



### AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3

## A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO COMPOSTING



**California Senate Bill 1383 requires all residents to dispose of food scraps and uncoated soiled paper in their organics can along with yard trimmings.**

Here are some tips to get started:

1. Get a kitchen compost pail at Oroville City Hall, 1735 Montgomery St. They are free, one per household, as long as supplies last. These dishwasher-safe pails seal tightly, helping prevent odors.
2. Put food scraps, paper napkins, and paper towels into your compost pail throughout the week.
3. On the night before your service day, dump the contents of your kitchen pail into your green organics cart for collection along with yard trimmings. If pests are a concern, place food scraps into a brown paper bag! No plastic bags, please.

With this simple process, collecting food scraps and yard trimmings for composting is easy and convenient.

### 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 residential curbside 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.

If a Recology representative notices a broken cart during an inspection or collection, it will be exchanged for a new one on a future service date at no additional cost to the customer. Customers may also call and request an exchange for a damaged cart.

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

Want to make a real difference at home? The best way to reduce waste is simple — say goodbye to single-use for good!

By switching to reusable items, you'll decrease the amount of materials sent to landfills, save money over time, and create a cleaner, greener household.



## THE BIG THREE

Keep these reusables handy wherever you go — a water bottle you love, a travel mug for your daily brew, and a sturdy shopping bag.

## FOOD STORAGE MADE EASY

Ditch the disposable wraps and sandwich bags. Instead, go for glass jars or durable containers. They last longer, look better, and keep food fresher.

## CLEAN GREEN

Trade paper towels for washable microfiber or cotton cloths. They're tough on messes, gentle on the planet, and easy to toss in the wash.



Less garbage means a healthier planet and a happier wallet! Start small, think reusable, and watch your home waste shrink in no time.

## 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 free of charge with your 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:

**Paper plates** — Choose uncoated paper plates instead of ones lined with wax or plastic. Once soiled with food, uncoated paper plates can be composted and will naturally break down.



**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