

City of Yorba Linda

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Sustainability in Action



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What Senate Bill (SB) 1383 Means for You

Residents

If you receive curbside cart service through Republic Services, you should place food scraps and food-soiled paper in the organics cart together with yard trimmings. Plastic bags should not be used for food waste, so it is recommended to use

paper bags or wrap items in newspaper to keep materials contained. Keeping cart lids closed helps prevent pests such as rodents, raccoons and insects from accessing the contents. Many households find it helpful to use a small kitchen container to collect scraps before taking them outside to the main cart. Over time, carts across the community will be replaced to align with California's standardized color system, and these updates are expected to be completed by the end of 2027 without changing collection days.

Businesses

Businesses must also have organics recycling programs. If your business or commercial property does not yet have an organics recycling cart or dumpster, please contact Republic Services at **800.700.8610**.

Additional Information

For updates and more information about organics recycling in Yorba Linda, please visit **RepublicServices.com/municipality/yorba-linda-ca**. Thank you for supporting a cleaner, more sustainable community.

Food Recovery Requirements for Food Service Businesses

To reduce food waste and help address food insecurity, SB 1383 also requires that California recovers or rescues 20% of surplus edible food to feed people in need by 2025. The law directs food-generating businesses to recover the maximum amount of their edible food that would otherwise go to landfills and to maintain records of their food donation activities. SB 1383 places mandated food donors into two tiers. As of January 1, 2024, large food businesses, such as wholesale food vendors, distributors, food service providers and grocery stores, as well as some cafeterias, restaurants and venues, are required to comply. These businesses must show that they have agreements with partner agencies accepting food.

Locally, Abound Food Care (formerly known as Waste Not OC), a partnership of nonprofits, public agencies (including Yorba Linda) and private businesses, is working to ensure that surplus food goes to feed hungry people in our own communities. Abound Food Care provides system-wide solutions to help food generators channel excess edible food to communities rather than landfills. By reducing food insecurity and food waste, we're improving the health of our communities and the environment. Visit **Aboundfoodcare.org** to learn more.

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Organics

Acceptable Items

Yard Waste



Food Waste



Food-Soiled Paper & Paper Bags*



*You can place food in a paper bag.

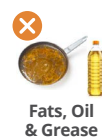
Unacceptable Items



Recyclables



Plastic Bags & Wrap



Fats, Oil & Grease



Construction Waste



Trash & Pet Waste



Hazardous Waste

Contamination Monitoring & Inspections

Republic Services will be conducting cart and dumpster inspections throughout the year to ensure proper sorting and disposal of materials. You may see uniformed staff reviewing the contents of your recycling, organics and trash containers. If an improper item is found, a courtesy tag will be placed on the cart notifying you of the incorrect items. These educational reviews are mandated by Senate Bill (SB) 1383 and will occur on an annual basis.



Bulk Item Pickup

Republic Services provides both single-family and multi-family residents with convenient pickups for bulk items and electronics by appointment. Each household may request up to three bulk item pickups per year, with a total of 10 items accepted per pickup, at no additional cost. To schedule this service, simply call Republic Services Customer Service at **800.700.8610** at least 24 hours before your regular collection day to request a bulk item pickup. Once you have made the call, a truck will be scheduled to collect your bulk items on your next regular collection day.

Single-family residents should place items at the curb after scheduling a pickup. Do not block sidewalks or obstruct traffic. If you live in a multi-family complex, check with your property manager to determine the best location for pickup.

Eco-Friendly Gift Shopping

Gift-giving brings joy to both the giver and the receiver. How we choose and present those gifts has environmental, as well as financial, impacts. Eco-friendly gift shopping embraces the heart of giving while considering the well-being of the planet.



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In searching for the perfect gift, start by considering materials that have a minimal environmental impact. Look for products made from recycled, upcycled or organic materials. Gifts crafted from organic cotton, bamboo, or reclaimed wood are not only beautiful, but also a nod to environmental stewardship. You can also think outside the box and consider gifting experiences rather than physical objects. From cooking classes to weekend getaways, experiences can create lasting memories without the need to store or care for material possessions. Subscriptions to services can be a delightful, ongoing reminder of your thoughtfulness.

