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Newsletter

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NEW ORGANIC WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM

Preparations are proceeding for the **new organic waste recycling program** mandated by the State of California (SB 1383).

Start Date. We plan to begin assembling new GREEN organic waste recycling carts in late December. Distribution of new green carts to each single-family residence and multi-family dwelling with cart service beginning in early January. Collections from those carts will begin the week of January 16th. Collections of the GREEN carts will occur on your regular collection day.

To Bag or Not to Bag? The new Green Carts are for the collection of Organic Waste meaning YARD WASTE, FOOD SCRAPS, and FOOD-SOILED CARDBOARD.

- **Yard Waste** must be placed loose in the carts and **NOT bagged**.
- **Food Scraps** on the other hand **MUST be placed in clear bags**; biodegradable plastic bags are best. (In case you are wondering, the bags help compost facility operators identify and sort out food scraps for separate processing.)
- **Food-Soiled Cardboard should be loose.**

Cart Size. You will be receiving a 95-gallon cart for your organic waste.

Recycling Guide. A Recycling Guide will accompany your new GREEN Cart.

Phases. The first phase of the program is focusing on cart distribution and collection. Next year we will commence route audits to measure unaccepted material and following that the city is required by State-mandate to enforce participation and proper usage.

Commercial Businesses. Commercial businesses and multi-family complexes with bin service should already be recycling organic waste.

If you are not already participating, please contact our office NOW.

ORGANICS



**FOOD WASTE
MEAT INCLUDING BONES
YARD WASTE
FOOD SOILED PAPER
COFFEE GROUNDS & TEA BAGS**

RECYCLING



**PLASTIC CONTAINERS #1-5
GLASS BOTTLES & JARS
NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZINES
ALUMINUM & TIN CANS
CARDBOARD**

TRASH



**CHIP & FOOD BAGS
DIAPERS
GLOVES
PLASTIC BAGS
FOAM CONTAINERS**



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HOLIDAY REMINDERS

Collections for Thanksgiving Day and the day after will occur one day late.

Collections for Christmas Day and New Year's Day will follow regular collection schedules.

UPCOMING FALL EVENTS

Our next FREE community-wide clean-up for residents of single-family dwellings in Desert Hot Springs will start October 24th.
Our next FREE Document Shredding and Electronic Waste Collection event will occur October 29th in the parking lot of the Carl May Community Center parking lot, 8 AM to Noon. Visit our website for more information.