



# FOOD WASTE RECYCLING





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## THE CITY'S NEW FOOD WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM IS AS EASY AS 1 - 2 - 3.

**1**

Collect food waste in your home by scraping plates and placing food scraps and food-soiled paper items into a kitchen pail provided to you. Pails will be delivered in June to your doorstep.

**2**

Empty the food waste from the pail into your green Organics Waste cart as often as you like.

**3**

Your green cart will now be your Organics Waste cart since it includes both green waste (grass and leaves) and food waste. Your green Organics Waste cart will be picked up weekly.



Clean or unused paper items will still be put in your blue Recycling cart.



## What is Food Waste?

- Food waste includes items that you scrape from your plate after you eat, such as uneaten fruits, vegetables, meat, bones, pizza, rice and pasta.
- Food waste includes items that you usually discard as you prepare meals, such as banana and orange peels, egg shells, and meat and vegetable trimmings.
- Food waste includes food-soiled paper items, like pizza boxes and used paper plates, coffee filters and tea bags, and paper food wrappings for hamburgers or French fries.

| <b>DO</b><br>Put in the<br>Food Waste Pail    | <b>Food Waste</b> | <b>Food Soiled Paper</b> |                         |                   |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
|   |                   |                          |                         |                   |
| <b>DON'T</b><br>Put in the<br>Food Waste Pail |                   |                          |                         |                   |
|   | Eating Utensils   | Beverage Containers      | Plastic Food Containers | Waxed-lined Paper |

## What Happens to Food Waste?

Once your food waste is collected each week in your Organics Waste cart, it will be processed in an environmentally friendly way where it becomes compost, which is used to nurture the soil on farms to grow more food. This compost will also be available for the community to use in home gardens.

## Can I Use a Liner in My Food Waste Pail?

### • BPI-certified compostable bags - YES

We'll provide you with a roll of BPI-certified compostable bags to get you started! These are friendly to the environment and will break down easily during the composting process.

### • Paper bags - YES

You can line your food waste pail with a paper bag and empty both the food waste and paper bag into your Organics Waste cart.

### • No liner - YES

You can also place your food waste in the pail without a bag, empty it into the Organics Waste cart, and then rinse the pail out.

### • Plastic bags - NO

Regular plastic bags are not allowed because they live on for decades and are not friendly to the environment.





# How Can I Learn More?

Between now and July 4, 2022 when Food Waste Recycling begins, we will provide you with the information you'll need to help effect positive environmental changes in Rancho Cordova and the world through food waste recycling. Here's a sample of what's coming:

## May 2022

- Food Waste Recycling information mailed
- Updated Republic Services Guide mailed
- Community meetings

## June 2022

- Food waste pail and booklet delivered to homes
- "Did You Know?" information on social media and city e-news
- Community meetings

## July 2022

- Food Waste Recycling Program starts on July 4th!
- "Did You Know?" information on social media and city e-news

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