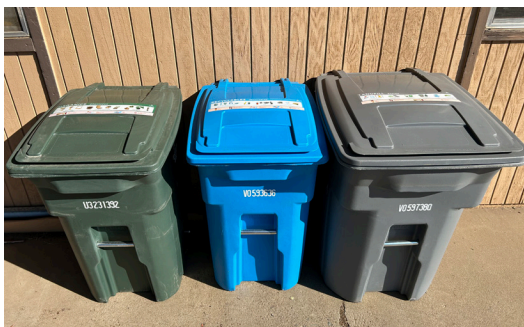




DO IT RIGHT

Get colorful in the new year

Your curbside collection is no longer just a gray area. Recology Butte Colusa Counties provides color-coded 3-cart service for all your discards.



Carts are also labeled to help you know what goes inside:

- **Gray is for landfill** — single-use plastic, PPE, diapers, and pet waste.
- **Blue is for recycling** — glass bottles and jars, aluminum cans, and rigid plastics, such as bottles and jugs.
- **Green is for organics** — food scraps, yard trimmings, and food-soiled paper.

Sorting your discards and having the right color cart is required by law.

It also helps prevent confusion for residents and ensures that Recology drivers service the correct containers as different trucks pick up different materials.

If your recycling or organics cart is gray, contact us to request a properly colored and labeled cart at no additional cost.

THE SCRUNCHY TRUTH ABOUT PLASTIC RECYCLING!

Unsure if that chip bag or snack wrapper should be recycled? Give your plastics the Scrunch Test.

If you scrunch a plastic item in your hand and it crinkles into a ball shape, it cannot be recycled. Flimsy plastics belong in your gray landfill cart.

Rigid plastics, such as water bottles, milk jugs, and yogurt/sour cream tubs, are recyclable. Just remember that recyclable containers should be empty, clean, and dry when placed in your blue cart.

Remember: If plastic crinkles, toss it out. If it bounces back, recycle away!



SHARE THE NEWS!

Recology publishes quarterly newsletters that are printed and mailed with billing statements, which are typically sent to the accounting or billing contact on file. We encourage business and property owners to pass them on to on-site managers and tenants.

Each newsletter includes tips on proper recycling, disposal methods for household hazardous waste, and guidance on handling hard-to-recycle items. This is important information that residents and employees should be aware of to maintain property compliance and minimize contamination.

Sharing the newsletter helps promote better recycling habits and supports a cleaner, more informed community.



GOOD GREEN HABITS



When you put food scraps, plate scrapings, yard trimmings, and food-soiled paper in your green organics cart, Recology collects and turns your discards into nutrient-rich compost. That compost, in turn, is used on farms to nurture the soils that grow the fruits and vegetables we eat.

Composting also helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions by diverting materials from landfills, which is the goal of state law SB 1383. The law mandates residents participate in curbside collection programs.

ALL HAIL THE KITCHEN PAIL

Using a receptacle in the kitchen for food scraps and food-soiled paper makes it easier to transport them to your green curbside cart for collection.



- Put your food scraps and plate scrapings into the kitchen pail loosely or line it with a paper bag.
- If you do use a plastic bag to line your kitchen container, you must empty the contents directly into your green cart and dispose of the plastic bag in the landfill cart.

→ Empty your kitchen food-scrap container when it gets full, then give it a quick rinse to keep it clean and fresh.

The City of Oroville will provide one free compost kitchen pail, while supplies last, to a single-family household.

Recology offers free sorting guides to residential customers upon request.

NO PLASTIC BAGS IN GREEN CART

Plastic bags, including bioplastics and compostable bags, are made from polyethylene and, can take up to 1,000 years to fully break down in the soil. Recology's mixed organics processes are not built to accommodate these types of plastics.

Mixed organics collected in the City of Oroville are dumped at Oroville Transfer Station, transferred to Recology Ostrom Organics in Wheatland, CA, and made into nutrient-rich compost. Plastics do not fully degrade in this process, so they can contaminate the finished compost, making it undesirable for use on farms.

Remember, never put pet waste in the organics container. That belongs in the landfill only.

Although items may be marked with recycling chasing arrows, certified as bio-based or compostable, or signed as "green" or compostable, they cannot be handled by Recology Butte Colusa Counties and are considered contaminants in the green organics containers.



TIPS FOR KEEPING ORGANICS CARTS CLEAN

→ Baking soda, apple cider vinegar, salt, and lime or lemon juice are commonly used household items that can help reduce insects and odors.



→ Spraying the top of your cart with vinegar or lime/lemon juice and sprinkling salt or baking soda inside helps dry up insects.

→ Store your green organics container in a cool, shady spot when possible. Keeping the containers cool makes them less attractive to pests, and keeping the lids closed helps contain odors.

→ Line the bottom of your green cart with newspaper, food-soiled paper, or yard trimmings (grass, leaves, sticks, flowers, plants).

→ When you are ready to give your organics container a thorough cleaning, rinse it with diluted vinegar or dish soap and let it air dry. Pro tip: For stubborn odors, combine lime/lemon juice with baking soda and give the cart a scrub before rinsing.



**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