

# Placentia Recycling & Waste Newsletter



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## Organics Recycling in Placentia

California Senate Bill (SB) 1383, which was signed into law in 2016, establishes a goal of reducing the volume of organic waste disposed of in California landfills by 75% by 2025. SB 1383 builds on and expands the requirements of Assembly Bill (AB) 1826, which affects all businesses that generate 2 or more cubic yards of waste per week and multifamily properties with five or more units. Under SB 1383, all residential properties and all businesses, regardless of size, will be required to participate in organics recycling programs.

All residents and businesses that have not implemented a three-bin system (recycling, organics/yard waste and trash) will have to do so. If you do not have all three carts or dumpsters, contact Republic Services at **714.238.3300** to request one.

If you need an additional cart or a replacement, the new cart may look different and may be labeled "organics." However, for Placentia residents, there is currently no change to the waste disposal process. Please continue placing only yard waste in the organics container, as food waste is not yet accepted. The updated cart colors are part of a State-mandated requirement.

For future updates, follow the City website and Facebook page. In the meantime, please follow these guidelines.

### Residents

- Recycle all clean, dry paper in your recycling cart or dumpster. This includes cardboard and other boxes, envelopes, junk mail, magazines, newspaper, office paper, school papers, paperback books, paper grocery bags, shredded paper (bagged) and wrapping paper with no metal. Also, recycle metal cans, glass bottles and jars, and plastic bottles, jugs and containers in the same cart.
- Reduce landscape debris by letting grass clippings drop back onto the lawn as you mow and composting in your backyard. In addition to landscape trimmings and leaves, you can also compost fruit and vegetable scraps. Compost helps create healthier soil that uses water more efficiently, leading to beautiful and productive gardens.
- Use your yard waste cart for limbs, branches, leaves, grass clippings, weeds, other plant material and small scrap wood (no painted or treated wood). Branches and wood must be no more than 4 inches in diameter and no more than 4 feet long. Palm fronds, cacti and other succulents, rocks, soil, pet waste, recyclables and trash are not accepted in the yard waste cart.
- Watch for details in the new year about citywide collections for food scraps and food-soiled paper (like coffee filters, greasy pizza boxes and paper napkins). Follow the City of Placentia on social media, and check the City's website for updates.



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### Businesses

- Contact Republic Services to ensure you have properly sized carts or dumpsters and the correct type and frequency of collection services in place to meet the requirements of AB 341, AB 1826 and SB 1383. The three-bin system requires businesses to have trash, recycling, and organics (yard trimmings, food and food-soiled paper).
- Provide education and information on how to properly sort and dispose of materials to employees, tenants, customers and contractors. Resources (such as flyers, letters, email, signage and brochure templates) can be found on CalRecycle's website: [Calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial/organics/prtoolkit/](https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial/organics/prtoolkit/). You can also contact the City at **714.993.8148** or [recycling@placentia.org](mailto:recycling@placentia.org) for guidance. More information is available at [Placentia.org/SB1383](https://www.placentia.org/SB1383).
- Recycle clean, dry paper and cardboard in your recycling dumpster or cart. Under AB 341, many businesses and multi-family properties are already required to recycle paper, along with plastic bottles and jugs, glass bottles and jars, and metal cans.

## Mark Your Calendar for the Compost Giveaway

Compost adds organic matter to soil and improves its structure, improving soil health and allowing the soil to use water more efficiently. Take advantage of these opportunities to pick up free compost and boost your garden soil.

### Giveaway Event

The City of Placentia and Republic Services will be giving away compost on Saturday, February 1, 2025, from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. (or until compost runs out), at Tri-City Park, 2301 N. Kraemer Blvd. Please bring your own containers or buckets for Republic Services staff to fill with compost, as bags are not allowed. There is a limit of 60 gallons of compost per household. You must provide proof of residency (California driver's license or utility bill). This event may be subject to changes or postponement. For updates, visit [RepublicServices.com/municipality/placentia-ca](https://www.RepublicServices.com/municipality/placentia-ca). For more information, contact Republic Services at **714.238.3300**.

### Compost Pickup

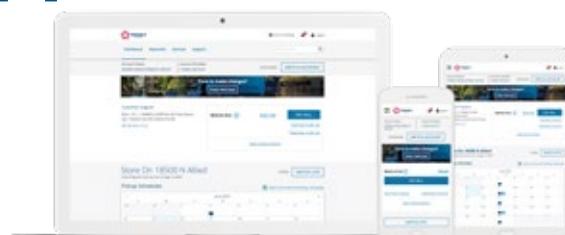
Compost and mulch are currently free from Bee Canyon Greenery at Frank R. Bowerman Landfill in Irvine and Capistrano Greenery at Prima Deshecha Landfill in San Juan Capistrano. OC Waste & Recycling is accepting requests for compost and/or mulch from Orange County residents, commercial businesses, local cities and government agencies. For more information on small and large quantities of compost and to schedule a pickup appointment, visit [OCLandfills.com/compost](https://www.OCLandfills.com/compost).



