

# Your Services

## Bulk Item Pickup

Residential waste customers with cart service are entitled to four (4) bulk item pickups of up to 10 items per pickup per calendar year. Additional paid bulk waste pickup is available year-round, for a fee.

## Hazardous Waste

Orange County residents can dispose of their household hazardous waste (HHW) at one of four free County drop off sites. The closest HHW drop off site for Fountain Valley residents is at 17121 Nichols Lane, gate 6. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday; closed major holidays. For more information, call the County of Orange at 714.834.6752 or visit [OCLandfills.com](https://www.oclandfills.com).



## 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 any Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection center in Orange County.

## Holiday Schedule

Observed holidays are New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Collection will be delayed one day.

## Holiday Tree Collection

For 2 weeks following December 25 each year, holiday trees will be collected curbside.

- ▶ No artificial or flocked trees accepted.
- ▶ If your tree is taller than 6 feet, it must be cut in half to be collected.

For customer service or billing questions, please contact us at **714.847.3581**.

# Cart Placement

Place carts out by 7 a.m. on your collection day. Drivers have until 6:30 p.m. to service the carts.

**Weekly:** All 3 carts are emptied on the same day, but not by the same truck. Carts may be serviced at different times throughout the day.

Reasons waste may not be collected:

- ▶ Cart inaccessible
- ▶ Overfilled or overweight cart
- ▶ Insufficient space to service cart/car blocking cart
- ▶ Unacceptable contamination or hazardous waste found in cart.
- ▶ Waste, organics and recycling placed in the incorrect cart and/or lid not closed flat. Items placed outside the cart will not be serviced.

## Cart Placement Tips

- ✓ Place carts either in the street gutter, against the curb, in front of premises or adjacent to premises in the alley or easement in the rear of premises
- ✓ Place carts prior to 7 a.m. on your regular collection day
- ✓ Place cart with the lid opening facing toward the street
- ✓ Place carts in a visible location at least 3 feet apart and 6 feet away from mailboxes, trees, basketball hoops, cars or other stationary objects



# City of Fountain Valley Residential How-To Guide

Service guide for residential recycling, solid waste, and organics recycling collection

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# Organics

## New organics recycling program in Fountain Valley

As required by California Senate Bill 1383 (SB1383), the City of Fountain Valley has launched a recycling program in partnership with the City's waste hauler, Republic Services. Beginning October 1, 2022, residents must place organic waste, such as food scraps and yard trimmings, in your existing green yard waste cart.

### Contamination

SB 1383 requires contamination monitoring of residential carts to ensure program success. Contamination occurs when you place incorrect items in recycling and organics carts. If contamination is found in your carts, a courtesy pickup notice will be left on your cart. On the subsequent occasions of reported contamination, fees may be assessed.

## Helpful Tips

### Kitchen Pails

Collect your food waste and minimal amounts of food-soiled paper in a kitchen counter pail of your choice. You can also place food in paper bags, which are allowed in the green organics carts and can be used to collect food scraps. Once filled, empty the pail, or place the paper bag into your green organics cart with your yard waste.



**Keep your kitchen pail clean.** Rinse your pail daily or as needed, and use a paper bag to line your pail. Baking soda and charcoal filters can help minimize odors.

**Keep your food scraps in the fridge or freezer.** Empty them directly into the green organics cart on your service date to minimize odors.

**Keep your organics cart clean.** Line your cart with yard waste first, then place your food waste on top. Rinse your cart as needed. Add baking soda to the bottom of your empty cart.

**No plastic bags or compostable utensils.** Plastic bags of any type are not acceptable, even if they are labeled as compostable or biodegradable. Compostable cups, plates or utensils are also not acceptable.



## Acceptable items



FOOD WASTE (can be placed in a paper bag)



FOOD-SOILED PAPER & PAPER BAGS



YARD WASTE



## Unacceptable items

- |                |                     |                          |
|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| ✗ Plastic bags | ✗ Dirt, rocks, sand | ✗ Fats, oils or grease   |
| ✗ Plastics     | ✗ Tree stumps       | ✗ Polystyrene carts      |
| ✗ Manure       | ✗ Ash or concrete   | ✗ Coated or painted wood |
| ✗ Pet waste    | ✗ Raw meat          |                          |

# Recycling

Ensure all items are empty, clean, and dry.

## Acceptable items



PAPER & CARDBOARD



METAL CANS



PLASTIC & GLASS



## Unacceptable items

- |                |                      |                      |
|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| ✗ Plastic bags | ✗ Clothing           | ✗ Hazardous waste    |
| ✗ Food waste   | ✗ Light bulbs        | ✗ Pots or pans       |
| ✗ Yard waste   | ✗ Garden hoses       | ✗ Greasy pizza boxes |
| ✗ Batteries    | ✗ Polystyrene foam   | ✗ Ceramics or dishes |
| ✗ Electronics  | ✗ Construction waste |                      |

# Trash

## Acceptable items



POLYSTYRENE FOAM

GARDEN HOSES



CLOTHING & BEDDING



TOYS



DIAPERS & PET WASTE



DISHES & MIRRORS



FATS, OILS & GREASE



NON-RECYCLABLE PLASTICS



## Unacceptable items

- |                          |                              |                  |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| ✗ Batteries              | ✗ Hazardous waste            | ✗ Medical sharps |
| ✗ Fluorescent bulbs      | ✗ Hot ashes                  | ✗ Tires          |
| ✗ Electronic waste       | ✗ Medicines                  | ✗ Paint          |
| ✗ Construction materials | ✗ Used motor oil and filters | ✗ Carpet         |