

Yorba Linda Recycling & Waste Newsletter



Sustainability in Action

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What SB 1383 Means for You

California's Senate Bill (SB) 1383, passed in 2016, was designed to fight climate change by cutting down on short-lived climate pollutants like methane, a powerful greenhouse gas released by decomposing organic waste in landfills. The law sets a goal to reduce the amount of organic waste sent to and disposed of in California landfills by 75% by 2025.

Organic waste includes everything from leftover cooked meat, fish, poultry and bones, to fruits, vegetables, bread, rice, pasta and grains. It also covers food-soiled paper products like napkins, wet paper towels and coffee filters, as well as yard debris such as grass clippings, leaves, small branches and garden waste. It's important to note that animal feces and deceased rodents are not organic waste and should be placed in the black trash cart, not the organics recycling cart.

Food scraps and food-soiled paper should go directly into the brown cart with yard waste, without being bagged in plastic. Paper bags or newspaper can be used to contain



scraps and absorb liquids. To keep the brown cart clean and reduce odors, residents can layer food scraps between dry materials like leaves or cardboard, or sprinkle baking soda in the bottom of the cart.

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](https://www.yorbalindaca.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.

Republic Services will be conducting cart and dumpster inspections throughout the year to ensure proper sorting and disposal of materials. You may see uniformed Republic Services staff reviewing the contents of your recycling, organics and trash containers. If an improper item is found, a courtesy tag will be placed on the cart notifying you of the incorrect item. These educational reviews are mandated by SB 1383 and will occur on an annual basis. If you have questions about how to properly dispose of any materials, please call Republic Services at **714.238.3300**.

Food Donation Requirements for Businesses

California is working to recover more edible food to reduce waste and address food insecurity. Under SB 1383, large food-generating businesses must recover safe, edible food that would otherwise be thrown away. The goal is to recover at least 20% of surplus food by 2025. Businesses like grocery stores, distributors, restaurants and large venues are required to donate food through agreements with food recovery organizations or services. Food-generating businesses also must keep records showing how much food they donate and how often.

Visit Aboundfoodcare.org to learn more.

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Acceptable Items



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Keep Your Recyclables Loose

Please make sure the lids on all your carts are closed before setting them out for collection. Any trash should be bagged before placing it into your trash cart, while recycling should always go in loose and unbagged. If you're unsure whether something is recyclable, [RecyclingSimplified.com](https://www.RecyclingSimplified.com) has helpful guidance. When it comes to food waste, you can place loose scraps or food-soiled paper into your organics container, either as they are or wrapped in paper. Cardboard boxes should be broken down and flattened before recycling. Food and beverage containers should be emptied and rinsed or wiped if necessary, then allowed to dry before going 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).

Avoid placing bagged trash on top of the cart, as it needs to fit completely inside with the lid closed. Recycling should never be bagged, and food scraps should not be placed in plastic bags. If needed, paper bags or newspaper can be used to wrap food waste. Try not to overfill your carts—if you have extra material, hold onto it until the next collection day. Some things should never go in your recycling cart, including plastic bags, leftover food, takeout coffee cups, clothing, hoses, cords, tissues, napkins, paper towels, household batteries and paint.





Break Down Those Boxes



Picnic Without Plastic This Summer

With the warmer weather, many families and friends head outdoors to enjoy picnics in parks, backyards and on beaches. While summer gatherings are a time to relax and connect, they can also lead to a surprising amount of waste, especially from single-use plastics. From utensils and straws to food containers and plastic wrap, the convenience of disposable items often comes at the cost of long-term environmental harm. Fortunately, with just a bit of planning, it's easy to enjoy a picnic that's both fun and friendly to the environment.

Start by thinking about what you really need. Reusable picnicware like lightweight dishes, cups and silverware can be packed ahead of time and used again for future outings. Cloth napkins and washable food containers help cut down on trash and reduce your reliance on plastic wrap and bags. Many people already have these items at home, and simply bringing them along can make a big difference.

Food and drink choices matter too. Buying in bulk and packing snacks or meals into reusable containers helps eliminate excess packaging. Instead of bottled water or juice boxes, refillable bottles keep drinks cold and waste low. Even simple changes, like skipping the pre-packaged fruit and slicing your own at home, reduce plastic waste without adding much effort.

If your picnic includes grilling or takeout, consider bringing your own reusable takeout kit. This could include containers, a few serving tools and a small cooler to carry leftovers back home. Leftovers packed this way tend to stay fresher and are less likely to be forgotten or wasted.

A plastic-free picnic doesn't mean giving up convenience or enjoyment. With a few small changes, you can celebrate the season with less waste and more intention.

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!

RECYCLE

<p>Acceptable Items (empty, clean and dry)</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Paper & Cardboard*</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Metal Cans</p> <p><small>*Break down and flatten all boxes.</small></p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Plastic & Glass</p> </div> </div>	<p>Unacceptable Items</p> <div style="display: grid; grid-template-columns: repeat(3, 1fr); gap: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <small>Dishes & Mirrors</small></div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <small>Garden Hoses</small></div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <small>Toys</small></div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <small>Carpet & Rugs</small></div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <small>Tires & Auto Parts</small></div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <small>Hazardous Waste</small></div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <small>Yard & Food Waste</small></div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <small>Furniture & Appliances</small></div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <small>Diapers & Pet Waste</small></div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <small>Construction Waste</small></div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <small>Clothing & Bedding</small></div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <small>Plastic Bags & Styrofoam™</small></div> </div>
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Prevent Fires! Don't Throw Batteries in the Trash

Batteries power so much of our daily lives, from phones and laptops to e-bikes, power tools, toys and even backup systems at home. But when not handled correctly, they can pose serious fire risks. This is especially true for lithium-ion batteries, which are common in many rechargeable devices.

