

FAQs

Residential Food Waste Recycling Program

Am I required to participate?

Yes. This is a California law that requires all residents, multi-family tenants, and commercial businesses to participate in food waste recycling in order to comply with Senate Bill 1383.

Will plastic bags be supplied?

Customers will need to use their own bags. Bags need to be compostable.

What is the benefit of recycling food waste?

Your recycling efforts contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in landfilled organic waste. This includes methane, a greenhouse gas 80 times more potent than carbon dioxide.

I already backyard compost, do I have to participate?

We encourage you to continue backyard composting. Organic items not suitable for backyard compost can be recycled through this program.

Can I use my garbage disposal instead?

No need to change your current garbage disposal use. Food currently being discarded in your trash barrel should now be placed in your green waste barrel.

What items are acceptable?

Fruits, vegetables, meats, seafood, dairy, eggshells, bread, food scraps, food soiled paper, plate scrapings, and expired food.

What items are not acceptable?

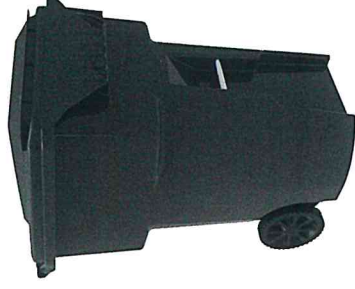
Trash, styrofoam, liquids, glass, plastic, metal, diapers, pet waste, electronic waste, and hazardous waste.



WHAT GOES WHERE?

Black Barrel

is for trash



Blue Barrel

is for recyclables



Green Barrel

is for green waste & food waste



BLACK BARREL GUIDE

YES

- ✓ Clothing
- ✓ Diapers
- ✓ Dishware
- ✓ Hoses
- ✓ Flower pots
- ✓ Paper towels
- ✓ Pet waste
- ✓ Plastic bags
- ✓ Plastic toys
- ✓ Plastic utensils
- ✓ Shrink wrap
- ✓ Soiled paper
- ✓ Straws
- ✓ Window glass
- ✓ Wipes

NO

- x Batteries
- x Electronic waste
- x Hazardous waste
- x Hot ashes
- x Infectious waste
- x Flammables
- x Fluorescent bulbs
- x Machinery
- x Paint
- x Pesticides
- x Oil
- x Sharps
- x Tires

BLUE BARREL GUIDE

YES

- ✓ Aerosol cans
- ✓ Aluminum cans
- ✓ Cardboard
- ✓ Cartons
- ✓ Computer paper
- ✓ Envelopes
- ✓ Glass bottles & jars
- ✓ Junk mail
- ✓ Magazines
- ✓ Newspaper
- ✓ Paper
- ✓ #1 - #7 Plastics
- ✓ Tin cans
- ✓ Tissue boxes
- ✓ Wrapping paper

NO

- x Bubble wrap
- x Carpet
- x Ceramic dishes & cups
- x Clothing
- x Electronic waste
- x Furniture
- x Fluorescent bulbs
- x Hoses
- x Mirrors
- x Pet food bags
- x Plastic play pools
- x Plastic toys
- x Stuffed animals
- x Window glass

GREEN BARREL GUIDE

YES

- ✓ Birds of Paradise
- ✓ Brush
- ✓ Compostable plastic bags
- ✓ Dead plants
- ✓ Expired food
- ✓ Flowers
- ✓ Food soiled paper
- ✓ Grass clippings
- ✓ Leaves
- ✓ Prunings
- ✓ Shrub trimmings
- ✓ Small branches
- ✓ Twigs
- ✓ Untreated wood
- ✓ Weeds

NO

- x Animal waste
- x Batteries
- x Cactus
- x Concrete
- x Dirt
- x Electronic waste
- x Flammables
- x Glass
- x Hazardous waste
- x Liquids
- x Metal
- x Plastic
- x Rocks