Finding a gift does not end after the purchase, because presentation matters! Opt for reusable or recycled wrapping materials, or get creative with what's already on-hand. An old map, a newspaper or a piece of fabric can be transformed into unique and environmentally friendly gift wrap.

Eco-friendly gift shopping is a thoughtful, considerate process that goes beyond the traditional act of giving. It's a way to celebrate relationships and special occasions while honoring a commitment to the earth.



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See Something, Say Something

When you spot an illegal dump site, don't ignore it. Instead, note the location, and report it to the City. If you see someone dumping illegally, do not confront them. If possible, discreetly take a photo of the activity, and write down a description of the person, as well as the vehicle make, color and license plate number. Report illegal dumping to Yorba Linda Police Services' non-emergency line at **714.647.7000**.

Safely Dispose of Your Household Hazardous Waste

You can help reduce the risk of fires and protect our soil and waterways by properly disposing of all household batteries, hazardous waste and electronics. Here's what you need to do:

- When you remove batteries from devices and prepare to discard them, tape over the terminal ends with clear packing tape. Bag your batteries in a sealable plastic bag.
- Separate household hazardous chemicals, including pesticides and fertilizers, oil-based paint, automotive fluids, pool chemicals and similar items, from other waste.
- Set aside old electronic devices, such as computers, televisions, laptops, tablets, smartphones and wireless speakers.
- Do not place any of these items into your recycling, organics or trash carts or dumpsters! Deliver batteries, household chemicals and electronics to one of Orange County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers. These items are accepted at no charge. For additional details, visit **[OCLandfills.com/hazardous](https://oclandfills.com/hazardous)** or call **714.834.6752**.



How Does Trash End Up in Our Ocean?

Ever wonder how trash ends up in our waterways and oceans? You don't have to look far for the source. In fact, 80% of the trash found in the ocean comes from land sources, such as littered packaging. The top marine pollutants are cigarette butts, food wrappers, bottle caps, plastic straws, water bottles, bags and cutlery.

Main Sources of Trash in the Ocean

- **Litter Bugs:** If someone litters, the trash can end up in our storm drains. The storm drain system is not treated, so any trash that makes it to the drain will pollute our creeks, rivers and the ocean.
- **The Wind:** When recycling and trash carts are not properly closed, waste can be blown away by the wind. This is especially true for lightweight items, like plastic bags and food wrappers. Once these items are in the environment, rain or runoff can drag them into our storm drains and eventually our ocean.

Even if you live miles from the coast, all our actions impact the health of our waterways. The most effective way to prevent trash from polluting our oceans and waterways is to stop it at the source. Pledge to do at least one of the following:

- Always secure the lid on recycling and trash carts.
- Bring your own to-go containers when dining out.
- Pack a waste-free lunch with reusable baggies or food containers.
- Bring a reusable water bottle wherever you go.
- Recycle and reuse products whenever possible.
- Always throw cigarette butts in a designated ash tray.
- Spread the word! Talk to your friends and family about how you can stop pollution in your everyday life.



Your Home Is Full of Reuse Ideas

Before something goes into the trash or recycling bin, it's worth taking a second look. Many homes are full of materials that still have plenty of life left in them. Cardboard boxes, glass jars, paper, fabric scraps and plastic containers are often thrown away simply because their original purpose has ended, but with a little creativity, these everyday items can be reused in ways that save money and reduce waste.

Cardboard boxes can become storage organizers, playhouses or craft supplies. Glass jars work well for holding screws, art materials or pantry items. Scrap paper can be used for drawing, note-taking or packing material. Even packaging materials like tissue paper or clean wrapping paper can be reused for future gifts or projects. Reusing materials at home also teaches kids problem-solving and creativity. When children are encouraged to build and create using items already on-hand, they learn that new solutions don't always require buying something new.



