



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 Recology Dixon Recycling Center, 302 N 1st 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.

WASTE LESS, SAVE MORE

MONEY GROWS WITH COMPOST

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

In the City of Dixon, organics services are free of charge with your landfill disposal. Maximizing compostables and reusables can lead to a cleaner, more sustainable future.

Use compostable variants for these everyday items:

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 break down naturally.



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.



STREET SWEEPING

SCHEDULE

Street sweeping weeks are highlighted in yellow.

Residential streets are swept every other week on the weekday after your regular collection. Friday customers have their streets cleaned on Monday, Tuesday customers on Wednesday, etc. Commercial streets are swept every week.

Residents should move vehicles off the street and away from the curb by 5 AM on their sweep day to ensure the entire street gets cleaned. The weeks highlighted in yellow are when street sweeping occurs.

JULY 2026

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SEPTEMBER 2026

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AUGUST 2026

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OCTOBER 2026

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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 Hay Road Landfill, located at 6426 Hay Road, Vacaville 95687.



FREE COMPOST

Through October, Dixon residents can self-load up to 3 cubic yards per day of compost made from food scraps that residents put in their green carts.

Get your free compost at Recology Jepson Prairie Organics, 6426 Hay Road in Vacaville, while supplies last. Gates are open 8 AM – 4 PM daily, weather permitting. No appointment necessary. Bring your own shovel, a cover for the loaded compost, and a valid ID proving Dixon residency. Call **707.678.4718** for more information.