



# City of Compton Residential Recycling and Waste Collection Guide

## Guía de servicios del programa residencial de basura y reciclaje

For inquiries, contact:

800.299.4898 | [RepublicServices.com/municipality/Compton-CA](https://RepublicServices.com/municipality/Compton-CA)

310.761.1420 | City of Compton Waste Division Dept.  
[ContactTrash@ComptonCity.org](mailto:ContactTrash@ComptonCity.org)



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# New Collection Services

## Service Day

Your current collection service day will remain the same. Three different trucks will collect each cart separately, and collection will occur throughout your service day.

## Cart Sizes

The standard cart size is **96 gallons**. Smaller carts are available in **35-gallon** and **64-gallon** sizes. Rates do not vary based on cart size.



96-gallon  
40.7" H x 28" W x 32.1" D  
Holds ten 13-gallon  
trash bags



64-gallon  
39.1" H x 24.4" W x 27.5" D  
Holds six 13-gallon  
trash bags



35-gallon  
36" H x 19.7" W x 26.3" D  
Holds three 13-gallon  
trash bags

*(Containers shown are for size reference only; not for color)*

## Additional Carts

Additional carts are available for a monthly rate of \$20.75 for each additional trash cart, \$10.35 for each additional recycling cart, and \$12.46 for each additional organics cart. To request additional carts, contact Republic Services at **800.299.4898** and/or City of Compton Waste Division Dept. at **310.761.1420**.

### Requirements for extra carts:

- Tenant must provide authorization from homeowner to request extra carts
- A minimum of (12) months is required to keep extra carts
- Monthly charges and delinquent fees for extra carts will be added on property tax bill
- Cancellation of services prior to 12-month requirement will be honored only if there is a change of ownership

**Note:** Discontinuation of services must be submitted in writing to the City of Compton Waste Division no later than May 31, 2024 to avoid charges on subsequent property tax bill.

Please contact the City of Compton Waste Division with any questions related to extra containers (310.761.1420) and/or email: [ContactTrash@ComptonCity.org](mailto:ContactTrash@ComptonCity.org)

## Cart Placement Recommendation

Place carts at the curb with the handles facing your home, no earlier than 4 p.m. the day prior to collection. Ensure the carts are at least 2 feet from cars, mailboxes and other objects, and 1 foot from other carts. Put carts away before midnight on your collection day after they have been serviced.



## Cart Exchanges & Replacement

Lost or damaged carts will be replaced at no charge by calling Republic Services at **800.299.4898** and/or City of Compton Waste Division Dept. at **310.761.1420**.

## Contamination Monitoring

Senate Bill 1383 requires that residential carts and commercial dumpsters be inspected and monitored for contamination. Contamination occurs when incorrect items are placed into carts. Follow the directions on the cart lids for proper sorting. If contamination is found in any of your carts, a courtesy pickup notice will be left on your cart. On the fourth and subsequent occasions of reported contamination, fees may be assessed. **To learn more about Senate Bill 1383, see page 4.**

## Billing

Residential services are billed through the City of Compton Waste Division. For questions about your bill, call **310.761.1420**.

## Missed Collections

If your carts are not serviced on your service day, contact Republic Services at **800.299.4898**, and collection will be completed by the next day.

## Holiday Schedule

When the following holidays are observed on a weekday, collections for the remainder of the week will be delayed one day: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

## Holiday Tree Collection

Holiday trees are collected curbside for recycling during the three weeks after Christmas Day at no additional charge. Trees will be picked up on your regular collection day by a different truck.

- ▶ Remove all decorations: ornaments, lights, garland, tinsel and stands.
- ▶ Place holiday trees at the curb no earlier than noon on the day before your regularly scheduled collection.
- ▶ If your tree is more than 10 feet tall, cut it in half before placing it at the curb.
- ▶ Flocked trees cannot be recycled. Cut up your flocked tree and place the pieces into your trash cart.
- ▶ If trees are not suitable for collection, a notice will be left with the reason for non-collection.

After the special collection period, cut up your tree and place the pieces into your organics cart. Be sure that the lid on the cart will close. Live wreaths and greenery can also go into your organics cart. As with your tree, remove all decorations, ribbons, lights, nails and wire. You may also request a bulk item pickup for your holiday tree.

## Annual Events

**We will host these free annual events:**

- ▶ Paper Shredding Event
- ▶ Compost Giveaway
- ▶ Special Cleanup Events

# Organics Recycling

New California law prohibits cities from sending organic materials to landfills.

## The Law

Senate Bill (SB) 1383 – California’s Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy aims to take organics out of the landfills to help reduce methane emissions. Organic materials that end up in landfills decompose, creating methane gas, a greenhouse gas emission that negatively contributes to the environment.

