

Yorba Linda Recycling & Waste Newsletter



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Recycling Right Starts at the Curb



Do

- Close the lids on all of your carts.
- Bag waste that will be placed into your trash cart.
- Toss only LOOSE recyclables into the recycling cart. If you aren't sure what is recyclable, visit [RecyclingSimplified.com](https://www.RecyclingSimplified.com).

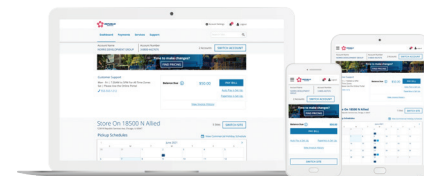
- Place loose or paper-wrapped food scraps and food-soiled paper into the organics container with the green lid.
- Break down and flatten boxes before recycling.
- Empty food and beverage containers. Wipe or rinse out food residue as needed. Allow containers to dry before putting them into the recycling cart.
- For additional details about curbside collection, visit [RepublicServices.com/municipality/yorba-linda-ca](https://www.RepublicServices.com/municipality/yorba-linda-ca).

Don't

- Don't place bagged waste on top of your trash cart.
- Don't bag your recycling.
- Don't bag food scraps in plastic bags of any kind. You may use paper bags or wrap food scraps in newspaper to absorb moisture.
- Don't overfill carts. Save extra materials to be placed into carts the following week.
- Don't put any of these items into your recycling cart: plastic bags; food; takeout coffee cups; clothing and textiles; hoses and cords; tissues, napkins and paper towels; household batteries; or paint.

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.



What Goes Where

RECYCLE

Acceptable Items (empty, clean and dry)



*Break down and flatten all boxes.

Unacceptable Items



ORGANICS

Acceptable Items



*You can place food in a paper bag.

Unacceptable Items



TRASH

Acceptable Items



Unacceptable Items



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Organics Recycling at Home

To recycle food scraps and food-soiled paper properly, it's important to keep these materials separate from your trash and recycling at home. Start in the kitchen by collecting food scraps in a dedicated container with a lid. This helps control odors and makes daily clean-up easier. For added convenience and to further reduce smell, you can even refrigerate or freeze your scraps until you're ready to transfer them outside.

When disposing of food scraps, avoid using plastic, compostable or biodegradable bags, even if they're labeled as such. These materials are not accepted in most organics recycling programs. Instead, line your container with a paper bag or wrap scraps in newspaper to help absorb moisture. Once ready, place your loose or paper-wrapped food scraps and food-soiled paper directly into your organics cart.

To help keep your curbside cart cleaner and reduce odor, try layering. Start by placing some dry materials like cardboard, leaves or other yard clippings at the bottom of the bin. Then add your food scraps and top them with another layer of dry materials. You can also sprinkle a bit of baking soda in the bottom of the cart for additional odor control. Make sure all contents are securely inside the cart with the lid completely closed. Nothing should be sticking out or left on the ground.

What About Businesses?

Each business should now have a cart or dumpster to recycle organic materials. At businesses only, food scraps and food-soiled paper may be bagged in clear plastic bags. Commercial food scraps only go to a processing facility with de-bagger equipment. For more details about the commercial organics recycling program, visit YorbaLinda.ca.gov/852/Commercial-Organic-Recycling. If your business does not have organics collection service, please call Republic Services at **800.700.8610** to sign up.



Contamination Monitoring

In accordance with state law, Republic Services staff will be conducting annual contamination monitoring reviews. Representatives, in clearly identified safety vests, will be in the community reviewing the contents of organics, recycling and trash carts and dumpsters. If contamination is found, a tag will be placed on the cart or dumpster identifying the incorrect items. Contamination fees will be assessed upon the fourth notification for residents and upon the second notification for commercial properties. Please note that these reviews are mandated by state law and will occur on an annual basis. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Food Recovery Requirements for Businesses



To reduce food waste and help address food insecurity, SB 1383 also requires that California recovers or rescues 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. As of January 1, 2024, large food businesses, such as wholesale food vendors, distributors, food service providers and grocery stores, as well as some cafeterias, restaurants and venues, are required to comply. These businesses must show that they have agreements with partner agencies accepting food.

Locally, Abound Food Care (formerly known as Waste Not OC), a partnership of nonprofits, public agencies (including Yorba Linda) and private businesses, is working to ensure that surplus food goes to feed hungry people in our own communities. Abound Food Care provides system-wide solutions to help food generators channel excess edible food to communities rather than landfills. By reducing food insecurity and food waste, we're improving the health of our communities and the environment. Visit Aboundfoodcare.org to learn more.

Recycling Access for Customers and Employees in Food Service

Under Assembly Bill 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. Full-service restaurants must provide separate bins for use by employees. This law also applies to food courts and other businesses that sell food for on-site consumption. You can download container and cabinet labels from RecyclingSimplified.com/business-resources.



Give Old Devices a New Life



As technology advances, electronic waste has become a growing environmental concern. Many devices contain hazardous materials such as lead, mercury and cadmium, which can contaminate soil and water if not disposed of properly. Here's how you can manage electronic devices more sustainably:

- Take care of your electronics to extend their life. Protect devices from damage and consider repairing them instead of replacing them.
- When it's time to upgrade, donate or sell working electronics. Giving devices a second life reduces waste and benefits others in your community.
- Recycle electronics that can't be reused. Check if the manufacturer

offers a take-back program or use your city's bulk item collection or a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center.

You can also take electronics to one of the free e-waste recycling events for residents and businesses, hosted by the Yorba Linda Chamber of Commerce. Held in the Yorba Linda City Hall parking lot from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., these events accept TVs, laptops, stereos, and more. Large appliances like microwaves and washing machines are accepted for a small fee. Batteries and light bulbs are not accepted. Proceeds from recycled items support scholarships offered by the Chamber. Here are the upcoming event dates.

