

**Starting July 1, 2021**, CR&R Environmental Services, together with the City of Lake Forest, will launch an expanded Organics Recycling Program.



The state of California adopted Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) in 2016 and the final regulations were completed in November 2020. SB 1383 requires all cities in California to reduce organic waste sent to landfills by 75% by January 1, 2025. SB 1383 requires that all cities provide an Organics Recycling Program for all residential properties within the City.

Organic waste is mainly comprised of food scraps and yard waste such as grass clippings, landscape, and pruning waste.

## How the Program Works

**Effective July 1, 2021**, your existing green waste cart will become an *organics* cart and you will be able to recycle your kitchen food scraps together with your yard trimmings. CR&R will be placing a decal on your existing green waste cart to identify the transition to the new Organics Recycling Program and list what materials are accepted. Your current service day will not change. If you do not currently have a green waste cart, one will be delivered to you before the end of the year.



## Why was this law passed?

When organic waste such as food scraps and green waste are disposed in landfills, it decomposes and produces methane, a greenhouse gas that is 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide. The state of California is targeting global warming gasses and combating climate change with SB 1383.

## Let's work together, how can I help?

By placing food in your green organics cart, you are helping California reach targeted goals to reduce short-lived climate pollutant emissions, such as methane. Take the time to consider how the items placed in your CR&R carts will impact our landfills. Organizing your home's disposal system can make this task much easier when filling up your CR&R recycling and organics carts.

## What Materials Can I Place In The Organics Cart?



GREEN  
CART FOR  
ORGANICS



### YARD

- Grass Clippings
- Leaves
- Weeds
- Prunings
- Flowers
- Wood Scraps/Chips

### KITCHEN

- Fruit
- Bread
- Fish
- Meat
- Vegetables
- Dairy
- Coffee + Filter
- Compostable Bags
- Food Soiled Paper

### NO

- **Pet Waste**
- **Palm Fronds**
- **Plastic**
- **Glass**
- **Metal**

## Frequently Asked Questions

### *How do I collect food scraps from my kitchen?*

The easiest way to collect your food scraps is with a countertop container. You can use a small pail with a lid, paper bag, or a bowl. Add food scraps as you prepare meals and when full, empty it in your green organics cart.

### *Can I put meat, fish, and spoiled food in my green organics cart?*

Yes. These items are acceptable in your green organics cart.

### *Can I put crustacean shells and meat bones in my green organics cart?*

No. These items should be placed in your landfill cart.

### *Where can I find out more information about the residential Organics Recycling Program?*

Please visit CR&R's website at [www.crrwasteservices.com](http://www.crrwasteservices.com) for more information about recycling organics.

## Tips For Using Your Organics Cart

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



## 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.

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 a Thursday, your pickup for that week will be on Friday.

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