



Apartment/Condominium Recycling Laws

Senate Bill ("SB") 1383: Reducing Organic Waste

As of January 2022, residents are required to separate organics, including all food scraps, uncoated food-soiled paper, and yard trimmings, for composting. Residents can participate by preventing/reducing food waste, composting at home, and using the green organics cart. SB 1383 is a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived pollutants by reducing organic waste disposal. Organic material accounts for more than one third of the material in California's waste stream. Greenhouse gas emissions caused by the decomposition of organic material in landfills contribute to global climate change.

One of the provisions of the law requires auditing of recycling, compost, and landfill receptacles, for contamination, so it is important to properly sort materials. If you don't sort properly, you may see an "oops" tag on your cart explaining what you can fix in the future. Property managers are required to educate tenants about the law at least annually and within 14 days of move-in. If you have questions about participating in recycling and composting at your residence, contact your property manager. For more information, visit, calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp.

Technical and Educational Assistance

Have questions about composting and recycling? Contact Republic Services at SustainabilityAdvisors@RepublicServices.com or call 925.685.4711.

Clean-up Voucher Program

Tenants can obtain a voucher for up to one cubic yard of solid waste to be dumped at no charge at the Contra Costa Transfer and Recovery Station in Martinez. Tenants must go to Republic Services' office at 441 N Buchanan Circle, Pacheco (Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm) and provide proof of residency to obtain up to one voucher per calendar year. Property owners and/or managers are not permitted to collect vouchers on behalf of their tenants. No appliances, e-waste, hazardous waste, or treated wood.

Household Hazardous Waste

It is **ILLEGAL** to throw hazardous waste in your carts and dumpsters:

Take paint, pesticides, fluorescent bulbs, motor oil, oil filters, batteries, solvents, personal care products, and other household chemicals **FREE OF CHARGE** to Central San's Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 4797 Imhoff Place in Martinez. For more info go to: centralsan.org/hhw or call 800.646.1431.



Bulky Item Pickups and On-Call Cleanups

Disposing of electronics, large items such as mattresses, and furniture in or near your bins is not permitted. Contact your property manager to arrange a bulky item pick-up for a fee or to inquire about an on-call solid waste pickup available to multi-family properties up to twice per year at no additional cost.

Prevent Food Waste and Fight Climate Change

When we waste food, we waste all the energy, water, and resources that went into producing that food and getting it to our kitchen.

If we plan our meals a little better, store our food properly, and eat what we have, we can save food and money—and have less to compost at the end of the day.

- **Plan**—Use a shopping list to help plan meals and save money.
- **Store**—Keep fruits and vegetables fresher with proper storage.
- **Eat**—Consume perishable foods first and use your leftovers.



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Did you know?

Apartment and Condominium Recycling



To make recycling easier, handy reusable recycling totes are available to residents at no cost. If you would like a tote, please contact your property manager, reach out to SustainabilityAdvisors@RepublicServices.com, or call 925.671.5860.

Keep Recycling Clean

To meet strict quality requirements in this new era of recycling, please make sure your recyclables are:



Empty. Remove any remaining food or liquid.



Clean. Wipe or lightly rinse the item.



Dry. Shake out excess moisture or air dry.

Empty, Clean, and Dry

Compostable "BPI Certified" Bag, Paper Bag, or No Bag

Food Scrap Composting



Food scrap pails are available for residents at no additional cost. Residents can use the pail to collect food scraps and then empty the material into the green organics cart for composting.

If you would like a pail, please contact your property manager, or email SustainabilityAdvisors@RepublicServices.com, or call 925.671.5860.



Important: Biodegradable plastics AND REGULAR PLASTICS are not acceptable because they don't break down completely in our compost process.

Service Reminder

Lids must close. Overloaded or contaminated containers may not be serviced, or you may be charged.



No Food



No Paper



No Green Waste



No Recyclable Material



No Hazardous Waste



No Liquids



No Textiles



No Carpet



No Food



No Green Waste



No Hazardous Waste



No Styrofoam®



Recyclables should be loose (no bags) or placed in a clear bag only.



No Metal



No Glass



No Plastic



No Hazardous Waste



No Compostable Utensils Or Cups



No Pet Waste

Organics should be loose (no bags) or in compostable or paper bags only—not plastic bags. No compostable plastic.

