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Subject: **State Law SB 1383 Mandates Organic Waste Recycling**

Dear Valued Garden Grove Resident,

The City of Garden Grove, along with every jurisdiction in the State of California, is required by State law to implement an organic waste recycling program. California Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) requires reductions of organic waste in landfills as part of a greater plan to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants, such as methane. SB 1383 establishes targets to achieve a reduction in statewide disposal of organic waste; 50% from the 2014 level by 2020 and a 75% reduction by 2025.

**Beginning this September 1, 2022, all City of Garden Grove residents should place their organic materials into their existing yard waste (brown) container. Organic materials include food waste, such as vegetables, fruits, cooked meat scraps, dairy, bread, pasta, rice, grains, eggshells, coffee grounds, tea bags, plate scraps, food-soiled paper (i.e. used pizza boxes) and yard waste, (such as tree trimmings, grass clippings and leaves). Organic materials placed in the brown container must be placed loosely or contained within a paper bag-only. No plastic, compostable, or biodegradable collection bags are allowed in the container.**

Counter top kitchen pails are a convenient way to separate your organic materials for easy transportation to your outside organics cart. The City will be providing free pails to residents in the upcoming months. Free pails will be available for pick-up, with proof of residency, at Republic Services’ office at 1131 N. Blue Gum Street, Anaheim 92806. Keep an eye out for an announcement about when free pails are made available. Additionally, Republic Services will also have Republic kitchen pails available for purchase beginning 9/1/22. To purchase Republic’s pails please call 800-700-8610.

By separating your organic materials into your brown container for collection, you are preventing this material from ending up in a landfill. Instead, your organic materials will be transformed at a composting or anaerobic digestion facility and turned into renewable energy and soil amendments. This process results in fewer harmful emissions being released into the air we breathe.

Enclosed in this package you will find:

1. A “How-To-Brochure” that explains more about SB 1383 and how-to separate your organic materials.
2. An “Organics Sticker” for you to place on the lid of your **brown** organics container. This sticker will help remind you what can go inside the container. (See placement instructions outlined below).



**Cart Label Placement Instructions**

1. Wipe Cart Lid with Isopropyl Alcohol
2. Let Dry
3. Place Organic Sticker (included) on top of the lid of your brown cart

City Council recently approved a restated and amended agreement with Republic Services to include the necessary programs for everyone to comply with SB 1383. This amended agreement has resulted in a reduction in basic residential rates beginning July 2022.

To learn more about the new organics program, visit:



Republic Services website:  
<https://www.republicservices.com/municipality/garden-grove-ca>



City of Garden Grove website:  
<https://ggcity.org/public-works/organics-recycling>



CalRecycle SB 1383 Regulations:  
<https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/SLCP/collection>

Thank you in advance for your readiness to comply with this State mandate. If you have questions, please contact Republic Services at (800) 700-8610, via email at [ocrecycles@republicservices.com](mailto:ocrecycles@republicservices.com), or call the City of Garden Grove at (714) 741-5344. We look forward to serving you!

Sincerely,

The City of Garden Grove and Republic Services