



City of Tustin

# Residential Recycling Guide



Please keep this guide  
as a reference for  
**2025-2026**



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# California Senate Bill 1383

Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) went into effect in 2022. SB 1383 requires all residential properties to reduce their organic waste disposed in landfills. SB 1383 promotes organic recycling and lower contamination levels in all waste streams. Organic waste, such as food scraps and yard waste, contribute to greenhouse gas emissions when anaerobically decomposed in landfills.



## What can be composted?



*Food Waste / Food-Soiled Paper*



*Yard Waste*

# Residential Cart Service

Residents of Tustin can select 35-gallon, 65-gallon, or 95-gallon carts for each waste stream.

## LANDFILL

**35**  
Gallon



**65**  
Gallon



**95**  
Gallon



## RECYCLING

**35**  
Gallon



**65**  
Gallon



**95**  
Gallon



## ORGANICS Food Scraps and Yard Waste

**35**  
Gallon



**65**  
Gallon



**95**  
Gallon



Each residence may have one 1.9-Gallon kitchen pail at no charge.



### ***Kitchen Food Scrap Pail***

Place food scraps, such as leftovers and stale or spoiled food, into your pail. Line your pail with a paper bag to help keep your pail clean and odorless. When the kitchen food scrap pail is full, empty the materials into your organics cart for your weekly collection. To watch a short video on how to recycle your food scraps, please scan the QR code.



To exchange cart sizes, request additional carts, report a stolen or damaged cart, or to request a kitchen food scrap pail, please contact CR&R's dedicated Tustin Customer Service at **714.372.8272**.

# What Goes Where

To reduce contamination, use these guidelines and examples when sorting landfill, recycling, and organic materials in your carts.

The black lid cart is for landfill materials, the blue lid cart is for recyclable materials, and the green lid cart is for organic materials.

LANDFILL	RECYCLABLES	ORGANICS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Broken Glass</li><li>• Candy Wrappers</li><li>• Ceramics</li><li>• Chip Bags</li><li>• Clothing</li><li>• Coffee Pods/K Cups</li><li>• Hangers</li><li>• Mirrors</li><li>• Mixed Products (i.e. Plastic/Metal Combination)</li><li>• Non-Numbered plastics</li><li>• Palm Fronds</li><li>• Pet Waste/Litter</li><li>• Plastic Film</li><li>• Plates, Cups, Towels, and Napkins</li><li>• Styrofoams</li></ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aluminum Foil</li><li>• Aluminum &amp; Tin Cans</li><li>• Cardboard (flattened)</li><li>• Detergent Containers</li><li>• Empty Aerosol cans</li><li>• Glass</li><li>• Magazines &amp; Junk Mail</li><li>• Metal</li><li>• Milk Containers</li><li>• Paper (Computer, White, Colored, Shredded, Newspaper)</li><li>• Plastics (Numbers 1 through 7)</li></ul> <p><i>Plastic bags and baggies are not recyclable. These items should be placed in the landfill cart.</i></p> 	<p><b>From The Kitchen</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bones</li><li>• Bread/Grains/Pasta</li><li>• Coffee Grinds</li><li>• Dairy/Eggshells</li><li>• Fats, Oils and Grease</li><li>• Food Scraps/Leftovers</li><li>• Food-Soiled Paper/Plates and Cups</li><li>• Fruits</li><li>• Meat/Poultry</li><li>• Seafood/Shellfish</li><li>• Vegetables</li></ul> <p><b>From The Yard</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flowers</li><li>• Grass</li><li>• Leaves</li><li>• Prunings</li><li>• Weeds</li></ul> <p><b>No Palm Fronds</b></p> 

**Palm fronds are not allowed in the organics cart due to their coarse and wiry material. Hazardous waste is NOT to be disposed of in any of the carts.**

CR&R encourages residents to use durable and reuseable bags, as plastic bags do not break down easily in landfills. If used, plastic bags should be disposed of in the black lid landfill cart.

## Special Services

### ***Included in your Service Package***

#### ***Sharps Collection***

Sharps disposal mail-back containers are available upon request at no charge. The mail-back container allows residents to safely and properly dispose of pharmaceutical waste, such as needles, injector pens, and syringes. Mail back containers are also available for pick up at the Tustin Pharmacy located at 13400 Newport Ave, at no charge. Must show valid Driver's license or a current CR&R bill as proof of residency.