Fires linked to these batteries are increasing across the country and even here in Orange County. When old or damaged batteries are thrown into the trash or recycling cart, they can spark fires during collection or at the processing facility. Once compacted or punctured, batteries can ignite quickly and with dangerous force, putting collection crews and equipment at risk.

The best way to prevent battery-related fires is through safe handling and disposal. Avoid overcharging rechargeable batteries, and unplug devices when they are fully charged. Store batteries in a cool, dry place and keep them away from anything that might cause damage.

When it's time to dispose of your batteries, never toss them into your trash or recycling cart. In Yorba Linda, household batteries—including lithium-ion types—must be taken to a designated Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center. These sites safely manage batteries and other items that require special care, such as electronics, paint and motor oil.

Residents can drop off batteries at any of Orange County's four Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers for free. Be sure to tape battery terminals or place each battery in a separate plastic bag before drop-off to prevent sparks or short circuits. For hours, locations and details about what's accepted, visit [OCLandfills.com/hazardous](https://oclandfills.com/hazardous).



Clear the Clutter this Summer



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If your spring cleaning left you with piles of clothes, household items or other clutter, summer is the perfect time to finish the job. Before sending anything to the landfill, try these simple tips to sort, donate and recycle what you no longer need:

- Sort by condition and type. Group items into what can be reused, what can be recycled, and what needs disposal. Items in good condition may be accepted by donation centers or thrift stores.
- Donate usable goods. Gently used clothes, toys, books and household items are often welcome at local nonprofits and reuse centers. Always check ahead for what they are currently accepting.
- Recycle responsibly. Electronics, batteries and scrap metal should

never be placed in trash bins. Look for local drop-off locations or recycling events for proper disposal.

- Use bulk item services. Many communities offer scheduled bulk item collection or drop-off services for broken furniture and large household items. This helps ensure they are handled correctly.
- Keep items clean and organized. Bag clothing, box fragile goods, and separate electronics to make drop-off or pickup easier and more efficient.

Decluttering can feel rewarding when you know your items are going to the right place. With just a little planning, your summer cleanup can make space at home and a positive impact on your community.



Holiday Collection Schedule

- 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)

Drop-off Household Hazardous Waste

You can protect the environment by properly disposing of hazardous waste and electronics. Household chemicals, such as pesticides, fertilizers, oil-based paint, motor oil, and pool cleaners, should always be kept separate from regular trash. The same goes for old electronics, including televisions, laptops, tablets, smartphones and wireless speakers. These materials should never be placed in your recycling, organics, or trash carts or dumpsters. Instead, take them to one of Orange County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers, where they are accepted for free. To find details about each location or learn more about what's accepted, visit [OCLandfills.com/hazardous](https://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

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Fun Crafts from Everyday Items

Long summer days are perfect for crafts, and you don't need a trip to the store to get started. With a little imagination, everyday items from around the house can be turned into fun projects that help kids stay busy and learn the value of reuse at the same time.

Empty cereal boxes, toilet paper rolls, scrap paper and used gift wrap are all great materials to start with. These items are often tossed out without a second thought, but they can be the base for a homemade puzzle, puppet theater or even a new board game. An old sock can become a puppet with the help of some buttons and glue. A used egg carton can turn into a caterpillar, flower tray or paint palette.

Creating something new from items you already have is a great way to keep materials out of the trash while giving kids a creative outlet. Encourage kids to come up with their own ideas by setting out a small box of clean recyclables and letting them explore what they can build. Add some crayons, glue, tape and scissors and see what they come up with.

Bulk Item Collection Event on August 23

On Saturday, August 23, Republic Services will host a free bulk item drop-off event for Yorba Linda residents and businesses. Bulky items, such as furniture and large trash, may be dropped off during the event. No household hazardous waste, vehicle tires or large appliances of any type will be accepted. The event will be held from 8 a.m. to noon at Yorba Linda High School, in the Forum Theater parking lot, off of Fairmont Blvd. Proof of Yorba Linda residency may be required. For more information, visit Yorbalindaca.gov/cleanup.



Free 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.



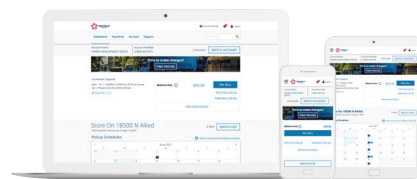
Report Illegal Dumping

When you spot an illegal dump site, don't ignore it. Instead, note the location, and report it to the City. If you see someone dumping illegally, do not confront them. If possible, discreetly take a photo of the activity, and write down a description of the person, as well as the vehicle make, color and license plate number. Report illegal dumping to Yorba Linda Police Services' non-emergency line, **714.647.7000**.



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California Recycling Laws for Businesses

Recyclables: Assembly Bill (AB) 341 makes recycling mandatory for businesses that generate 4 or more cubic yards of waste per week and multi-family properties with five or more units. Under AB 341, businesses and properties must recycle paper, boxes, cans, bottles and containers, as well as recyclable items that are unique to their operations. Senate Bill (SB) 1383 expands on this requirement, making recycling of clean paper and cardboard mandatory at all businesses and multi-family properties, regardless of size.

Organics: Under SB 1383 and AB 1826, California businesses are required to reduce the volume of organics sent to landfills. Under these laws, organics include food scraps, food-soiled paper and yard trimmings. All businesses and multi-family properties should now be participating in organics recycling programs.

Customer Recycling: Under AB 827, limited-service restaurants in California must now 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 need to provide separate bins for use by employees. This law also applies to food courts and other businesses that sell food for on-site consumption.

For Assistance: You can learn more about these requirements at CalRecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial.



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