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Subject: **New Food Waste Organics Recycling for Huntington Beach Residents**

Dear Huntington Beach Resident,

The City of Huntington Beach, along with every city and county in California, is required by State law to implement an organic waste recycling program. California Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) established targets to reduce statewide disposal of organic waste by 50% (from 2014 levels) by 2020 and by 75% by 2025 as part of a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants such as methane.

Effective July 2, 2026, all Huntington Beach residents must place their food waste and their yard waste into their existing green yard waste cart. Accepted organic materials include:

- **Meats and bones; fish; poultry; dairy products; fruits, vegetables and peels; bread; pasta; rice; cereal and grains; eggs/eggshells; coffee/tea grounds**
- **Food-soiled paper such as napkins, paper towels/plates, coffee filters, pizza boxes**
- **Grass, leaves, small branches, shrubs, brush, plants, weeds**

Organic materials placed in the green cart must be loose or contained in paper bags only. Plastic bags, including compostable and biodegradable plastic bags, are **not allowed** in the cart. Many residents find it helpful to use a small kitchen counter pail to collect food waste indoors before emptying scraps into the green organics cart. The Public Works Department will be distributing pails to residents who want one at city events.

For your convenience in starting food waste recycling, this packet includes:

1. A Service Guide explaining SB 1383 and how to properly separate your organic materials with helpful tips and best practices.
2. An Organics Label for your **GREEN cart lid** showing what can go inside. To apply the label:
 - Wipe top of cart lid with isopropyl alcohol or warm soapy water
 - Let dry
 - Place Organics Label on top of the lid

By separating your organic materials into the green cart, you will help keep these materials out of the landfill. Instead, the organics will be processed at a composting facility and transformed into soil amendments. This process reduces the release of harmful emissions into the air we breathe.

To learn more about the new organics program, visit:

	Republic Services website: https://www.republicservices.com/HuntingtonBeachCA
	City of Huntington Beach website: https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/departments/public_works/trash_recycling.php
	CalRecycle SB 1383 Regulations: https://calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/SLCP/collection/

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in recycling your food waste and other organic materials. Questions? Please contact:

- City of Huntington Beach at (714) 375-5010 or trashinfo@surfcity-hb.org
- Republic Services at (714) 847-3581 or Recycle437@republicservices.com

We also wanted to make you aware of another change happening with your residential cart service in 2027. All residents are allowed to have 3 carts (one black/gray for trash, one green for organics waste and one blue for recycling.) Starting January 1, 2027, there will be a charge of \$11.31 per month for each additional cart. If you currently have more than one cart of each type and no longer need it, please call Republic Services to have it removed. Otherwise, you will receive a separate bill from Republic Services for the additional cart(s).

We look forward to serving you!

City of Huntington Beach Public Works
and
Republic Services