



Winter 2018
Happy Holidays

THE CONNECTION

Keeping Us Connected To The Communities We Serve



Reduce • Reuse • Recycle • Compost

New Organics Recycling Program is Here!

All residents by now should have received new color-coded wheeled carts for garbage (gray), recycling (blue), and organics (green). The new organics program (green cart) is a great way for residents to reduce the amount of waste that goes into the gray garbage cart, and ultimately the landfill. Organics consists of all food waste and food soiled paper items. Materials such as fruits, vegetables, meats, grains, leaves, tree prunings, paper plates, and napkins are now collected in the green organics cart. These materials will be composted at the South Valley Organics facility in Gilroy and made into a rich soil amendment.

Ideas to Make Food Recycling Easy!

1. Collect in newspaper, brown paper bag, or approved compostable bag (find a list of compostable bags by visiting www.bpiworld.org)
2. Store food in a container with a lid either in the refrigerator or freezer until your service day
3. Take out to your green cart daily and make sure your cart is out for pick-up each week
4. Lining your green cart with newspaper and cardboard will help soak up the juices that result from food waste
5. Store organics cart in shade with lid closed to reduce odors, insects, and other pests



DO NOT put any of your organics in plastic bags. Plastic does not compost, only use-compostable bags (visit www.bpiworld.org)

Composting is a Win-Win for Water Conservation and the Environment

Shawn Novack, Water Conservation Program

Manager with Water Resource Agency of San Benito County, said "instead of putting vegetable waste down the drain, save those leaves, rinds and stems for making compost. Not only do you save water, but compost will help your soil hold more water so you don't have to irrigate as much. A win-win for water conservation and the environment."

FREE Bulky Item Curbside Collection Program

Recology will provide residential customers with Free Bulky Item Curbside collection up to two (2) times per year, upon request.

Bulky Item Curbside Collection Includes:

- MAX of 2 cubic yards (equal to twelve, 32-gallon plastic clear bags or boxes) of reusable or gently used materials
- MAX of 2 Bulky Items (appliances with Freon count as 2 bulky items)
- MAX of 5 Electronic Waste or Universal Waste items

Prohibited Items include: hazardous materials, abandoned automobiles, trees, household garbage, recyclable materials, or any single item that cannot be managed by one person.

We will take great care to ensure that items we pick up can be recycled or donated in an ecologically and socially responsible manner.

Call customer service at **(831) 636-7500** to request the Bulky Item Curbside Collection Service.



Para recibir información en Español, llame a este número (831) 636-7500.