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## Download the Republic Services App

Republic Services gives you one simple tool to manage your account needs. Visit [RepublicServices.com/Account/login](https://www.RepublicServices.com/Account/login) to sign up or download the app.



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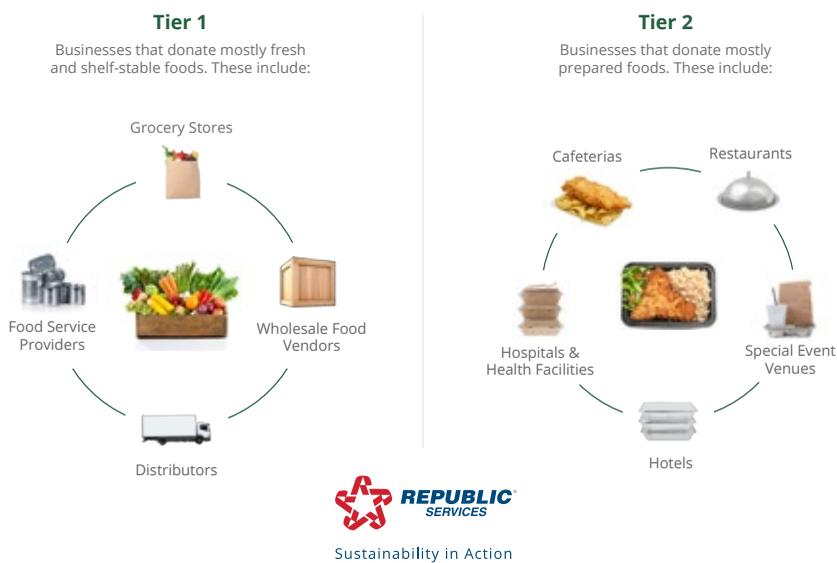
# Food Recovery Requirements for Businesses

To reduce food waste and help address food insecurity, Senate Bill (SB) 1383 requires that California recover or rescue 20% of surplus edible food to feed people in need by 2025. The law directs food-generating businesses to recover the maximum amount of their edible food that would otherwise go to landfills and to maintain records of their food donation activities. SB 1383 places mandated food donors into two tiers. Large food businesses, such as wholesale food vendors, distributors, food service providers and grocery stores, are required to have a food donation program in place. Additional businesses, such as cafeterias, restaurants and venues, are required to comply as of January 1, 2024.

Here are a few organizations that support food recovery efforts in Orange County:

- **Abound Food Care**, 200 N. Tustin Ave., Santa Ana, 92705, **657.335.4480**, [Aboundfoodcare.org](http://Aboundfoodcare.org)
- **Bracken's Kitchen**, 13941 Nautilus Dr., Garden Grove, 92843, **714.554.1923**, [Brackenskitchen.org](http://Brackenskitchen.org)
- **Community Action Partnership of Orange County (CAPOC)**, 11870 Monarch St., Garden Grove, 92841, **714.897.6670**, [Capoc.org](http://Capoc.org)

## Donate: What tier are you?



# Food Assistance Available Locally

The Whitten Community Center and the Placentia Senior Center distribute food to those in need in our Placentia community.

- **Whitten Community Center**: 900 S. Melrose St., **714.986.2333**, [Placentia.org/84/Neighborhood-Services](http://Placentia.org/84/Neighborhood-Services) (calendar of events)
  - Hours of Operation: 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., closed on major holidays
- **Senior Center (for adults aged 60+)**: 143 S. Bradford Ave., **714.986.2332**, [Placentia.org/339/Senior-Center](http://Placentia.org/339/Senior-Center)
  - Hours of Operation: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., closed on major holidays



# Customer and Employee Access to Recycling in Food Service

Under Assembly Bill (AB) 827, limited-service restaurants in California must provide customers with visible, clearly marked and easily accessible containers for recyclables and organics (uneaten food scraps, soiled paper and similar items) adjacent to trash bins. Limited-service restaurants include all food vendors who provide food for on-site consumption, including food courts, food trucks and restaurants where customers collect their own food and bus their tables. Full-service restaurants need to provide separate bins for use by employees. You can download container and cabinet labels from [RecyclingSimplified.com/business-resources](http://RecyclingSimplified.com/business-resources).



# Free Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Household hazardous waste (HHW) is any product in your home that could be poisonous or dangerous if thrown into the trash. HHW includes car and lawn care products, paints and paint thinners, cleaning supplies and more. Never toss HHW into the trash. HHW can endanger children or pets, result in spills in your neighborhood, or cause fires if it is placed into curbside carts.

