

Thank you for participating in the organics program!

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SB 1383 is a statewide effort to curb greenhouse gases by diverting food waste from landfills. Comply by placing food scraps in your green cart, which will be turned into nutrient-rich soil at our Richmond compost facility.

Handy food scrap recycling tips:

1. Empty food scraps into your organics cart every few days to prevent flies.
2. Cover food scraps with yard trimmings in your cart to avoid pests and odors.
3. Line pail with paper towels or newspaper to keep it clean. The liner paper can be composted too.
4. If bags are needed, **only use paper or certified compostable bags**, marked "Compostable: BPI - Meets ASTM 6400 Standard".
5. Wait to do fridge clean-outs until the night before your service day so food isn't sitting in your cart for a long time.
6. Limit organics cart to food scraps, un-coated food-soiled paper, and yard trimmings. Refer to pail or service guide for acceptable items.



Frequently Asked Questions



Why can't I just use my Garbage Disposal in my sink for food scraps? Sink disposal causes sewer blockages. Put food scraps in your green cart to prevent blockages, save water, and create compost.

Why can't I dispose of food scraps in a plastic bag? Plastic bags are not compostable, and all plastics must be kept out of the green cart to avoid contamination. If bags are needed, use paper or compostable bags marked *"Compostable BPI - Meets ASTM 6400 Standard"*.

Why can't I recycle "Compostable Plastic" products with my food scraps? Compostable plastic cups, utensils, and to-go containers do not fully decompose fast enough for our compost facility and are not accepted in the green cart. Certified compostable bags are acceptable because they break down more quickly. Food-soiled paper products that are shiny, such as milk cartons and many food take-out boxes, are not compostable and should go in the trash.

Questions? Contact Republic Services at (925) 685-4711 or (707) 747-0608.

Happy composting!



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