## What is organic waste?

Organic waste includes food waste, such as meat, dairy, grains, fruit, vegetables, bones, eggshells, coffee grounds, tea leaves and food-soiled paper, like paper napkins, coffee filters and tea bags (minimal amounts).

Organic waste also includes yard waste, like grass, leaves, small branches, shrubbery, plants, weeds, and garden trimmings. Refer to the **What Goes Where?** section for examples of acceptable and not acceptable items.

## What does it mean?

Your yard waste cart is now your organics cart! Effective immediately, place food waste, food-soiled paper, and yard waste into your new organics cart.

## What are the benefits?

In addition to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, SB 1383 aims to reduce food insecurity in California, with the goal of recovering 20% of edible food from businesses. Food recovery means collecting edible food that would otherwise go to waste and redistributing it to feed people in need.

## What happens to the organic waste once I sort it?

Organic waste will be composted and turned into nutrient-rich fertilizer. The City and Republic Services will host an annual compost giveaway for Compton residents.

## Contamination

SB 1383 requires contamination monitoring of all residential carts to ensure program success. Contamination occurs when you place incorrect items in recycling, organics, and trash carts. The labels on your cart lids provide examples of acceptable and not acceptable items. See the **Contamination Monitoring** section on page 3.





## Kitchen Pails

Collect your food waste and minimal amounts of food-soiled paper in a container of your choice. You can also place food in a paper bag. Once filled, empty the pail, or place the paper bag into your organics cart with your yard waste.



Kitchen pails (2-gallon size) are available for purchase from Republic Services by calling **800.299.4898**.

## Yes, Paper Bags!

Paper bags are allowed and can be used to collect food scraps. You may place a paper bag in the organics cart.



## No Plastic Bags or Compostable Utensils

Plastic bags of any type are not acceptable, even if they are labeled as compostable or biodegradable. Compostable cups, plates, or utensils are also not acceptable.



## Helpful Tips

### How to Keep Your Kitchen Pail Clean

- ▶ Rinse your pail daily
- ▶ Use a paper bag to line your pail
- ▶ Baking soda and charcoal filters can help minimize odors
- ▶ Keep your food scraps in the fridge or freezer, and empty them directly into the organics cart on your service day to minimize odors

### How to Keep Your Organics Cart Clean

- ▶ Line your cart with yard waste first, then place your food waste on top
- ▶ Rinse your cart regularly
- ▶ Add baking soda to the bottom of your empty cart
- ▶ Store your cart in your garage or out of direct sunlight

## Food Banks and Pantry Resources

SB 1383 sets a goal to redirect edible food that is currently being thrown away. Visit **[Lafoodbank.org](http://Lafoodbank.org)** or **[Foodcyclela.org](http://Foodcyclela.org)** for a list of local food pantries.

## No Fats, Oils, or Grease

Fats, cooking oils, or grease are not acceptable in the organics cart. Cooled fats, oils, or grease in a sealable container are acceptable in your trash cart.





# What Goes Where?

To reduce contamination, use these guidelines when sorting your recycling, organics, and trash.



RECYCLING



ORGANICS



TRASH

**Note:** Upcoming cart colors to comply with SB1383 will be:

**Blue** = Recycling

**Green** = Organics (yard waste cart is now your organics cart)

**Black** = Trash



# RECYCLING

Acceptable items (empty, clean and dry)

## Paper & Cardboard



## Metal Cans



## Plastic & Glass



## Non-acceptable items



Dishes & Mirrors



Garden Hoses



Toys



Carpet & Rugs



Tires & Auto Parts



Hazardous Waste



Yard & Food Waste



Furniture & Appliances



Diapers & Pet Waste



Construction Waste



Clothing & Bedding



Plastic Bags & Styrofoam®

# ORGANICS

## Acceptable items

### Yard Waste



### Food Waste\*



### Food-Soiled Paper & Paper Bags\*



*\*You can place food in a paper bag.*

## Non-acceptable items



**Recyclables**



**Plastic Bags & Wrap**



**Trash & Pet Waste**



**Construction Waste**



**Fats, Oils & Grease**



**Hazardous Waste**

# TRASH

## Acceptable items



**Styrofoam®**



**Clothing & Bedding**



**Diapers & Pet Waste**



**Dishes & Mirrors**



**Plastic Bags & Wrap**



**Garden Hoses**



**Non-Recyclable Plastics**



**Toys**

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## Non-acceptable items



**Recyclables**



**Yard & Food Waste**



**Hazardous Waste**



# Bulk Item Pickups

Residents with curbside cart collection may schedule one bulk pickup per quarter, up to six items per pickup, at no charge, annually.