Dispose of HHW at no charge Tuesday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at one of the four Orange County HHW Collection Centers. (Please note, they are closed on major holidays and on rainy days.) You can also dispose of batteries and old electronic devices at these centers. The nearest location for Placentia residents is 1071 N. Blue Gum St., Anaheim, 92806. For a list of accepted materials or more information, visit [Oclandfills.com/hazardous](http://Oclandfills.com/hazardous).

## BATTERY BEWARE

### TAKE CHARGE. STAY SAFE.

#### DON'T Recycle or Trash Lithium Batteries at Home

Lithium batteries are extremely popular because they are reliable and long-lasting. These types of batteries are found in a wide range of devices, including cell phones, power tools, laptops, tablets, children's toys, scooters, electric toothbrushes and more.

#### PREVENT FIRES

Lithium and lithium-ion batteries, which are made from highly flammable materials, can pose a serious fire risk.<sup>1</sup> If overheated, punctured or faulty, these batteries can cause fires or explode.

#### PROTECT PEOPLE

Lithium battery fires are incredibly difficult to extinguish and may reignite days later. When batteries fail, they can release toxic gases that endanger individuals in their homes and workplaces.

#### WHERE TO RECYCLE

Recycle lithium batteries for **FREE** at retail drop-off locations like Best Buy, The Home Depot, Staples, Ace Hardware and Lowe's. You can also use a mail-back program or take them to a certified electronics recycler.

#### PRESERVE THE ENVIRONMENT

Improper disposal of lithium batteries can have dire consequences for the environment. The materials within these batteries can harm ecosystems and contaminate water supplies, causing long-lasting damage.

#### CONSERVE PRECIOUS RESOURCES

By recycling lithium batteries correctly, you can help preserve the valuable resources contained within them, such as nickel, cobalt, graphite, lithium and manganese.<sup>2,3</sup>

#### DO'S & DON'TS

- DON'T** Overcharge lithium batteries or leave them plugged in overnight.
- DON'T** Throw away lithium batteries in the garbage.
- DON'T** Try to recycle lithium batteries at home.
- DO** Store batteries between 40° and 80°F.
- DO** Cover battery terminals with electrical tape and/or place them in separate plastic bags when disposing.
- DO** Dispose of lithium-ion batteries at designated recycling or household hazardous waste collection points.



LEARN MORE AT:  
[RepublicServices.com/LithiumBatteries](https://RepublicServices.com/LithiumBatteries)



1. [https://ehs.oregonstate.edu/sites/ehs.oregonstate.edu/files/pdf/si/lithium\\_fire\\_prevention\\_s1093.pdf](https://ehs.oregonstate.edu/sites/ehs.oregonstate.edu/files/pdf/si/lithium_fire_prevention_s1093.pdf)  
2. <https://cleantechica.com/2023/03/03/are-lithium-ion-batteries-recyclable-yes-or-no/>  
3. <https://greenly.com/en-us/blog/ecology-news/the-harmful-effects-of-our-lithium-batteries>

# Old Furniture? Large Appliances?

## Schedule a Bulky Item Pickup



Furniture and old appliances are among the most common items illegally dumped along roadways, in parks and on vacant lots. This is unsightly and can create safety concerns in our community. The City of Placentia and Republic Services provide a convenient pickup option for bulky items and electronics. Residents living in single-family homes may request up to three bulky item pickups per year, with a 10-item limit per pickup, at no additional cost. To schedule this service, simply call Republic Services Customer Service at **714.238.3300**.

If you live in a multi-family complex, check with your property manager about proper disposal of furniture and other large items.

# Reviving Gadgets

Electronics recycling is the process of collecting, dismantling, and reusing or refurbishing electronic devices. It is an essential practice in today's world where electronic waste has become a significant environmental concern. Electronic devices contain various hazardous materials, such as lead, mercury and cadmium, which can cause serious harm to the environment if they're not handled correctly. By recycling our electronic devices, we prevent these harmful substances from contaminating soil and water when disposed of improperly or from ending up in landfills.

So how do you handle electronic devices in a sustainable and responsible manner? First, strive to extend the lifespan of devices by taking good care of them, protecting them and investing in repairs as necessary. This reduces the demand for new products and the associated environmental impact of both manufacturing and disposal.

Second, when it is time to upgrade or replace electronic devices, consider donating or selling them instead of discarding them. Many organizations and individuals can benefit from used electronics, promoting local reuse, giving devices a second life and reducing waste.



