## Why Recycle Food Waste?

CalRecycle reports that recycling organic waste, including food waste, is the next critical step to protect our communities and our environment from the impacts of climate change. Organic waste in landfills accounts for 20 percent of the methane gas generated in California. Methane, a super-pollutant, has a shortterm atmospheric life, but a long-term impact on the climate. Targeting methane reductions is an effective strategy to combat climate change and move towards a more sustainable future.

The goal of Senate Bill 1383 is to achieve a 75 percent reduction of the statewide disposal of organic waste by 2025. All residents must adhere to this law and recycle both food waste and green waste.



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# THE FOOD WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

PROGRAM BEGINS OCTOBER 3, 2022

## HOW TO COLLECT FOOD WASTE AT HOME



## **Π** COLLECT

Begin collecting food waste separate from your other trash and recycling. This includes: fruits, vegetables, meats, seafood, bread, dairy, eggshells, coffee, plate scrapings, peels, rinds, food soiled paper, and expired food.

## 2 ADD & SECURE

Add food waste to its own separate plastic bag. Store it in a convenient place, such as on your countertop, in your refrigerator or under your sink. Secure your plastic bag by tying it off. Remember, bags do not have to be compostable or biodegradable. They can be any color. We encourage you to re-use bags you may already have such as bread bags and produce bags.



### 3 DISCARD

Place your bagged food waste into your green barrel, along with your green waste. Remember, food waste no longer belongs in your trash barrel.

Click to visit the Town of Apple Valley website to learn more about the 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 be required to use their own bags. Bags do not need to be compostable or biodegradable.

## 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 bagged and 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?

#### **Green Barrel** with Black Lid is for **trash**



#### **Blue Barrel** is for **recyclables**

## **Green Barrel**

is for green waste & bagged food waste





#### TRASH GUIDE

## YES

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

#### NO

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

#### **RECYCLING 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

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

#### **ORGANICS GUIDE**

### YES

- ✓ Bagged food waste
- ✓ Birds of Paradise
- ✓ Brush
- ✓ Dead plants
- Expired food
- Flowers
- Food soiled paper
- Grass clippings
- ✓ Leaves
- ✓ Palm Fronds
- ✓ Prunings & twigs
- Shrub trimmings
- ✓ Small branches
- ✓ Untreated wood
- ✓ Weeds

#### NO

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

× Rocks