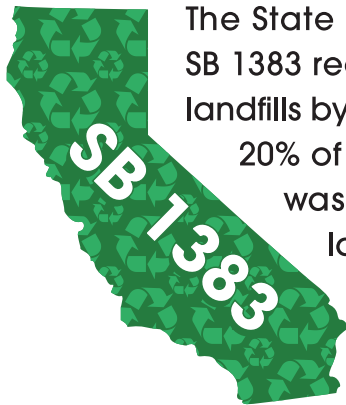


City of Rancho Santa Margarita Environmental News



Changes In State Law



The State of California adopted Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) into law. SB 1383 requires all cities in California to reduce organic waste sent to landfills by 75% by January 1, 2025. SB 1383 also sets a target of rescuing 20% of edible food currently disposed of in landfills. When organic waste such as food scraps and green waste are disposed in landfills, it decomposes and produces methane. Methane is a greenhouse gas that is 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide.

Rancho Santa Margarita residents have been recycling their organics since April 1, 2020. By participating in the program, you are helping California reach targeted goals to reduce short-lived climate pollutant emissions, such as methane.

What Materials Can I Place In My Organics Cart?

ORGANICS

KITCHEN		YARD	

HAZARDOUS WASTE
RECYCLABLES
LANDFILL ITEMS

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Tips For Using Your Organics Cart

- Start with yard trimmings such as leaves, grass clippings, and/or newspaper at the bottom of your organics cart to prevent food scraps from being trapped
- Alternate layering of food scraps and yard trimming will help keep your cart cleaner
- Compostable bags are optional and available at local retailers. Other types of bags are not accepted

Look for this symbol when shopping for compostable bags



Preventing Odor From Your Organics Cart

- Store your cart in the shade during warm weather
- Keep your food scraps in the freezer until collection day
- Sprinkle baking soda in your organics cart
- Place a layer of yard materials, cardboard, or newspaper at the bottom of your organics cart before adding food scraps



Starting January 1, 2022

SB 1383 also requires that all service routes be audited randomly on an annual basis. To stay in compliance with these California mandates, CR&R will be working along side our Cities to send out auditors in order to conduct sample route audits. This is a regulatory requirement. Please do not be alarmed if you happen to see our auditors look through Trash, Recycling, and Organic carts on your service day. The auditors will be trained to look for contamination in your curbside carts with the goal of reducing contamination and improving your recycle program. These observations will be used to assess the effectiveness of your recycling programs. Residents may also receive a flyer or educational piece via email with additional education on how to increase their Organics recycling in an effort to reduce methane emissions. We know safety is important; that is why our team will be wearing a labeled safety vest, a badge with their information, and proper safety gear to ensure safety for everyone. Residents will also be receiving public educational information over the next few months, which will go into more detail about SB1383. Remember, we are all in this together to reduce short-lived climate pollutants and reduce methane emissions to achieve a cleaner environment for generations to come.



Remember On Collection Day

1 The carts should be placed at the curbside no later than 6:30 a.m. on collection day and removed from the curbside within twelve (12) hours after service.

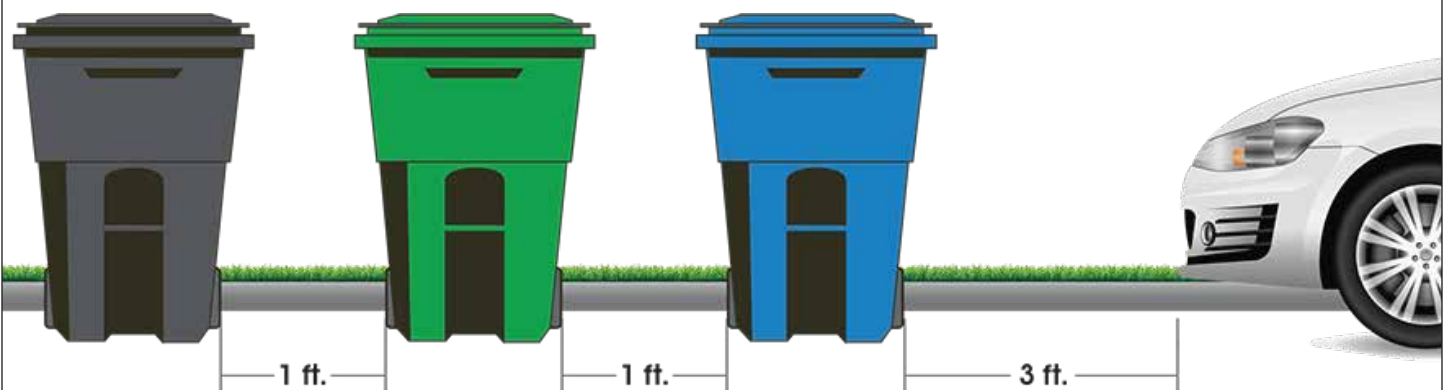
2 The carts should be placed with the handles and wheels facing towards your home.



3 Place carts side-by-side approximately one (1) foot apart and at least three (3) feet from any obstruction (e.g., vehicles, fire hydrants, trees, or mailboxes).

4 Items placed outside of the carts will not be collected.

Please contact Customer Service to arrange a bulky item pick up.



What Goes Where

RECYCLABLES

- Aluminum
- Cardboard
- Glass
- Metal
- Paper
- Plastic



ORGANICS

From The Kitchen

- Dairy
- Food Soiled Paper
- Fruits
- Grains
- Meat
- Seafood
- Vegetables



From The Yard

- Flowers
- Grass
- Leaves
- Prunings
- Weeds



LANDFILL

- Ceramics
- Coat Hangers
- Diapers
- Mirrors
- Paper Towels
- Pet Waste/Cat Litter
- Styrofoam
- Tissue Paper
- Waxed Paper



**No
Hazardous
Waste**



Holiday Schedule: Non-Collection Days

**New Year's Day Memorial Day Independence Day
Labor Day Thanksgiving Day Christmas Day**

If the Holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, trash will be collected on your normal collection day with no delays to your pickup. If the Holiday falls during the work week, collection for the remainder of the week will be delayed by one day. For example, if Independence Day falls on a Monday, and your normal collection day is on Thursday, your pickup for that week will be on Friday.



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