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Finally, with devices that are beyond repair or that are unwanted by others, research recycling options. In some cases, manufacturers may offer recycling programs and even discounts on new devices when you trade in an old one. By taking care of our devices while we are using them and after we are done with them, we contribute to a more sustainable future and minimize the environmental impact of our electronic devices.

# Report Illegal Dumping

If you spot an illegal dump site, don't ignore it. Instead, note the location, and report it to the City of Placentia via the iPlacentia app ([Placentia.org/iPlacentia](https://Placentia.org/iPlacentia)). If you see someone dumping illegally, do not confront them. If possible, discreetly take a photo of the activity. Write down a description of the person, as well as vehicle make, color and license plate number. Call the Police Department's non-emergency number at **714.993.8164** to report this activity. Working together, we can keep our city looking good for residents and visitors.

# Mark Your Calendar for the Shred and Electronic Waste Event



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This spring, the City of Placentia will host a Shred and Electronic Waste (E-Waste) Event at the Placentia Civic Center parking lot, 401 E. Chapman Ave. This event is free for Placentia residents. For more details and updates, please follow the City of Placentia on social media or visit the City's website at [Placentia.org](https://Placentia.org).

# Recycle Your Holiday Tree



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Real holiday trees will be accepted at the curb by Republic Services from Thursday, December 26, 2024, through Thursday, January 9, 2025. Be sure to take off all lights, ornaments, tinsel and garlands, as well as the metal or plastic stand. Set the bare tree at the curb or next to the dumpsters in your complex. If your tree is more than 6 feet tall, please cut it in half for safe and easy collection. No flocked trees will be accepted for recycling.

If you don't take your tree down until after January 9, 2025, please cut it into pieces that will fit into your yard waste cart or dumpster with the lid closed. You can also recycle holiday wreaths and greenery in your yard waste cart or dumpster. The wreaths and greenery must also be bare, so please remove all wires, hooks, bows and other decorations. Collected trees and greenery are turned into mulch, compost and ground cover.

If your family enjoys an artificial tree, pack it up for next year. If you are discarding an artificial tree or wreath or a flocked tree, please place it into the waste cart or dumpster or schedule a bulky item pickup. Artificial trees and wreaths and flocked trees are not recyclable.

# Republic Services and the City of Placentia: Building Strong Community Relationships

On Saturday, October 19th, Mike Nguyen and Kenneth Furlough, Sustainability Advisors for the City of Placentia, participated in the annual Placentia Parade, a significant event for the local community. Each year, Republic Services is invited to join the parade, and this year, we proudly featured our residential CNG side-loader truck, handpicked for the occasion and driven by veteran driver Theresa Gavina. Mike Nguyen and Kenneth Furlough played pivotal roles in coordinating the event, ensuring smooth collaboration between Republic Services and the City of Placentia. Their dedicated efforts contributed to the success of our participation and the overall flow of the event. As part of the festivities, our specially decorated Republic Services truck joined various floats and sponsors, showcasing our dedication to sustainability and community involvement. The parade brought together more than 30 schools, their marching bands, and numerous large sponsors, attracting more than 3,000 attendees.



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# Break Down Those Boxes



Please break down and flatten all cardboard and paperboard boxes. First, it will save a lot of room in your recycling cart. Second, it keeps items from getting caught inside the box. At the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), staff members and machines work together to identify and sort materials as they travel rapidly over and through equipment. When other recyclables are inside boxes, they aren't visible and can't be separated by category, leading to contaminated bales of boxes and lost recyclable containers. Thank you for your help.

# Medication Disposal

Unused or expired medications left in your home can lead to accidental poisoning or allow access for misuse of the medications. Many local drugstores accept medications for proper disposal. You can quickly search online for "medication disposal near me" to locate permanent disposal locations nearby. For more details, visit [OCLandfills.com/hazardous-waste/medication-and-sharps-disposal](https://www.ocalandfills.com/hazardous-waste/medication-and-sharps-disposal).



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## Contact Us

**Trash Collection Service**  
714.238.3300

**Household Hazardous Waste**  
714.834.6752

**Public Disposal Center**  
800.700.8610

**Billing**  
800.700.8610

**To Report Storm Drain and Sewer Issues:**

**City of Placentia Public Works**  
714.993.8148  
Placentia.org  
Facebook.com/PlacentiaCA

[RepublicServices.com/municipality/placentia-ca](https://RepublicServices.com/municipality/placentia-ca)



# Holiday Collection Schedule

We observe the following holidays:

- New Year's Day – Wednesday, January 1, 2025
- Memorial Day – Monday, May 26, 2025
- Independence Day – Friday, July 4, 2025
- Labor Day – Monday, September 1, 2025
- Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 27, 2025
- Christmas Day – Thursday, December 25, 2025

After the holiday, service will be delayed for one day for the remainder of the week.