# THE GREEK CART GUIDE

Recyclesmart

ADCANIC WASTE ONLY



#### It's a must-do! California State Law SB 1383

Beginning January 1, 2022, everyone must keep organics out of the landfill cart and participate in composting programs. For more info, visit **CalRecycle.ca.gov/climate/slcp** 

### Save the Planet— Save Your Leftovers!

Did you know that 40% of all food in America is wasted? Use these tips to reduce food waste at home:

**Shop your fridge first.** Before you go out to buy more, see what you can make with what you already have.

**Make a plan.** Planning ahead and shopping with a list can show you what you truly use and need. And don't shop hungry!

**Keep it contained.** Store leftovers and veggies in clear containers so you can easily see what's inside.

**Use it, don't lose it.** Eat the most perishable items first, don't let them get lost in the back of your fridge. Or pop food in the freezer to extend its life.

**Do a compost audit.** Use the "Kids Corner" activity from Summer 2020 newsletter to see what you're eating and what goes unused:

RecycleSmart.org/newsletter/summer2020/

Surplus food can be rescued to feed hungry people. Learn more about volunteering as a "Food Runner" to reduce food waste: **RecycleSmart.org/food-recovery** 



## Keeping Your Compost Clean!



Avoid the "ick factor" in your kitchen and cart:

- 1 Use newspaper or a paper bag to wrap your food scraps.
- 2 Place yard clippings or newspaper at the bottom of your green cart each week to avoid food sticking.
- 3 Keep kitchen food scraps in the freezer until just before your collection day.
- Concerned about odors? You can cover the food scraps in your green cart with landscape cuttings.
- BPI-Certified compostable bags are the only plastic materials accepted in the green cart.
- 6 All other plastics are not compostable. This includes bio-plastics branded as "compostable" and "biodegradable." All of these plastics go in the black cart.



#### Extra! Extra!

There's no additional cost for these clean composting services. Just call Republic Services at (925) 685-4711 to request:

- A new kitchen food scraps container
- Up to four (4!) additional recycling or organics pickups per year. Call to book a date and get size and weight guidelines.



## Handy Guide to Composting

For the RecycleSmart Service Area



Meat, fish, bones and eggshells



Fruit and vegetable scraps



Cooked, frozen and spoiled food Remove all packaging



PLASTIC LINED:

**clippings**Leaves, grass,
shrubbery, cut flowers

Yard and plant



Coffee and tea Grounds, leaves, filters and paper tea bags (remove the staple/tag)



UNCOATED: GREEN CART

Food-soiled paper napkins and paper towels



BPI-Certified compostable bags and paper bags

Untreated wood

Smaller than 6" in length (no metal / nails / screws)



Coated paper and cartons Tetra-Pak, ice

Tetra-Pak, ice cream carton, togo drink cup, to-go food container



Dog poop, cat litter, baby diapers Including

diapers
Including
"compostable"
ones!



Plant plastics
"Biodegradable"
cutlery, plastic

straws and green-

lined cups

Plastic bits
Produce stickers, rubber
bands, mesh bags,
plastic clip from bread
bags, single use coffee
and tea pods



Frozen food bags, air pockets and cooler packs



Polystyrene Meat trays, cups and takeout containers



Paper towels with cleaning solution, cleaning wipes



Garden hoses and irrigation tubing

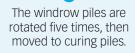
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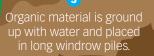






Finally, sifted compost is ready to be used by farms and gardens to grow healthy crops.







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