

Trash disposal using the color-Compliant Carts

SB 1383 requires that all communities throughout California utilize collection containers or lids with specific colors, depending on the type of material being collected. Organics is green, recycling is blue, and trash is black or grey.

What Goes in the Organics Cart:	What Goes in the Recycling Cart:	What Goes in the Trash Cart:
 FOOD WASTE & FOOD SOILED PAPER	 PLASTIC BOTTLES & CONTAINERS	 GARDEN HOSE
 YARD WASTE	 FOOD & BEVERAGE CANS	 BROKEN CERAMIC DISHES & POTS
	 GLASS BOTTLES & CONTAINERS	 CANDY, SNACK & FOOD WRAPPERS
	 FOOD & BEVERAGE CARTONS	 CHIP BAGS
	 PAPER	 DIAPERS
	 FLATTENED CARDBOARD & PAPERBOARD	 FOAM CONTAINERS
 DO NOT INCLUDE: NO LOOSE PLASTIC BAGS NO SERVEWARE/UTENSILS NO PLASTIC CONTAINERS NO FOAM CONTAINERS NO HAZARDOUS WASTE	 DO NOT INCLUDE: NO LOOSE PLASTIC BAGS NO FOAM CONTAINERS NO CLOTHING, FURNITURE, CARPET NO HAZARDOUS WASTE	 DO NOT INCLUDE: NO ORGANICS/RECYCLABLES NO HAZARDOUS WASTE NO ELECTRONICS NO BATTERIES, TIRES OR PAINT NO FLAMMABLE MATERIAL
Place organics materials directly into your organics cart - don't bag your organics materials.	Place recyclables directly into your recycling cart - don't bag your recyclables.	

What goes in the Organics cart?

Organic materials include food waste and food soiled paper and yard and garden waste. Do not include plastics, including plastics bags, foam, fats, oils, and/or grease, or any type of hazardous waste.

What is food waste?

Food waste now belongs in your organics cart to be recycled to help reduce organic waste in landfills. Food waste, or food scraps, includes any unwanted cooking preparation items and table scraps. Examples of food waste are banana peels, apple cores, vegetable trimmings, bones, egg shells, meat, and pizza crust. Food waste goes directly into the organics cart. **Do not bag organics materials.**

What goes in the Recycling cart?

Recyclable items include cans, paper grocery bags, corrugated cardboard boxes, envelopes, frozen food boxes, glass bottles, junk mail, magazines, newspapers, plastic containers/bottles labeled 1-7, shoe boxes & phone books. Unacceptable items include soiled paper (ie. Pizza boxes) and plastic bags. **Do not bag recyclable materials.**

Contamination

Contamination occurs when you place non-acceptable items in the wrong cart. Contaminants can ruin an entire truckload of organics or recyclables and prevent these materials from going on to have a second life. Loose plastic bags and bagged materials in organics and recycling containers are the most common contaminants. Please empty your organics and recyclable materials directly into the proper carts to give them the best chance of becoming new products.

SB 1383 requires that carts be monitored for contamination and that an education and enforcement program be in place to help residents recycle properly. Waste Management will use WM Smart TruckSM technology to help the City comply with this part of the law. Residents will be notified of contamination to allow for correction in the future; however, should contamination become consistent, your trash cart may be upsized to allow for trash to be placed in the proper cart.

WM Smart Truck Technology

WM trucks are fitted with cameras to capture footage of your carts as they are emptied. Beginning in 2023, you may receive a notice if contamination is identified in your recycling or organics cart, or if any of your carts are overfilled causing the lid not to close.