

# Residential Recycling & Waste Service Newsletter

Serving Crockett – Tormey – Port Costa

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## Make Every Day Earth Day

April 22 is a call to action for our planet. This year, we’re emphasizing the importance of lowering emissions through everyday habits, starting with composting your organic waste. Did you know that everything you put in your green cart is taken to our composting facility in Richmond? In 60 to 90 days, we turn your food scraps and green waste into compost. Composting is a sustainable, natural recycling method that lowers methane from landfills and enhances soil health, promoting climate resilience.

### Get Involved at Home

Reduce food waste by shopping smarter, planning meals, donating and being aware. For the inevitable food waste we do generate, help us recycle it into compost by separating it from your trash and placing food scraps and food-soiled paper in your green cart. When discarding organic waste in your green cart, please remember to use **ONLY** BPI-certified compostable bags or paper bags.

### We’re Giving Away Compost!

**This quarter’s compost giveaways will occur on April 2, May 7 and June 4.** As a resident in our service area, you can get up to 2 cubic yards of compost EVERY first Wednesday of the month, all year, for NO CHARGE. Add compost to your garden this spring to help retain nutrients and preserve water year-round. More information: [Tinyurl.com/CompostProgram](https://tinyurl.com/CompostProgram).

## Safe & Sustainable Spring Cleaning

Follow our tips to keep your spring cleaning safe and sustainable, and be confident in your disposal options.

- ▶ **Donate before you discard.** Keep clothes, furniture and other household items out of the landfill by making a donation pile. Do you have friends who are also doing a spring clean? Consider a clothing swap or furniture trade to keep your items circulating in the community and out of the landfill.
- ▶ **Repair before you replace.** Replacing broken items may feel easier, but it comes at a cost to you. Repair your items to keep them out of the landfill, and reduce resource extraction.
- ▶ **Safety first.** Electronic waste, batteries, pharmaceuticals, paint and many household cleaners are considered household hazardous waste (HHW). HHW is not accepted in your curbside carts. Use no-cost HHW drop-off with proof of residency at 101 Pittsburg Ave., Wed. – Sat., 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- ▶ **Know your bulk item and curbside options.** Need to get rid of old furniture that you can’t donate or repair? Schedule your annual bulk item pickup. Have extra trash from your big cleanout? Use your on-call 15-bag curbside cleanup. Visit [TinyURL.com/CrockettCurbside](https://tinyurl.com/CrockettCurbside) for more information, or call Customer Service at **510.262.7100**.