Recycle or Repair?

When devices break or become outdated, it is important to think beyond simply throwing them away. Responsible electronics recycling helps protect natural resources and keeps harmful materials out of landfills, making it an important part of reducing waste in our communities. Electronics recycling is the process of collecting, dismantling, and reusing or refurbishing electronic devices. It is an essential practice in today's world where electronic waste has become a significant environmental concern. Electronic devices contain various hazardous materials, such as lead, mercury and cadmium, which can cause serious harm to the environment if they're not handled correctly. By recycling our electronic devices, we prevent these harmful substances from contaminating soil and water when disposed of improperly or from ending up in landfills.

So how do you handle electronic devices in a sustainable and responsible manner? First, strive to extend the lifespan of devices by taking good care of them, protecting them and investing in repairs as necessary. This reduces the demand for new products and the associated environmental impact of both manufacturing and disposal.

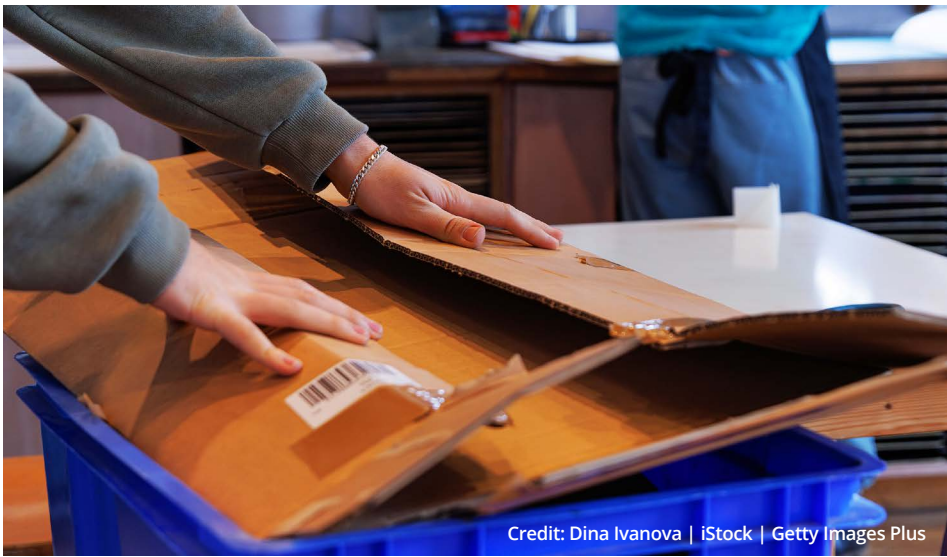
Second, when it is time to upgrade or replace electronic devices, consider donating or selling them instead of discarding them. Many organizations and individuals can benefit from used electronics, promoting local reuse, giving devices a second life, and reducing waste. Finally, with devices that are beyond repair or that are unwanted by others, research recycling options. In some cases, manufacturers may offer recycling programs and even discounts on new devices when you trade in an old one. Otherwise, be sure to recycle your old devices through our bulk item collection program or at one of the Orange County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers.

Keep FOG Out of Your Drains

Remember – no grease or food scraps containing fat, oil or grease (FOG) should ever go down your kitchen drain. FOG is the leading cause of sewer blockages, which can result in costly plumbing repairs and sewage overflows that pollute our streets and waterways. To keep your home's plumbing and Yorba Linda's sewer system flowing smoothly, follow these three simple steps:

1. Scrape food scraps containing FOG into your organics cart.
2. Pour liquid FOG, like oil or grease, into a sealable container for proper disposal. Then place the container into your trash cart.
3. Wipe remaining grease and food debris from dishes and pans with a paper towel, and toss it into your organics cart.

Many mealtime favorites, including meat fats, creamy sauces and salad dressings, contain FOG, so stay mindful while cooking. Help protect your home and the environment by keeping FOG out of your drains. Don't clog with FOG!



