



# YOUR WASTE GUIDE: WHAT GOES WHERE?

## Gray Bin

is for trash



**PLEASE BAG ALL TRASH  
DO NOT ADD HAZARDOUS WASTE**

### TRASH GUIDE

#### YES

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

#### NO

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

## Blue Bin

is for recyclables



**PLEASE DO NOT BAG RECYCLABLES  
DO NOT ADD HAZARDOUS WASTE**

### RECYCLING GUIDE

#### YES

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

#### NO

- ✗ Bubble wrap
- ✗ Carpet
- ✗ Ceramic dishes
- ✗ Clothing
- ✗ Diapers
- ✗ Electronic waste
- ✗ Hoses
- ✗ Mirrors
- ✗ Pet food bags
- ✗ Pizza boxes, soiled
- ✗ Plastic toys
- ✗ Used paper products
- ✗ Window glass

## Green Organics Barrel

is for green waste & food waste

**NEW 95gal  
BARREL!**



**PLEASE BAG FOOD WASTE  
DO NOT BAG GREEN WASTE**

### ORGANICS GUIDE

#### YES

- ✓ Bagged food waste
- ✓ Birds of Paradise
- ✓ Dead plants
- ✓ Flowers
- ✓ Food soiled paper
- ✓ Grass clippings
- ✓ Leaves
- ✓ Prunings
- ✓ Shrub trimmings
- ✓ Small branches
- ✓ Twigs
- ✓ Untreated wood
- ✓ Weeds

#### NO

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

# HOW TO COLLECT FOOD WASTE AT HOME



## 1 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, and food soiled paper such as paper towels, napkins, and coffee filters.

## 2 ADD & SECURE

Add food waste to its own separate plastic-lined container. 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 organics barrel, along with your green waste. Continue using your green waste barrel as usual. Remember, food waste no longer belongs in your trash barrel.

# 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 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.