- June 7-8, 2025
- August 2-3, 2025

Bulk Item Pickup

Furniture, old appliances and electronics are among the most common items illegally dumped along roadways, in parks and on vacant lots. There is no need to dump these items improperly. The City of Yorba Linda and Republic Services provide residents with convenient pickups for bulk items and electronics by appointment.

Single-Family Units: By appointment, Republic Services provides pickup for large items at the curb. Residents may request up to three (3) bulk item pickups at no charge during each calendar year. The pickup is limited to ten (10) bulk items each collection day. Items should weigh no more than 50 pounds and be no more than 6 feet long. To schedule this service, simply call Republic Services Customer Service at **800.700.8610** at least 24 hours before your regular collection day to request a bulk item pickup. Once you have made the call, a truck will be scheduled to collect your bulk items on the following regular collection day or within approximately seven days.

Multi-Family Units and Commercial Premises: For a fee, bulk item pickups are available by appointment. Call Republic Services Customer Service at **800.700.8610** for details and to schedule.

Used tires are not accepted at curbside. If you purchase new tires, recycle the old tires through the retailer. You can also drop off passenger vehicle tires for a fee of \$38 per tire at Republic Services' CVT Disposal Center, located at 2740 E. Coronado St., Anaheim. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 5:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 5:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. For additional tire recycling locations, visit **Earth911.com**.



How to Safely Dispose of Your Batteries and Household Hazardous Waste

You can help reduce the risk of fires and protect our soil and waterways by properly disposing of all household batteries, hazardous waste and electronics. Here's what you need to do:

- When you remove batteries from devices and prepare to discard them, tape over the terminal ends with clear packing tape. Bag your batteries in a sealable plastic bag.
- Separate household hazardous chemicals, including pesticides and fertilizers, oil-based paint, automotive fluids, pool chemicals and similar items, from other waste.
- Set aside old electronic devices, such as computers, televisions, laptops, tablets, smartphones and wireless speakers.
- Do not place any of these items into your recycling, organics or trash carts or dumpsters!
- Deliver batteries, household chemicals and electronics to one of Orange County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers. These items are accepted at no charge. For additional details, visit **OCLandfills.com/hazardous** or call **714.834.6752**.



Orange County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers

Hours: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday (closed on major holidays and during rainy weather)

Locations:

- 1071 N. Blue Gum St., Anaheim, 92806
- 17121 Nichols Ln., Gate 6, Huntington Beach, 92647
- 6411 Oak Canyon, Irvine, 92618
- 32250 Avenida La Pata, San Juan Capistrano, 92675

Free Compost Now Available in Yorba Linda

The City of Yorba Linda's popular Self-Serve Compost Program is back, providing residents and contractors with free compost for gardening, lawn care and decorative landscaping.

Located at Gun Club Road Linear Park (19565 Yorba Linda Blvd.), the compost is supplied by OC Waste and Recycling and is STA Certified for exceptional quality. Supplies are available on a first-come, first-served basis, but the site is restocked throughout the week to ensure availability year-round.



Please note, this is a self-serve program, so be sure to bring your own shovel and containers for transport. Staff assistance or bags are not provided. Learn more about Yorba Linda's compost and mulch programs by visiting **YorbaLindaca.gov/compost**.



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Keep “FOG” Out of the Drain

No fats, oils or grease down the drain!

FOG is the acronym for Fats, cooking Oils and Grease. If FOG goes down the drain and into sewers, it congeals, coating the inside of pipes and leading to blockages and sewer backups. Follow these easy steps to properly dispose of FOG.

- Never put fats, oils or grease down the drain.
- Never put fats, oils or grease in the brown cart or the dumpster with the brown lid.
- Never put liquid FOG into any of your carts or dumpsters.
- At businesses, contain grease and oil by using covered grease storage containers or by installing a grease interceptor. Never overfill your grease storage container or transport it without a cover. Grease control devices must be emptied and cleaned by permitted companies. Keep maintenance records on-site. For more information about oil/grease recycling companies, visit Cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/mpes/Rendering.
- At home, mix small quantities of FOG with absorbent materials, such as paper towels, kitty litter, coffee grounds or shredded paper. Then bag it in a plastic bag, and put it into your trash cart or dumpster. Never place liquid oil (whether hot or cooled) into your curbside trash cart.
- Liquid oil from your kitchen at home, as well as larger quantities, such as liquid cooking oil from a turkey fryer, must be disposed of at one of Orange County’s Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers. Place oil into a sealed container (5 gallons or less in size), and deliver it to one of those centers. They will accept a maximum of 15 gallons of cooking oil per resident per visit.

To learn more about proper handling of FOG, visit YLWD.com/services/your-sewer/fog.

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!



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Need a Different Cart Size?

If your trash cart is not the right size for your household, whether it is too small or larger than you need, Republic Services offers a variety of cart sizes to better suit your needs. For more information or to request a change, please contact Republic Services at **800.700.8610**. Additional fees may apply.

Medication Disposal



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Unused or expired medication left in your home can lead to accidental poisoning or allow access for misuse of the medication. Many local drugstores accept medication 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.

Contact Us

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Holiday Collection Schedule

- Memorial Day – Monday, May 26, 2025 (service delayed one day)
- Independence Day – Friday, July 4, 2025 (service delayed one day)
- Labor Day – Monday, September 1, 2025 (service delayed one day)
- Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 27, 2025 (service delayed one day)
- Christmas Day – Thursday, December 25, 2025 (service delayed one day)
- New Year’s Day – Thursday, January 1, 2026 (service delayed one day)