

# Welcome to your new Organics Recycling Program!



**The State of California** set an ambitious goal of 75% recycling, composting or source reduction of solid waste by 2020. To achieve this goal, the City of Orange together with CR&R Environmental Services has launched an expanded Organics Recycling Program for residents with cart service. Organic waste is mainly comprised of food scraps and yard waste such as green waste, landscape, and pruning waste.

Organic waste will be transported to CR&R Environmental Service's Regional Organics Anaerobic Recovery (ROAR) facility where technology will convert your food scraps and yard waste into renewable natural gas and fertilizer. This exciting program will help keep Orange's organic waste out of the landfill!



## How it works

Starting **January 1, 2020**, your existing green yard trimmings cart will become an organics cart as you will be able to recycle your kitchen food scraps with your yard trimmings. CR&R will be placing a decal on your existing green yard trimmings container to identify what materials are accepted in the new Organics Recycling Program. Your current service day will not change.

Beginning the week of **January 20, 2020** and continuing for several weeks, our team will affix a new decal on your green yard trimmings cart. Please make sure to keep your cart out until 7:00 PM on your scheduled pick up day.

## How you can help

When organic waste such as food scraps and green waste is disposed in landfills, it decomposes and produces methane, a greenhouse gas. Over the past several years, California legislature has enacted new laws concerning organics with the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by recycling, composting and source reduction of waste. Your participation will help the City fulfill the State of California goal of 75% diversion from the landfill by 2020. Thank you for supporting the new Organics Recycling Program!



Sincerely,

**CR&R Incorporated**

# What materials may I place in the organics cart?

## Yard Waste:

Grass clippings, leaves, weeds, prunings, flowers, and other yard waste.

**Kitchen Waste:** Fruit, bread, fish, meat, vegetables, dairy, and FOG (fats, oil, grease).

**Items NOT Accepted:** Recyclables (plastic, glass, metal), Styrofoam, pet waste, palm fronds, and trash.

## Tips for using your organics cart:

- Start with yard trimmings such as leaves, grass clippings, and/or straw at the bottom of your organics cart to prevent food scraps from being trapped.
- Alternate layering of food scraps and yard trimmings will help to keep your cart cleaner.
- Keep your organics cart dry and out of direct sunlight to reduce odor.
- Compostable bags are optional and available at local retailers. Other types of bags are not accepted.
- Let any fats, oils, or grease cool before placing in cart or compostable bags.

