



AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO COMPOSTING



California Senate Bill 1383 requires all businesses and multi-family properties to dispose of food scraps and uncoated soiled paper in their organics cart along with their yard trimmings. Here are some tips to get started:

1. Obtain free indoor compost receptacles — kitchen pails for apartment complexes and Slim Jim/Brute-style containers for restaurants — from the City of Oroville by contacting recycle@cityoforoville.org.
2. Instruct staff and tenants to place food scraps, paper napkins, and paper towels into their indoor organics receptacles.
3. Ensure discards are dumped unbagged into green Recology containers for collection.

With this simple process, collecting food scraps for composting is easy and convenient. To get started or receive assistance with your organics program, contact rbccwastezero@recology.com.

SORTING MATTERS

CONTAINER MONITORING NOTICE

Correct sorting of discards is crucial to the success of recycling and organics programs. **To that end, state law mandates that Recology and/or City staff regularly audit containers for contamination (improperly sorted materials).**

If contamination is found, your container may not be serviced. Your container will be tagged and/or you will receive a letter in the mail explaining the problem.

Please be aware that our franchise agreement with the City of Oroville permits us to impose contamination fees after three instances of contamination.

Recology may also place container-exchange orders for damaged or outdated carts found during inspections at no additional cost to the customer. Delivery drivers may access the container enclosure on your service day to replace containers to meet compliance standards.

For questions related to proper sorting practices, contact our Waste Zero team at rbccwastezero@recology.com or our customer service at **530.533.5868**.



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 water dispensers in lobbies, gyms, and offices. It's convenient 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!

MONEY GROWS WITH COMPOST

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

In the City of Oroville, 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.

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 Oroville Transfer Station, located at 2720 South Fifth Avenue, Oroville, 95965.



NEVER PLACE THESE ITEMS IN YOUR LANDFILL BIN

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

Hazardous waste disposal drop-off:

Recology Butte Colusa Counties
2720 South Fifth Avenue, Oroville 95965
9 AM – 2 PM first & third Fridays of the month