Keep Recycling Clean

- Place all clean, dry paper and cardboard in your recycling cart or dumpster. Also, recycle metal cans, glass bottles and jars, and plastic bottles, jugs and containers in the same cart or dumpster.
- Inside your home, label your recycling bins clearly to remind everyone what can and cannot be recycled. Simple, visible labels can make a big difference.
- Empty bottles and other containers, remove excess residue, rinse them out, and allow them to air-dry.
- Don't bag your recycling. Place all items loose into the recycling cart or dumpster.
- Never put tangles, like hoses or cords, or hazardous waste, such as batteries, chemicals or medical sharps, into your recycling cart or dumpster. These items can endanger workers and damage equipment.
- Keep "yucky" items out of your recycling cart or dumpster. These include dirty recyclables, greasy pizza boxes and diapers.
- Items like plastic bags, plastic wrap, palm fronds, Styrofoam™, shredded paper, pet waste and diapers belong in the trash. Food-soiled napkins, paper towels and greasy pizza boxes should go in organics. Batteries and lightbulbs must be taken to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center.
- If you're unsure whether something is recyclable, **RecyclingSimplified.com** has helpful guidance. For additional details about curbside collection, visit **RepublicServices.com/municipality/yorba-linda-ca.**

Recycle Your Plastic Bags

When mixed with other recyclables, plastic bags tangle with equipment or other materials at the sorting facility, causing damage and delays. Even worse, they don't get recycled this way. Instead, recycle empty, clean plastic bags, like shopping bags, dry cleaning bags and the plastic wrap from cases of water bottles, at designated take-back bins located in many local retail stores. To find a participating store near you, visit [Plasticfilmrecycling.org](https://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org).



TAKE CHARGE. STAY SAFE.

DON'T Recycle or Trash Lithium Batteries at Home

Lithium batteries are extremely popular because they are reliable and long-lasting. These types of batteries are found in a wide range of devices, including cell phones, power tools, laptops, tablets, children's toys, scooters, electric toothbrushes and more.



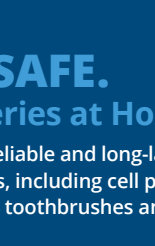
PREVENT FIRES

Lithium and lithium-ion batteries, which are made from highly flammable materials, can pose a serious fire risk.¹ If overheated, punctured or faulty, these batteries can cause fires or explode.



PROTECT PEOPLE

Lithium battery fires are incredibly difficult to extinguish and may reignite days later. When batteries fail, they can release toxic gases that endanger individuals in their homes and workplaces.



DO'S & DON'TS

DON'T

Overcharge lithium batteries or leave them plugged in overnight.

DON'T

Throw away lithium batteries in the trash.

DON'T

Try to recycle lithium batteries at home.

DO

Store batteries between 40°F and 80°F.

DO

Cover battery terminals with electrical tape and/or place them in separate plastic bags when disposing.

DO

Dispose of lithium-ion batteries at designated recycling or household hazardous waste collection centers.

LEARN MORE AT:
[RepublicServices.com/LithiumBatteries](https://ehs.oregonstate.edu/sites/ehs.oregonstate.edu/files/pdf/silithium_fire_prevention_s1093.pdf)

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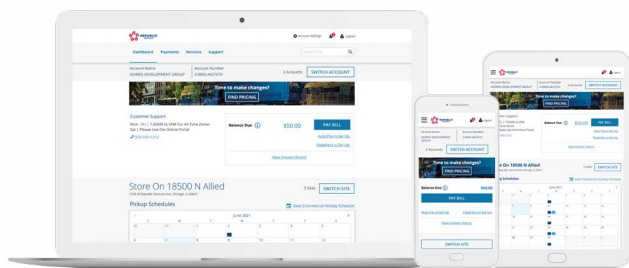


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Holiday Collection Schedule

- Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 26, 2026 (service delayed one day)
- Christmas Day – Friday, December 25, 2026 (service delayed one day)
- New Year's Day – Friday, January 1, 2027 (service delayed one day)