- ▶ Call Republic Services at **800.299.4898** to schedule a pickup.
- ▶ Items will be collected on the next service day after a request is received.
- ▶ Customers who exceed the number of free pickups may receive bulk item collection for a fee.

## ✓ Acceptable items

- ✓ Furniture
- ✓ Appliances
- ✓ Electronics



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## ✗ Non-acceptable items

- ✗ Hazardous waste
- ✗ Construction and demolition waste
- ✗ Tires and car bodies
- ✗ No single item that cannot be handled by two workers will be accepted





## Construction & Demolition (C&D) Waste Services



*4-yard dumpster (72" L x 54" W x 48" H)*

- ▶ Capacity: 18 standard trash bags
- ▶ Good for temporary home cleanups



*10-yard roll-off (12'8" L x 8'3" W x 4'4" H)*

- ▶ Capacity: 60 standard trash bags
- ▶ Good for construction projects with heavier materials



*30-yard roll-off (23'1" L x 8' W x 6'1" H)*

- ▶ Capacity: 180 standard trash bags
- ▶ Good for large remodels and bulk materials

Republic Services offers a variety of temporary C&D dumpster disposal services for your home renovation project. Street permits are required. A dump receipt is available for roll-offs only. Please advise representatives if a dump receipt is required as proof of C&D loads. Call **800.299.4898** to order a C&D dumpster.

## Temporary Dumpsters for Household Cleanups

Temporary dumpsters are a great option if you are doing a home, garage or backyard cleanup project and you have more than will fit in your carts. To order a 4-yard temporary dumpster, call **800.299.4898**.



# Household Hazardous Waste

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is any product in your home that could be poisonous or dangerous if improperly disposed of. HHW can endanger children or pets, result in spills in your neighborhood, or cause fires in collection trucks or at disposal facilities. HHW includes car and lawn care products; paints and paint thinners; cleaning supplies; fluorescent tubes and bulbs; thermometers and thermostats; batteries; pesticides and more.

It is against the law to dispose of HHW in your recycling, organics, or trash carts, by illegally dumping, or by pouring the substance down the drain. You can dispose of HHW in a variety of ways.



## Curbside Used Motor Oil & Oil Filter Collection

Los Angeles County provides a free disposal site for residents to discard their non-contaminated used motor oil and filters. Take your used oil from your car, truck, motorcycle, boat, or lawn mower to one of the following County Used Motor Oil Centers:

### **Altadena**

County Maintenance Yard  
252 W. Mountain View St.  
Altadena  
M-Th: 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
F: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### **Baldwin Park**

County Maintenance Yard  
14747 E. Ramona Blvd.  
Baldwin Park  
M-F: 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

### **Hansen Dam Area**

County Maintenance Yard  
10179 Glenoaks Blvd.  
Sun Valley  
M-F: 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

### **Marina Del Rey**

Dept. of Beaches and Harbors  
13483 Fiji Way, Marina Del Rey  
24 hours, 7 days a week

### **Palmdale**

County Maintenance Yard  
38126 N. Sierra Hwy.  
Palmdale  
M-F: 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

### **Santa Clarita**

County Maintenance Yard  
17931 Sierra Hwy.  
Canyon Country  
T-F: 7 a.m. - 11 a.m.,  
11 a.m. - 3 p.m. by appt.  
only: 661. 252.2700

### **Santa Fe Springs**

County Maintenance Yard  
12015 Shoemaker Ave.  
Santa Fe Springs  
M-F: 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## L.A. County HHW Collection Centers

The City of Compton Waste Division partners with LA County to host several household hazardous waste (HHW) events throughout the year.

## Tires

Visit [Earth911.com](http://Earth911.com) to find local tire recyclers near you.

## Medication Take-Back

Medication is a hazardous waste and must be disposed of properly so that it does not impact the environment and/or our water supply. To locate a take-back drop-off site near you, visit the Drug Enforcement Administration's website at [DEATakeback.com](http://DEATakeback.com) or call **800.882.9539**. Drop-off service is free and anonymous.



## Medical Sharps & Needles

Medical sharps and needles are hazardous and may not be disposed of in carts. Residents may purchase up to four sharps containers by calling Republic Services at **800-299-4898** or by emailing [Sharps@RepublicServices.com](mailto:Sharps@RepublicServices.com). A mail-back kit will be mailed to your home, which includes:

- ▶ Detailed instructions for safe sharps disposal
- ▶ Sharps disposal container
- ▶ Mail-back box with pre-paid return postage
- ▶ Disposal tracking documents



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