



FOOD SCRAP COLLECTION

SHASTA EAST DUPLEXES SETS UP FOR SUCCESS



Property manager Hilda Miramontes holds a kitchen compost pail provided by the City of Chico to residents of the complex.

California's Senate Bill 1383 requires all businesses and multi-family properties to divert food scraps, yard trimmings, and other compostable materials from landfills. To support this statewide mandate, Recology is working closely with property managers to help them implement convenient and effective organics collection programs.

One recent success story comes from Shasta East Duplexes, where Recology's Waste Zero Team partnered with property manager Hilda Miramontes to create a program tailored to the complex's needs.

"Our Recology representative was very informative and professional," Miramontes said. "He took the time to explain the process and made suggestions specific to our property. He also brought lots of educational materials and pails to share with residents."

Through a detailed waste assessment, Recology helped identify service adjustments that would make waste sorting easier and more efficient.

"All the recommendations were very clear and based on our unique setup," said Miramontes. "We were even able

to improve our trash area layout as part of the process."

Resident participation has been strong, thanks in large part to Miramontes's hands-on approach. They are using kitchen pails as a convenient way to collect plate scrapings and food scraps and transport them to the complex's green organics container.

"It's been a process," she admitted, "but I make myself available to residents to answer questions and guide them through it. I also keep an eye on the containers to ensure everyone is following instructions."

Her advice to other property managers? "Keep open communication with residents, stay consistent, and lead by example. Hold everyone accountable, and the results will follow."

Bravo to Shasta East Duplexes in achieving SB 1383 compliance!

For assistance in setting up an organics program for your business, contact rbccwastezero@recology.com. Let's keep California's composting goals on track, one property at a time.

BE WISE WHEN SORTING WOOD

Not all wood can be placed in the organics container for composting.

Some types of wood are considered contaminants because they can ruin the composting process.

Think twice before you discard:

1. If it is natural, unfinished, and comes directly from a tree without chemicals, it may be placed in the organics container.
2. Anything manufactured or containing color, sheen, or glue should not go in the green bin.

To keep your container contaminant-free, follow these guidelines:

ACCEPTED

- Raw wood scraps such as lumber offcuts from building projects that are free of paint, dye, varnish, glue, or nails
- Untreated wood chips or sawdust from natural wood
- Small branches and twigs from yard trimmings (under 4" in diameter)
- Wooden chopsticks, skewers, or popsicle sticks if they are 100 percent natural wood and not painted or dyed

NOT ACCEPTED

- Painted, stained, varnished, or pressure-treated wood
- Plywood, medium-density fiberboard, or particle board
- Burned or charred wood from firepits or BBQs
- Wood with nails, screws, or other hardware



Large pieces of wood, such as stumps, that may be difficult to compact in collection trucks can be hauled to the Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility, 1023 Neal Road, Paradise. 7 AM – 4 PM Monday – Saturday. **530.345.4917.**

MONEY GROWS WITH COMPOST

Composting not only achieves compliance and helps the environment, but it also aids your wallet.

In the City of Chico, organics services are more cost-effective than landfill disposal. Maximizing compostables and reusables can lead to a smaller trash bin requirement, fewer pickups, and lower fees.

Replace these items with compostable variants:

Food packaging and containers — Replace plastic or styrofoam takeout containers with ones made from molded fiber (such as sugarcane or bamboo pulp), which are sturdy and break down quickly in our composting facilities.

Utensils — Forks, spoons, knives, and stirrers made from bamboo or wood are excellent alternatives to plastic cutlery.

Coffee filters and tea bags — Ensure your filters and bags are made from unbleached materials and are not sealed with plastic or synthetic glues.



THE POWER OF REUSABLES

Why settle for single-use when you can go sustainable?

The most powerful way to cut waste isn't just recycling — it's rethinking. By eliminating disposable items, you invest once and save for years to come, reducing both costs and environmental impact.

BREAKROOM UPGRADE

Say goodbye to throwaway cups, plates, and cutlery. Stock your office kitchen with sturdy ceramic mugs, genuine dishes, and stainless steel utensils. Pair them with a dishwasher, and suddenly your breakroom feels more like an efficient café — without the constant restocking bills.

LINEN, NOT LANDFILL

Trade paper towels and napkins for washable cloth versions. Whether in restrooms or dining areas, they add a touch of class and reduce daily waste — simply launder and reuse.

REFILL AND REFRESH

Skip the bottled water. Install refillable bottle stations or filtered water dispensers in lobbies, gyms, event venues, and office spaces. It's convenient, eco-friendly, and sends a clear message: sustainability starts here.

Less garbage means a healthier planet and a healthier bottom line. Make the switch to reusable and compostable materials!



NEVER PLACE THESE ITEMS IN YOUR LANDFILL BIN

- Sharps and Medication
- Fluorescent Bulbs
- Flammables, Pesticides, or Herbicides
- Electronic Waste

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Call **530.343.5488** for an appointment.