

# American Canyon Waste Zero Ways

2023 WINTER NEWSLETTER



## RATE INCREASE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023

Recology service rates will increase beginning January 1, 2023 for residential and commercial customers.

New Residential Rates
32-gal—\$31.49
64-gal—\$47.87
96-gal—\$69.54

Call us at 707.552.3110 or contact us online at Recology.com/AmericanCanyon for complete information about the new rates.

#### WHAT IS WISHCYCLING?

Wishcycling is putting an item in the recycle stream in the hope that it will get recycled, despite not having credibility that it is indeed recyclable. The four most common culprits of wishcycling (all of which cannot be recycled in your blue bin) are:

Selectronic waste (e-waste)



All plastic bags and flimsy plastic



All liquids inside or outside any recyclable material



**O** Broken glass or mirrors



Please do not place any of the items above in the recycle bin. When in doubt, visit WhatBin.com to find what stream your waste belongs in.

## PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH LANDFILL DISPOSAL OF ORGANIC WASTE

Organic waste in landfills emits

21%

of California's methane, a climate super pollutant 84**%** 

more potent than carbon dioxide

Source: Cal Recycle



In January 2022, the state enacted Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383), California's Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy. It's designed to reduce global warming gases like methane and is a fast track to fighting climate change. When you place organic materials — such as food scraps, uncoated soiled paper, and yard waste — into your green cart, they are transformed into nutrient-rich soil, which helps conserve water and improves the state's natural soil resources.

In addition, our communities have immediate negative impacts from pollutants that arise from landfilling organic waste, like nitrogen oxides and particulate matter that cause heart and lung disease. They also trigger or worsen chronic diseases such as asthma, heart attacks, bronchitis, and other respiratory problems.

Learn more at Recology.com/SB1383.

#### WHAT IS ORGANIC WASTE?

Organic waste is biodegradable and comes from an animal or plant. When something is biodegradable, it can decompose by bacteria or other living organisms.

Organic waste includes all food scraps, uncoated soiled paper, and yard waste, all of which should be sorted into the green cart.

State law SB 1383 requires all residential and commercial properties to compost organic waste.

### ONE FREE ANNUAL ON-CALL BULKY ITEM COLLECTION

American Canyon residential and multi-family tenants receive one curbside on-call collection annually at no additional charge. Each collection is limited to two cubic yards of waste, equivalent to 12 32-gallon bags or 1 bulky item, such as a fridge. Call us at 707.552.3110 to schedule for collection on your regular service day. Hazardous items are not accepted curbside.

#### AN UNBE-LEAF-ABLE SITUATION

Please do not blow leaves into the street for street sweepers to pick up!



This will cause storm drains to clog. It only takes a few leaves to back up the water into a large puddle. This creates nuisance flooding and can potentially cause additional safety hazards. Water quality can also be affected by the accumulation of decayed leaves in storm drains.

Keeping these things in mind, we encourage you to clean up your leaves and place them into your green organics cart.

#### **COMMERCIAL CORNER**

New California Mandate requires businesses to compost.



Regulations for SB 1383 have taken effect as of January 1, 2022, and State enforcement has begun.

As of February 1, 2023, we will no longer offer commercial green waste only service and your green waste carts will be converted to organic carts and will be charged the organic rate.

We will soon begin visiting and delivering organic carts to each commercial and multi-family customers in American Canyon. Monthly rate will apply depending on subscription level.

Contact Recology's Waste Zero Team to learn about compost and recycling programs at 707.552.3110 or Recology.com/AmericanCanyon.