#### ***Compost Event***

CR&R, in partnership with the City of Tustin, hosts free compost giveaway events twice a year, providing residents with a sustainable way to enrich their gardens and landscapes. Residents may receive up to two (2) free bags of compost per person with a valid coupon. Event-specific details, including dates and locations will be shared on residents' service bill as each event approaches.



#### ***Holiday Greenery Collection Program***

CR&R will collect all holiday greenery for a two-week period between December 26<sup>th</sup> and January 9<sup>th</sup>. Residents can place holiday greenery in or next to their organics cart for collection. Additional information pertaining to holiday greenery collection will be distributed closer to the month of December.



#### ***Household Hazardous Waste***

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is any type of product that requires special handling under environmental law and prohibits disposal in regular waste. HHW includes items such as cleaning products, car care products, paint, electronic waste, and universal waste. Residents of Tustin can dispose of their HHW at one of Orange County's HHW collection centers. Residents can also dispose HHW and E-Waste at one of Tustin's semi-annual HHW drop off events. Information regarding the date and location of the event is distributed on residents' service bill.



To request or schedule a pickup or a sharps mail-back container or an HHW collection, please call CR&R's dedicated Tustin Customer Service at **714.372.8272**



## Special Services

### *Included in your Service Package (Continued)*

#### **Bulky Item Collection**

Items that cannot properly fit in your carts, such as a chair or desk, are considered bulky items and require a special pickup. Residents are entitled to four (4) bulky item pickups per year. Bulky item pickups may contain a maximum of four (4) items per collection. Additional pickups can be requested for a fee. To arrange a collection of bulky items, please use our Online Scheduling Service at [www.crrinc.com](http://www.crrinc.com), or call CR&R's dedicated Tustin Customer Service at **714.372.8272**.



#### **Acceptable Items Include:**

- Sofa beds, couches, tables, chairs, mattresses, box springs, patio furniture, washing machines, dryers, refrigerators, stoves, dishwashers, water heaters, etc.

#### **Non-Acceptable Items Include:**

- Construction and demolition material such as wood, asphalt, concrete, automotive parts, batteries, hazardous waste, or liquids are not permitted.

## **At Cost Services**

### **Valet Services**

CR&R staff will retrieve your carts from your home and return them after service for a monthly fee. For customers who require assistance due to a disability, this service is provided at no cost upon presentation of valid disability documentation.

### **Temporary Services**

CR&R provides temporary services for construction and clean up projects. Bin sizes for temporary services range from 3-yard bins to 40-yard rolloff bins.



For additional information on valet or temporary services, please call CR&R's dedicated Tustin Customer Service at **714.372.8272**.

# Where Do Your Materials Go After Collection?

## Landfill Material

The waste from your black lid landfill cart consists of materials that cannot be recycled or repurposed into something new, so it is taken to one of the landfills in Orange County.



## Recyclables

The recyclables from your blue lid recycling cart are processed at CR&R's Material Recovery Facility (MRF). The recyclables are separated utilizing a process of manual and mechanical sorting.



## Organics

The food scraps and yard waste from your green lid organics cart are taken to one of CR&R's approved compost facilities. At this facility, the materials undergo decomposition, ultimately being transformed into nutrient rich compost.



# Holiday Collection Schedule

CR&R observes the following holidays throughout the year:

- **New Years Day**
  - **Labor Day**
- **Memorial Day**
  - **Thanksgiving Day**
- **Independence Day**
  - **Christmas Day**

If a holiday falls during the week, collection for the remainder of the week will be postponed by one (1) day. Example: If Memorial Day is on a Monday, and your home is serviced on Fridays, your home will be serviced on Saturday.

If the holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, trash will be collected on your normal collection day with no delays to your pickup.

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
HOLIDAY		Normal Collection Day	Normal Collection Day	Normal Collection Day	Normal Collection Day	Normal Collection Day	Normal Collection Day
		No Service Delay	No Service Delay	No Service Delay	No Service Delay	No Service Delay	No Service Delay

If the holiday falls during the work week, collection for the remainder of the week will be postponed by one day. For example, if the 4th of July falls on a Monday, and your normal collection day is on Thursday, your pickup for that week will be on Friday.

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
HOLIDAY		No Collection	Collection Day	Collection Day	Collection Day	Collection Day	Collection Day



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