scraps.
- ✓ Do not place your kitchen pail on the curb.
- ✓ Toss your organic waste into the green cart frequently. Compostable cups, plates or utensils are not acceptable, even if they are labeled as compostable or biodegradable.
- ✓ Try freezing food waste and carrying it to the cart later.
- ✓ Keep the lids of your pail and green cart closed between uses to eliminate odors and pests.
- ✓ Sprinkle baking soda or essential oils in the kitchen pail to eliminate odors.

Tips for Collecting Recyclables

- ✓ Collect and dispose of all recyclable materials **loose and unbagged**.
- ✓ Please do not crush cans.



EMPTY: Ensure there is no food or product residue



CLEAN: Recyclable containers should be rinsed and free of contaminants



DRY: Let containers dry before placing them in your blue cart

Tips for Reducing Food Waste

- ✓ Check your fridge, freezer and pantry first.
- ✓ Plan meals and grocery lists around what needs to be used up.
- ✓ Buy in bulk, and store food properly for long shelf life.

Mandatory Recycling & Organics Law Senate Bill (SB) 1383

SB 1383 requires all residents and commercial businesses in California to recycle food and yard waste (organics), along with food-soiled paper products, to combat climate change and increase edible food recovery.

What You CANNOT Put in Your Organics Cart:



What Goes in Your Cart?



Green and Food Waste

No plastic or compostable bags



Recycling

Empty, clean and dry

Place in cart loose and unbagged



Trash



✗ Hazardous Waste

These items should never be mixed with regular recycling or waste and require special handling.

Proper Battery Recycling

Did you know that hundreds of preventable fires are caused each year by the unsuitable disposal of battery-powered electronics? In addition, batteries contain harmful materials that are hazardous to people and the environment, and they should not be included with your trash or curbside recycling. You can properly dispose of batteries at a household hazardous waste (HHW) collection center in Orange County. For more information, call Orange County at **714.834.6752**, or visit **OCLandfills.com**.

Visit **RepublicServices.com/FountainValleyCA** or **RecyclingSimplified.com** for more information.

