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ORGANICS RECYCLING AT HOME

Kitchen pails provide convenient collection and disposal of food scraps

Californians throw away nearly 6 million tons of food waste each year, which accounts for approximately 15-20% of all landfilled material. Unfortunately, when food waste decomposes in a landfill, it releases methane gas, a powerful greenhouse gas pollutant that is 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide.

In an effort to address the growing climate crisis, a new recycling law, Senate Bill 1383, has changed the way California manages organic waste. Beginning January 1, 2022, residents and businesses are required to place all food scraps, food-soiled paper, and green waste into their green organics cart for recycling.

Having the right tools at home, such as a food scrap kitchen pail, can make collecting food waste in the

kitchen easy and convenient. To assist residents in collecting food scraps at home, Recology Vacaville Solano has provided complementary kitchen pails to all residential customers in Vacaville. The kitchen pails feature a two gallon capacity, stay-open hinged lid for hands-free use, sorting label depicting acceptable materials, and are dishwasher safe for easy cleaning.

Kitchen pails should be used for collecting food scraps and food-soiled paper inside your home and transporting them to your green organics cart for disposal. Kitchen pails should not be placed at the curb on your regular service day.

To help keep your kitchen pail clean and odor-free, simply line the pail with a paper bag, paper towels, or newspaper.

Please do not use plastic bags, even those labeled “compostable”. Kitchen pails should be emptied daily and rinsed to remove any residue.



To request a complementary kitchen pail, or to replace a damaged pail, call Recology Vacaville Solano at (707) 448-2945. For more information about organics recycling, visit www.recology.com or www.vacavillerecycling.com.



A QUICK GUIDE TO ORGANICS RECYCLING

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

- ✓ Green waste materials – grass clippings, leaves, weeds, tree & shrub prunings
- ✓ Fruit & vegetable scraps, including pits, shells, and peels
- ✓ Bread, rice, pasta, & grains
- ✓ Egg shells
- ✓ Meat, poultry, fish, & shellfish
- ✓ Bones
- ✓ Coffee grounds and tea
- ✓ Food-soiled paper & cardboard (napkins, uncoated paper plates, greasy pizza boxes, etc.)

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

- ✗ Plastic bags or packaging (include those labeled “compostable”)
- ✗ Palm fronds and Oleander
- ✗ Garbage
- ✗ Hazardous waste & e-waste
- ✗ Construction debris (concrete, rocks, dirt, asphalt)
- ✗ Animal feces or manure
- ✗ Painted or treated lumber, plywood, or particle board

If you aren't sure if something is recyclable, visit www.WhatBin.com to find out.

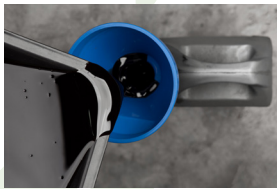
RECYCLE RIGHT SPOTLIGHT: USED OIL

The EPA reports that the oil from just one at-home oil change can contaminate ONE MILLION gallons of water if dumped into a storm drain.

Did you know that used motor oil never wears out, it just gets dirty? Oil can be recycled, cleaned, and used again. Recycling used motor oil conserves a natural resource (oil) and is good for the environment too! Motor oil poured onto the ground, into storm drains, or tossed into the trash (even in a sealed container) can contaminate and pollute the soil, groundwater, streams, and rivers. The best and safest way to dispose of used oil is to recycle it.

Recycling used oil and filters has never been easier:

- › **Curbside** – You can recycle your used oil and filters for FREE right from your home! Contact Recology Vacaville Solano at (707) 448-2945 to request your FREE used oil jug and filter bag. Simply place your used oil in the jug and your filter the sealed bag and leave next to your recycling bin to be collected on your next regular service day. It's that easy!



- › **Drop it off** – Free used oil drop off is available to all Vacaville residents at the Recology Vacaville Solano Household Hazardous Waste Facility located at 855 ½ Davis Street in Vacaville on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (No appointment necessary. ID and proof of residency required. Facility accepts up to 15 gallons or 125 lbs. of hazardous material in 5 gallon containers or smaller per visit.)
- › **Bring it to a Certified Collection Center near you** – Would you like to get paid for recycling your used oil? Take it to a Certified Collection Center (CCC)! These sites will take used oil from the public and will pay you 40¢ a gallon for up to 5 gallons at a time. Please note, CCC's cannot accept used oil that has been contaminated with other fluids such as antifreeze, solvents, gasoline, or water – so please don't mix your used oil with other fluids. To find a CCC near you, visit www.vacavillerecycling.com or look for the CCC signs posted at your favorite auto parts store or maintenance shop.



RESIDENTIAL Cleanup Program

If your summer plans include replacing furniture or a major appliance, be sure to plan for the dispose of those old, bulky items.

For large items that do not fit into your carts, like furniture, appliances, or mattresses, schedule a Residential Cleanup Program (RCP) pickup with Recology Vacaville Solano. Residential customers in Vacaville are provided with one FREE curbside collection each year of **ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

- › **2 bulky items; or**
- › **2 cubic yards of bagged material; or**
- › **3 e-waste items**

(Additional items may be collected for a fee)

To schedule your RCP pickup, call Recology Vacaville Solano at (707) 448-2945 at least one day before your regular collection day. Place your items at the curb next to your gray cart and write the letters "RCP" on a piece of paper and attach it to one of your items. It's that easy!

To learn more, visit
[https://www.recology.com/
recology-vacaville-solano/bulky-items/](https://www.recology.com/recology-vacaville-solano/bulky-items/)
or call Recology Vacaville Solano
at (707) 448-2945



Accepted Items:

- ✓ Appliances
- ✓ Electronics
- ✓ Mattresses
- ✓ Furniture
- ✓ Metal Items, including scrap metal
- ✓ Textiles
- ✓ Carpet & Padding
- ✓ Small and large loose items (up to 2 cubic yards of small items should be boxed or bagged)